Commissioner Meeting
July 30, 2018

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

No Commission Meeting Minutes.

Road and Bridge Interim Supervisor Darrell Crisman reported he communicated with the geologist looking for a suitable quarry in Greenwood County, and he is still doing some searching around to find a spot that will work. Crisman said Michael Maris will be here Wednesday to look at the well at Sever and visit the bridges on our list for FFE; there’s a woodtop bridge south and east of Neal that needs repaired; looking for a magnet to pick up debris on road to landfill. Commissioner Hodge asked if there was a grader class that we could have come to update our drivers on techniques. Crisman said he thought it would be beneficial, because you never stop learning. Crisman said he would check with a couple of Vendors and see what they offer. Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie told commissioners that James Dakota Chamberlain has met his 90 day probationary period and has a Class A CDL, so he has been moved to a Tier 3. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve a pay rate change for James Dakota Chamberlain from $13.60 per hour to $14.10 per hour, due to his change to Tier 3. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Hodge had a complaint about the bridge closing on Stephens property. County Counselor Paul Dean said paperwork will need to be filed and there will need to be a viewing. Commissioner Hodge asked what the procedure would be to get speed limit signs posted in the county out on country roads. County Counselor Paul Dean said the commissioners have the authority to do that. Hodge was thinking 30 mph signs to reduce the speed at P road, between 120th Street and the radio station and on 30th Street, west of P Road around the steep hills on either side of Meng Bridge. Commissioner Hodge was concerned about the narrow roads, steep hills and high speeds that have led to accidents in those areas in the past. Commissioner Fox and Sheriff Heath Samuels mentioned their concerns about countless other residents wanting speed limit signs posted by their properties, should commissioners choose to make an exception. Commissioner Fox asked Sheriff Samuels to gather information about accidents that have occurred near Meng Bridge and P Road.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer’s Report.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payrroll in the amount of $104,085.46. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables in the amount of $106,238.85. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners received a petition and scheduled a viewing for a potential road closing at the listed legal description: all that portion of 160th Road beginning 14 mile east of the east right-of-way of Road 50 lying thence ¾ of a mile east between Section 30 and 31, and between Section 29 and 32, Township 26 and 20S, Range 11E, all in Greenwood County, Kansas.

County Clerk Kathy Robison presented a bid from Copy Products for a Toshiba 4508A copier/Scanner, in the amount of $2,700. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the purchase of the copier. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. The purchase will be taken out of the department’s equipment reserve fund.

Sandy Dickerson, Greenwood County Hospital CEO attended the meeting and updated commissioners on their monthly board meeting last week. Dickerson told commissioners they discussed the sales tax proposal and two of the board members have been attending a workshop on partnering with a bigger hospital. At this time they will continue to attend the workshop and look at all the options at what it takes to restructure and partner with a larger entity. There was some discussion about a proposal from Commissioner Fox to the hospital made last week, involving a one-cent for three years sales tax. Fox clarified his proposal was “just a thought”, since the city of Eureka will not be asking for a sales tax for River Street until 2022, if they decide to. Dickerson relayed that the hospital board was in favor of the half-cent for three years proposal. Dickerson asked for clarification on the phrasing of the question to be put on the ballot. After some discussion County Counselor Paul Dean decided to change some of the phrasing.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve a cereal malt beverage license granted to Greenwood County Shrine for the PRCA Rodeo Aug. 16th thru Aug. 19th, 2018. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 15 minute executive session for personnel for the privacy of a non-elected public employee regarding the application of personnel policy with Health Department Administrator Vicki Ross, County Clerk Kathy Ross, and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After returning from executive session, Commissioner Fox moved that due to Ross’ classification she is determined a salaried employee and comp time that had been noted due to the tornado had been charged to her vacation time. Since the commission only refers to comp time for hourly employees, her time will be awarded as comp time due to the circumstances of the tornado and she will not be charged vacation time. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.
The commissioners held a work session with the County Accountant Phillip Jarred on the 2019 budget. Commissioners plan to approve and hold a public hearing later this month in regard to the budget.

Calendar:
Aug. 6th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
Aug. 7th – Primary Election 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Aug. 13th – Board of Canvass
Aug. 23rd – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co Hospital Conference

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ATTEST: Kathy Robinson
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

Ben Epis, Chairman
Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman
Chuck Spradlin, Member