

Commissioner Meeting
March 4, 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.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve February 25, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that the situation last week was pretty normal, but this weekend they were out pushing snow drifts, and this morning, they were out doing the same. Chrisman said he got another quote on the recycle trailer, the original one was \$24,500, but the quote is now \$13,000. Chrisman said he would talk with the vendor and said he would see if he could get it a little lower, and then bring a quote to present to the commissioners. Chrisman also told commissioners that he has been talking to Westar and Donnie Thornton about getting estimates for the 3-phase wiring needed to power the gas pumps in case we have a power outage again so we can move forward with the generator that was donated from the Greenwood County Hospital. Chrisman said he is still working on buying tires, from a local vendor, that will purchase them in bulk. Chrisman discussed a copy of a warranty that needs to be in by the 15th, he said the guy he is working with is still making adjustment to it for mileage/etc. then will send Chrisman a copy and Chrisman can email it to the commissioners. Office Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie presented two different quotes to purchase 911 and bridge signs, the first one from Newman Sign Company for \$2,496. The second quote was from National Sign Company for \$2,395. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the purchase of the E911 and bridge signs from National Sign Company in the amount of \$2,395. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman if he had talked to King Construction yet about the two bridges on 60th Street. Chrisman said he had not heard from them yet. Commissioner Hodge asked about the water crossing on N Road north of 30th (culverts have been put in). Chrisman reported that they were in and weather-permitting they were going to go in and cement both sides. Commissioner Hodge reported that F25 south of 96 off of 400 needs some tree-trimming and brush, you can't even get a truck down the road. Chrisman said they would check on it.

Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson reported that the October 18, 2018 flood event has officially been declared a FEMA event by the President so a kickoff meeting will be held March 14th to begin the process of filling out the paperwork necessary. The largest project that the county will submit will be for the 100th Street bridge that has been closed since the event. This will be for a complete replacement, which Vinson relayed, no one in the State of Kansas has had to do, and the estimated cost is at \$500,000-\$600,000, with the county share being 25%.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Madison resident Bob Kimberlin revisited the commissioners regarding his request for war-designated Veteran's grave flag-holders for Greenwood County. Kimberlin said, "We don't want to seem ungrateful in your consideration of saving money by getting these aluminum holders, however, the brass holders will stand the test of time." Commissioner Fox ordered an aluminum epoxy-coated sample of a flag holder and had it at the meeting to view. After some discussion on the quality of the aluminum holder versus bronze or brass. Commissioners said they would order a bronze and brass sample for comparison. Kimberlin added if cost was the main issue, the quantities of the holders could be reduced. The VFW and American Legion could get by with 25 WWII War, 25 Korean War, and 50 Vietnam War flag holders. Commissioners said they would table the discussion, after comparing the aluminum and bronze or brass samples.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve and sign the contract with Crosswinds. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve and sign the SKT Video Service Agreement. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau reported that we now own the Madison tower and a tower inspection was done on it. Mongeau called the inspection company and asked for a priority list and an approximate cost for the project. Two of the top priorities before we can start moving forward were fixing a tower anchor, and having a structural analysis. Mongeau told commissioners that he has the full report and would be happy to send it to all three commissioners if they would like to look at it. Mongeau also relayed that he would like to have a meeting with the Sheriff and County Fire Chief, as well, before moving forward with the project, as they are also typically involved with partnering in the tower maintenance. Mongeau also mentioned that there is a cost amount in the paperwork that says \$54,350, but he doesn't know if that includes everything. Commissioners asked Mongeau to get a couple of different bids on the project repairs/plans. Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson relayed that the project could be eligible for a hazard mitigation grant. Commissioners asked Vinson to attend the meeting with Mongeau, the Sheriff and the County Fire Chief to discuss the grant for funding. Commissioner Hodge received a complaint from a citizen regarding why the Ambulance Department is using John North Ford in Emporia to repair the new ambulance that was recently damaged by a deer rather than use a local body shop. Mongeau explained that he tries to use the local businesses, but he has to have the ambulance back in a timely manner, and most of the local shops are unable to fit the ambulance in their bays.

Appraiser Jami Clark told commissioners that Greenwood County agricultural values are up 13% for 2019, as determined by the state based on an eight-year average on crop prices. Clark said that valuation notices will be mailed on Friday. Any questions should be directed to her office at 620-583-8131.

Greenwood County Hospital board member Pam Brown and Hospital CEO Sandra Dickerson attended the commission meeting to request \$105,000 funding for a Medicare payback. Brown explained that the new half-cent sales tax for the hospital will not go into effect until April and will not likely be available to the hospital until June. According to the request, "We owe Medicare roughly \$176,000 on the cost report, you may not be aware the hospital gets paid based on our costs and we have done several cost-saving measures this past year that impacted that, kind of a double-edged sword." Commissioner Spradlin addressed the three mills that had been re-allocated for 2019, in lieu of giving to the hospital and pointed to several unexpected expenses the county also needs to deal

with this year, including the 100th Street Bridge and the radio communications tower in Madison. Commissioner Fox asked if the hospital was interested in a loan of \$105,000, to be paid back after sales tax starts generating. Brown said the board had not discussed the option of a loan, and didn't think they would be interested as they are trying to still pay down their accounts payable. Commissioners decided to table the discussion so they could consider it. County Counselor Paul Dean mentioned he had been hearing several issues regarding public information, i.e. some of the hospital's financial information, that was not being shared when requested due to it's "confidentiality". Dean informed them that was "public record".

Commissioner Hodge is in contact with people in the Salt Spring area to fill the vacant township positions, and may have some leads.

Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson told commissioners he would like to host a Kansas Department of Emergency Management Class (G402), for elected officials, regarding their roles in disaster/emergency response. The class would be open to all elected officials in the area. Vinson planned to contact KDEM about scheduling a class.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve abatements. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

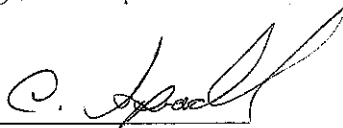
Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson reported that the Storm Spotter meeting that is held at the Eureka Jr/Sr High School and was originally scheduled for March 6th, has been postponed due to the State Basketball Tournament, and we do not have a reschedule date at this time.

At 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners adjourned to have a work session following the meeting.

Calendar:

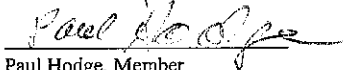
March 4th 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m. thru March 18th 8:30a.m.- 12:00p.m. - Early Voting in the Clerk's Office Dates
March 11th - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.
March 19th - 2019 Special Election - 389 School Bond from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
@ Matt Samuels Bldg & Severy Methodist Church
March 20th - Township Mtg/Dinner - Registration @ 6:00 p.m. / Dinner @ 6:30 p.m. @ Matt Samuels Bldg
March 25th - Board of Canvass for 2019 Special Election - 389 School Bond @ 10:00 a.m.
March 25th - Lunch w/ Farm Bureau @ Cherokee Lanes @ 12:00p.m.
March 28th - GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital



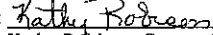
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman



Ben Fox, Vice Chairman



Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST: 
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk