

Commissioner Meeting
June 10, 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.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Commission Meeting Minutes

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman asked commissioners if they had made a decision on the annual bridge report inspection that Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie had sent them. Commissioner Spradlin said they received the inspections and two bids to do the annual bridge inspections. One bid was from Michael Maris, in the amount of \$15,311; the second was from Kirkham Michael, in the amount of \$18,655. Commissioner Fox made a motion to accept the bid from Michael Maris, in the amount of \$15,311. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman also shared a quote for the bridge on 360th between R & L, north of 180, 185th. The quote is for the box and the gaskets, but does not include installation. Chrisman is going to contact a couple of other companies for bids. Chrisman reported they have been working on washouts on bridges; the wingwall project on FF Road may be on hold for a couple of months, as the contractor is very busy; Truck 5 needs a repair that is not a warrantable item; the landfill is open; talking to contractors to get flat rate per ton, he has heard back from a few of them. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman if he's needed any help with cleanup. Chrisman told them he has used Zach Marshall to work on a few bridges and tin horns. Commissioner Spradlin asked Chrisman and Emergency Management Director what we do in the county for flood plain maps or knowing where the flood plains are? Chrisman said he hasn't been privy to it. Vinson said Greenwood County has not been mapped for flood plains. Commissioner Spradlin said that due to building permits, they have to look at land and assess if it's in a flood plain, for building, sometimes it's fairly obvious, but there's times it is not (when property is next to creeks, etc.). Vinson said FEMA is in the process of starting creating flood plain mapping for several counties, including Greenwood. Commissioner Spradlin asked him to follow-up with them and see where they are with the process. Commissioner Spradlin told Chrisman they have discussed what's been going on at Road and Bridge and they are pleased with the results. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to increase Chrisman's pay by \$3,000. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman told commissioners that he is looking at a couple of trucks right now. Chrisman thanked the commissioners.

Ann Carpenter, Director of Juvenile Services, presented Resolution 19-04, and an Interlocal Agreement between Butler, Elk and Greenwood Counties. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Resolution 19-04. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioners reviewed the May Fee Report.

Citizen Shawn Borst told commissioners about a ditching problem on G Road north of 110th Street, which leads to his pasture. Borst said the road is impassible, even on a four-wheeler. Commissioners said they would let Road and Bridge know.

A zoning meeting was held June 5, 2019 for AT & T to place a tower on the east edge of Reece. The Greenwood County Zoning board met to determine whether to let it pass, however, two citizens showed up with questions, and the AT & T contact was unavailable by phone, so the meeting has been rescheduled.

Kailey Fitzmorris, Treasurer for the Extension Council, presented their 2020 budget request in the amount of \$116,000.00. The same amount as last year's request. Commissioner Fox asked for clarification on the state statute regarding the proposed district, as currently the county is statutorily required to provide a location for the Extension Office but if the counties were to create a district, they would no longer be required to provide housing for the office. The board members present confirmed this information. Two weeks ago the Extension Board had discussed the commissioners signing a resolution to district with Elk and Chautauqua counties. The commissioners decided it would be best to place a question on the November ballot and let the voters decide. Jannette Luthi presented copies of the state statute regarding the proposed districting procedures to commissioners and noted that she wanted to clarify the procedural timing of implementing the proposed district. Luthi explained the process, and said if it doesn't pass they would have to wait until the next election after November, which would be August. The commissioners decided to stay with their earlier decision to allow the public to decide, as districting will create a new tax entity.

Later in the meeting, the districting conversation came up again. County Counselor Paul Dean asked the commissioners if they wanted the fact that the new district would create a separate taxing entity included in the question on the ballot. The commissioners said they thought voters should know and have the chance to decide. Dean also reviewed the state statute regarding a mill levy cap if the district is formed.

Alan Johnson with the 4H Foundation presented their 2020 budget request in the amount of \$13,750. Same as last year.

Sheriff Heath Samuels relayed that they had a jail inmate death Friday and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation was working the case. Samuels told commissioners he didn't see any issues.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey asked commissioners about the progress on planning the new commissioner room, and if there was a budget set for the project yet. Commissioner Spradlin replied they were still in the beginning stages of planning and didn't have any figures at this time. Ramsey mentioned other areas in the courthouse that need upgrading with carpeting and painting. Commissioner Spradlin commented he would like to see a list of needs presented, as he had not heard from any department heads on any other upgrade issues.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau talked to the commissioners about the AT&T phone bill, as the monthly bill has skyrocketed since AT & T does not provide contracts any longer for accounts with under 20 lines. Also the Outlying departments effected such as the Sheriff's Office, Health Department, Road and Bridge and Noxious Weeds still utilize land lines, where the courthouse has Internet Voice Over lines. The current bill from EMS and Road and Bridge totaled \$895. Mongeau shared if something isn't done soon, they may be forced to cancel the land line and just use cell phones. How to handle faxes would still be a problem. Commissioner Fox told Mongeau he had been corresponding with AT & T about the situation, but "We're at the low end of the food chain and they don't care." Commissioner Fox is also looking into alternative phone plans.

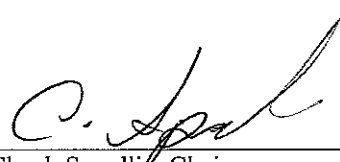
Commissioner Hodge made a motion to appoint Don Haun to serve as Salt Springs Township Clerk. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

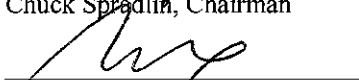
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June 17th – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.

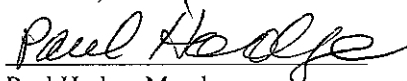
June 27th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital



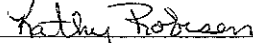
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman



Ben Fox, Vice Chairman



Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST: 
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk