

Commissioner Meeting  
December 16, 2019

Vice Chairman Ben Fox called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Roy Ballard, Robert Joe Morgan, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean. Chairman Chuck Spradlin was not present.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to approve December 9, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman told commissioners that the bridge on L Rd between 200 and 185<sup>th</sup> is finished and open. Next they would like to start on the bridge by Hazel Russell's place. Chrisman reported that Judd Everitt is working on W Rd. He reinforced the footings, as previously discussed, and repaired the stem wall, but did not pour the decking as he was unable to get concrete Friday. This is the one located northwest of Hamilton, at the propane tanks. Chrisman said that's pretty much it other than routine maintenance; they are salting the asphalt right now, if the gravel gets worse, they will break out the blades. Administrative Assistant Kassie Martin presented the 2020 Solid Waste Management Plan for signature. It pertains to recycling and solid waste. Martin and FEMA Specialist Amber Woodie told commissioners it was basically the same as last year. They discussed the current space out at the landfill and how the purchase of the compactor was meant to help postpone opening a new cell for a while because that would be costly. Chrisman said they still have room in the current cell, as the compactor is doing a good job. Commissioner Morgan told Chrisman he was out at a bridge Saturday southwest of Reece and the weight limit sign is not up, nor has the trench been cut on both sides that he had suggested last week and also added that at 120<sup>th</sup> & M, there is no stop sign. Commissioner Ballard said that he received a call from a guy that said his new company truck has a camera on it, and it is recording everything they come across, like the new weight limit signs that are being put on bridges. The information is recorded and is showing that the limit is not adequate for the trucks to pass, however, there is no other route for the truck to travel so they still need to use the bridge. With the camera they are concerned, because of the record, in case of an incident. Commissioner Ballard asked who places the weight limit signs out. FEMA Specialist Amber Woodie explained the state does, and it has to do with the signage program they are involved with. There was a brief discussion on using box bridges in some of these areas, as the weight limit is higher. Administrative Assistant Kassie Martin told commissioners she also sent a quote to a few companies for a few sign posts but only two companies got back with her. The lowest bid was for \$6,750 and was for 600 posts of various types and sizes. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the 2020 Solid Waste Management Plan. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Fox made a motion to accept the quote for the sign posts in the amount of \$6,750. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Morgan asked Chrisman if the engineer has looked at the road at FF and 200. Chrisman told him yes and that they are going to drive sheet piling in there and briefly discussed the plan for repairing the damage, which is the last one of the projects of the October 2018 event. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman if they ever got a bridge in the southeast part of the county cleaned out down on 65 and HH. Chrisman said he would have to check.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Donna Olson asked permission to return the Micro Loans funding that is being unused to the South Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD), in the amount of \$68,423.17. Commissioner Fox made a motion to return \$68,423.17 to SCKEDD. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a Notice to the Township Board for Tri-Corner. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a Notice to the Township Board for Jim & Lila's Cafe. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a Notice to the Township Board for Tripco. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$232,307.76. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$119,913.65. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COLA raises were revisited this week; they were approved last week, and just needed signature, this week.

Commissioners viewed the Fee reports.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve and sign the contract with Freedom Claims. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The bids were opened for the year-end county dinner: Commissioner Fox announced that we received a letter from a restaurant declining to bid on the year-end county dinner; one from Copper Kettle @ \$11.00 per plate, and one from Red Brick BBQ & Bakery for \$890 for about 80 people. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to choose the Red Brick BBQ & Bakery to prepare our year-end county dinner held at the Matt Samuels Bldg @ 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 31, 2019. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Health Department Administrator Vicki Ross reported to the commissioners that she had a state survey done last week for vaccines and passed, but was told the vaccine refridgerator they are using is 10 years old, and cannot be guaranteed that it will not malfunction., because they are generally good for 10 years. The state said that if the refridgerator goes out and the vaccines are not moved to a different refridgerator quick enough, the county would be responsible for the vaccines that are destroyed and will have to pay to replace the destroyed vaccine. Ross asked if she had permission to start researching vaccine refridgerators, as the state currently has a reimbursement program, that if you purchase a state-approved fridge (pharmaceutical grade) and get it installed, they will reimburse you, \$2,500. This may be a limited time offer. Also while updating, the Health Department policies, Ross found out the Greenwood County Hospital does not have a pharmaceutical grade refridgerator, and that is where she would like to store her vaccines if she needed to in the event of an emergency. Ross asked commissioners if she could store the health department's 10 year old refridgerator at the hospital as a backup and allow the clinic to use it as well. Commissioners agreed it would be a good idea to get bids and take the old one to the hospital as a backup when the health department is finished using it.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau discussed a pay scale he is working on to give his employees raises. The pay scale will have four levels based on the employee's certification and their starting pay. The raise is then based on both years of service and by performance levels. Reviews will be conducted as scheduled, during which each individual employee will be assessed and it will determine whether or not they will be recommended for a raise. Mongeau believes this will provide the employee with incentive to better themselves. Also the pay scale would include "moving some of the folks who have the years of service to where they belong." Mongeau said he will seek approval, after the schedule has been finalized.

Building Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley asked commissioners for a part-time person to be added to his department to do additional cleaning for the courthouse under 20 hours a week. There was a brief discussion regarding the request, then Commissioner Fox made a motion to authorize hiring a part-time employee (Mandy Stapleford) for cleaning under 20 hours a week. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve abatements in the amount of \$409.22. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

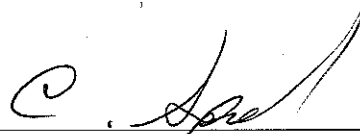
Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve adds in the amount of \$18.00. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.


Commissioners received a letter thanking them for work done on 10<sup>th</sup> Street, completed by Jerrid Baumgartel and his crew. The letter stated that, "It's nice to see the south end of the county, to see where some of our tax dollars are going." The letter concluded with, "Thank you all for a job well done."

At 10:10 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

- December 16<sup>th</sup> – Bids for Year-End Dinner to be opened at Commission Meeting @ 9:30 a.m.
- December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – Courthouse Closed in observance of Christmas Holiday
- December 31 – Commission Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- December 31 – Courthouse closes @ 11:30 a.m. to close year-end business / 1:00 p.m. year-end dinner @ Matt Samuel's Bldg for County Employees/Spouses/Children.
- January 1<sup>st</sup> – Courthouse closed in observance of New Year's Day

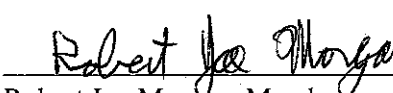
  
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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

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Kathy Robison, County Clerk

  
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