

Commissioner Meeting
May 20, 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 Hodge made a motion to approve May 13, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman told commissioners that he met with engineer Michael Maris last Tuesday about the bridges on 60th and 70th and was told the low water crossings are doable but on 60th it needs to be built up, to keep it from washing from one side to the other. Maris said he will draw up a plan. There was some discussion about this being turned in on the first FEMA event, but we haven't heard anything yet. Also the mitigation grant was mentioned as a possibility for funding. Chrisman also reported he was with KDEM Thursday, and they are hoping they will talk with FEMA about not putting an end date on the last event, due to the current weather the county is still incurring damages from. Commissioner Fox asked if KDEM has decided on the status of the bridge on 100th Street. Chrisman said that KDEM told him that they feel FEMA will help with the project, but it's not etched in stone. Chrisman discussed some of the bridges that are currently under water. Chrisman reported that on their Federal Exchange Funds they are at \$90,000. It has mostly been used for contractors and demolition expenses. Chrisman also mentioned that if FEMA doesn't help with the bridge north of Quincy they could use Federal Exchange Funds. Chrisman told commissioners he has the bill on Truck #8 that has been at the shop. The total amount to fix the truck is \$4,305.79. The rear-end was out in the truck. Chrisman also informed commissioners that they got some asphalt patched. Commissioner Hodge mentioned that he noticed there was some gravel done at Christian Hills area.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Several representatives from Salt Springs Township were present. There was a discussion regarding current business practice, etc. Commissioner Spradlin suggested they need to have meetings. County Counselor Paul Dean told them they need to hold an "open meeting" one time a month.

County Counselor Paul Dean mentioned that during the Brown/Daley trial, regarding a road in Salt Springs, in Section 15 & 16, there were references that (1.) it was a public road, (2.) that blading was being done, on what was thought at the time to be a private road, by the township operator "as a courtesy" to local farmers. Dean emphasized that we do not do blading "as a courtesy" to local farmers, they should only be blading public roads.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$143,959.22. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$98,523.69. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ty Wheeler with Kansas Legal Services presented a 2020 budget request for \$3,000, same as the 2019 budget request.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson presented a disaster declaration (EP19-04) for signature, in preparation for more flooding this week, as the state likes to have the declarations as soon as possible.

Commissioner Fox revisited the AT & T phone bill situation. County Clerk Kathy Robison recently presented phone invoices to the commissioners that had shown the phone lines that were once \$27 per line are now over \$100 per line. Most of the courthouse uses an internet/voice-over phone service, except for Road and Bridge, Ambulance, Fire Department, Health Department, Noxious Weed, and Sheriff Department. Those are the departments that are effected when the contract recently expired. Commissioner Fox suggested running a short haul radio to connect the courthouse to Road and Bridge and burying a line to EMS and the fire station, allowing those buildings to connect to the courthouse's fiber optic internet, therefore allowing voice-over phones instead of landlines. Commissioner Fox located a 170' tower, from Baldwin City, on Purple Wave auction they could use. The bid on Monday was \$10 and the auction closes June 5th. Commissioner Fox said he will continue to research options.


Commissioner Fox also mentioned he spoke to Emprise Bank, in Eureka, about using the south part of their building for a potential KSU Research and Extension Office. He was told the furnace in that part of the building is not functioning. Commissioner Fox thought maybe the county could help fix/replace the furnace and rent the space. Commissioner Fox said he plans to follow up.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson relayed the 402 Class for elected officials will be held Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 4-8:00 p.m. at the Eureka Public Library. Vinson told commissioners he was considering inviting the potential commissioners in the upcoming election, as there will not be another training like this for awhile. The commissioners thought it was a good idea.

At 10:27 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:


May 23rd – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital
May 27th – Courthouse Closed in observance of Memorial Day
May 28th – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.



Chuck Spradlin, Chairman



Ben Fox, Vice Chairman



Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST: 
Kathy Robison, County Clerk