

Commissioner Meeting
February 11, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

No commission meeting minutes.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported they have been salting and sanding roads; today they will be doing oil changes and vehicle maintenance; Chrisman reported that he, Janet, and Amber from his office will be attending the finance/budget class March 1st; Chrisman also told commissioners he will be sending two of his employees to a signage class that costs \$35 each; he is looking for bunker blocks on purple wave and found a cement mixer; still shopping around for tires; when the weather breaks would like to get a contractor for north of Quincy and see what they need to do for that project and get some prices on it. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman if he had talked to the man in Fall River yet, and Chrisman said not yet.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$97,081.82. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$307,237.81. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Clerk Kathy Robison told commissioners that K-State Extension will be doing their Walk Kansas program, they do every year, and they would like to do it at Lyons park this year. They are asking permission from the commissioners, since the county owns the Park, as they are also wanting to put educational signage out around the walking trail on their designated "walking dates"; March 23-24th, April 6-7th, May 4-5th. The commissioners said they were okay with it.

County Clerk Kathy Robison told commissioners that David Wyckoff had been the Eureka Township Clerk previously but did not come in to be placed on the ballot at election time. The other two officers on the Eureka Township would like David Wyckoff to be the Township Clerk again and he is willing to serve. Commissioner Fox made a motion to appoint David Wyckoff as the Eureka Township Clerk. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Department Heads: Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau, Undersheriff Randy Cox, Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey, Appraiser Jami Clark, Health Department Administrator Vicki Ross, Treasurer Donna Olson, County Clerk Kathy Robison, and Office Assistant Arlene Edwards were all present during a brief discussion regarding the recent offices being shut down due to inclement weather. Mongeau asked for clarification on the policy (resolution no. 13-04) which states, that if the county offices are closed due to inclement weather, the county employee may use a vacation, sick, or personal day, or make up their time on Saturday, but will not receive overtime in that work week. Mongeau questioned the policy, as county employees were paid differently during time off for George H.W. Bush's funeral, and the 2016 tornado. Mongeau also asked about his employees that are scheduled to work while everyone else is off, (essential" employees, i.e. EMS and Sheriff's Office), should they be paid double time. There was a discussion regarding using sick/vacation/and personal time, as other department heads also agreed that some of their employees were low or did not have enough time to use, as well. The commissioners agreed they thought the resolution needed some changes but wanted to talk to County Counselor Paul Dean before making any decisions. The Department Heads said they would call around to other counties and find out what their policies are on paying their employees for days that the county shuts down. It was decided that it would be best to table this discussion until next week's meeting, Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

Amanda Cunningham, CEO of Crosswinds Counseling and Wellness, along with Regional Manager Kayla Scott presented their annual report to commissioners. There were several concerns brought up by the Commissioners, Sheriff's Department, and County Attorney's Office. The Crosswinds representatives addressed those concerns by offering updated contact information, including cell phone numbers. Cunningham mentioned their televideo services have increased by 40 percent in this area and they wanted to keep the lines of communication open with the commission and all of the county services. They will work harder to make sure there is better communication and quicker responses for Greenwood County. Health Department Administrator Vicki Ross asked if would consider doing workshops in the community for smoking cessation, healthy eating, etc. The representatives said they would look into that as well.

Undersheriff Randy Cox told commissioners an opportunity came up to purchase a used 2017 Ford SUV from the Lyon County Sheriff's Office for \$14,000, and the vehicle is already outfitted with the necessary equipment. Greenwood County will only need to get a radio and their decals. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2017 Ford SUV from the Lyon County Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$14,000. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Cox also added that the Sheriff's Department was impressed with the local KDOT crews last week with their treatment of roads in Greenwood County, in comparison to surrounding counties. "Jeff Marks and his crew really did a fantastic job with this last storm system. And so did the county crews." He added there was a potential for many accidents, but didn't know of any that occurred in Greenwood County due to weather.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau gave a brief update on the EMS training program. The trainees have class the 16th, then they test here in Eureka on the 23rd. There were no dropouts this time and Mongeau said the instructor is very good, and encourages the ones that are struggling.

Office Assistant Arlene Edwards asked commissioners how a convicted felon, who has worked here one year, could come on board as a county employee making more money than someone, who has worked here more than 20 years, who is not a convicted felon and has two college degrees? Commissioner Spradlin told Edwards it had to do with abilities. Edwards explained, "I can't do what he can do, but he can't do what I can do either. There needs to be more equality." Commissioner Spradlin said that maybe he should have a talk with County Attorney Joe Lee, because that would be "there" not "here". Commissioner Fox agreed. Commissioner Spradlin thanked Edwards for making them aware of it. Mongeau agreed that when that happened with that specific employee, it did cause some

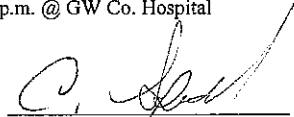
bitterness in some people because, in his department, for example, paramedics, with some extensive training, do not make \$15.00 an hour. Mongeau relayed that it wasn't the first time employees had a bitter taste from other people receiving raises. Commissioner Spradlin told Mongeau, "You have to realize there is another layer there. There is elected officials; and those elected officials have certain responsibilities, and you're not, there's a difference there." Undersheriff Randy Cox said, "By that same aspect, he still works a budget and turns it in to you." Commissioner Spradlin said, "That's right, and that's the case, the county commission, basically selected him." Mongeau stated, "I'm just saying, there have been some instances that it's hard to tell someone, I'm sorry, that's what they have chose to do." County Clerk Kathy Robison reported that she had a citizen call to report that the same individual mentioned earlier is driving a county vehicle home, and using it for personal use. Commissioners decided to talk to the employee's Department Head.

Commissioners noted that they will discuss the vacancy of Matt Wilson's Hospital Board position at next week's meeting.

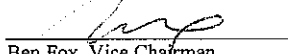
At 10:08 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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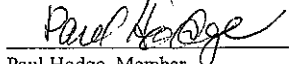
February 18th Courthouse Closed in observance of President's Day
February 19th - Tuesday, Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.
February 28th - GW Co Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital



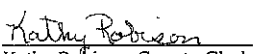
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman



Ben Fox, Vice Chairman



Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST: 

Kathy Robison, County Clerk