

Commissioner Meeting
March 5, 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 Paul Dean, County Counselor.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve February 20, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve February 26, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Roger Lowe reported that they got the dump truck hauled to Berry Tractor for the motor replacement; hauling gravel on 365th toward the south on P Road; said he talked to his grader operator that is making the roads too wide; graveling T Road toward 400; installed culvert at 220 by Maurice Erickson; inmate work crew cleaned around the Road and Bridge Shop Yard, Commissioner Fox commented that it looks the best he has ever seen it. Lowe reported they may take the wood chipper out today. Reported there is an easement on 190th east, going out of Quincy, going into Woodson County, where the utility poles are 22 feet from the center of the road. They said that these are much larger than typical power poles and one of the poles, located near EE Rd and 200th is actually in the county's easement and is only 17.5 feet from the center of the road. Road and Bridge Department's concern are they will not have room for ditching and mowing, etc. Road and Bridge Office Manager Amber Woodie reported that according to the Kansas Road Management handbook the county has the right to require the poles be relocated, especially the pole that is actually in the county's easement. She mentioned that a project in Woodson County is at a halt because of a similar objection. County Counselor Paul Dean agreed that the County has the right to object and said he would contact the Emporia Westar office that day. Lowe told commissioners he would like to purchase approximately 600 foot of chain link fencing to go around the county shop and projected it would cost approximately \$3,000.00 and the inmate work crew would install it. The commissioners approved the fence project. Lowe reported that he has no updates on a landfill compactor or cardboard baler. Lowe did tell commissioners that Harshman Quarries met with him and Dalton Evenson and the geologist will be looking at a site north and west of Hamilton for a possible quarry.

Commissioner Fox reported the electronics recycling event on Saturday received a good response, with large piles of used computer equipment and other electronic refuse collected at all three sites in the county. Commissioner Fox also said he thought having that event once a year would be a good idea.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for legal issues regarding P Road and N50 with Road and Bridge Supervisor Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Office Manager Amber Woodie, Emergency Manager/Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson, and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve an employment verification for Steve Michealson as a Sheriff Deputy at \$13.50 per hour. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve Nancy Beitz to clean the Health Department two hours per week at \$15 per hour. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox announced that Becky Lindamood was their choice to be appointed to the Southeast Kansas Library board for Greenwood County. Commissioner Fox made a motion to appoint Becky Lindamood to the Southeast Kansas Library board. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

EMS Director Brian Mongeau has been soliciting bids for a new ambulance for a year and had one bid to be opened from Osage Ambulances, in the amount of \$170,900. The ambulance is a Ford E-450 chassis truck (gasoline), radio, light equipment already installed, fully functional, \$18,000 power cot included in the price and will already be in the ambulance. Osage representative Kyle Shimmins also attended the bid opening and said the ambulance would be ready for delivery in approximately six months. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the purchase of the new ambulance from Osage Ambulances in the amount of \$170,900 to come out of Ambulance Equipment Reserve. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Derek Miller, of Cruise Construction, and Vic Delpine, Chiller Project Coordinator, came to give an update on the chiller project. Miller told the commissioners that the chiller is scheduled to ship on March 13th from Pueblo Colorado and they are set and ready for the machine to show up, as far as the mechanical portion of the project is going. They are waiting on a couple of valves to tie into the base of the machine. Electrically speaking, Miller said, Atlas should be here this week running the conduit to the new service to the jail and then they will be ready for some concrete for the new transformer pad. When the new chiller arrives, they will disconnect the old chiller towers, take the old cooling towers off and on to a trailer to store at Road and Bridge. They are adjusting the electrical (amps), and with three separate switches, for the Sheriff's Department, in case they do the addition project in the future they have discussed. Also it would work with the generator they have discussed, that they need, in the event of a power failure. Thornton Plumbing and Electric will be doing the work on this project. Sheriff Samuels asked what the plan was with the chiller towers? Delpine said they plan on putting them on Purple Wave. Sheriff Samuels asked when they would like to see them put on the site because they are doing a Purple Wave auction and it will close April 4th. They decided to take pictures of the towers and add them to the sale.

Fire Chief Williams told commissioners that the Madison truck with the pump motor that had been blown has been repaired and is back into service. Williams took the tanker that was waiting to be painted and put it back into service and will get it painted later, when they are not so busy. Williams asked permission to order new wildland jumpsuits, boots, and gloves for the county, in the amount of \$6,000-\$7,000. Most of the new items will go towards outfitting the new Reece fire members. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. Williams said he would be attending task force leader training that will benefit the county.

Sheriff Heath Samuels told commissioners he spent several hours with a Purple Wave rep Friday and there are several county items in a current online auction. Samuels reported that there are roughly 18-20 vehicles listed from the impound lot, one truck from Road and Bridge, one truck from County Fire and two Sheriff's Office vehicles. The auction can be found under 'Greenwood County' and is set to close on April 4th. Samuels reported the Sheriff's portion of the sale will go towards improvements to the county impound lot. Commissioner Fox asked about two box trailers that are sitting at the impound lot, as they are still looking to replace the Health Department's emergency response trailer that was stolen. Sheriff Samuels explained those trailers are still tied up in paperwork, but he's working on getting them loose so they can be used.

County Treasurer Donna Olson discussed a contract the County has used in the past regarding delinquent personal property taxes. The state statute, says if someone has delinquent personal property taxes, it prohibits the Treasurer's Office from selling them a vehicle tag. The county has made an exception to this statute under certain circumstances, by using a contract that outlines a payment plan. Olson mentioned that she has two individuals making payments now, and she asked permission to use the contract agreement as-needed. The commissioner were in agreement.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for legal with County Counselor Paul Dean to discuss issues regarding the Daley/Brown road issue.

No decisions were made.

At 10:33 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

- March 12th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- March 19th – Fence Viewing @ 11:00 a.m. Hart / McCollum
- March 21st – Annual Township Dinner @ Matt Samules Bldg @ 7p.m./Registration @ 6:30p.m./RSVP by 12p.m. March 9th w/Road & Bridge office (620)583-8111
- March 22nd – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. GW Co. Hospital Conference Rm.
- March 26th – Farm Bureau Lunch w/Commissioners @ 12:00 p.m. –Restaurant not chosen yet

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Chairman

Paul Hodge
Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin
Chuck Spradlin, Member