

Commissioner Meeting  
November 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 County Counselor Paul Dean.

No Commission Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$88,909.89. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$88,091.31. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No Treasurer's Report.

EMS Director Brian Mongeau presented a program to commissioners from Image Trend, Inc, that normally runs \$4,000, but he is able to get for \$2,000. It is an electronic record reporting software program that would allow EMT's to manage patient records from the field, anywhere there is an internet connection. Mongeau stressed that the EMT's first priority would be patient care and they could prioritize handling reports, as they had in the past. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the purchase of the software in the amount of \$2,000. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported they tried out a 140 excavator, and it may be too small, so they are looking at a 160. The cost is around \$100,000 for either model. The commissioners asked Chrisman to gather more information. Michael Maris was present and told commissioners that he had the applications completed for the Christian Hill's Bridge and the bridge north of Madison, and they look good. Maris wanted to do some work on the bridge on 100<sup>th</sup> today, a correction on the abutment. Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson reported that the FEMA rep he met with was fairly optimistic regarding funding on the bridge on 100<sup>th</sup>. Vinson said if the damage exceeds 50% of the cost to rebuild the bridge (replacement cost), FEMA will pay 75% of the total cost to replace or repair the bridge. FEMA says that they will now take the advice of engineers into consideration. Commissioner Fox asked if they would need to talk to the Corp. of Engineers about straightening the bridge out a little bit. They decided that they need to contact them. Vinson also discussed the reimbursement process for hours spent, etc. on projects.

Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson requested permission to buy a drone to share with the Sheriff's Department. Vinson and Undersheriff Randy Cox explained that the drone will be useful for accident reconstruction, searches, disasters, and for noxious weed section surveys. Vinson told commissioners he is required by the state to survey ten-640 acre sections every year for noxious weeds. The method now, is done by manually driving the sections and can take up to a full day to do just one. Vinson said it is sometimes difficult to contact a landowner prior to the survey, to let them know, you will be driving on their property. The drone surveys can be done by programming the coordinates and will take a fraction of the time. The drone is a "DJI Mavic 2 Zoom Fly More", in the amount of \$1,628, on Amazon.com. Cox relayed that Butler County uses a similar model and is pleased with the results. County Fire Chief Doug Williams obtained a drone with the help of a grant and fundraising efforts, worth almost \$20,000. Williams is lining up training for the drone acquired with the grant. Vinson told commissioners since the drone they are looking at is cheaper, it will require less extensive training and he would be willing to pay for it out of his Noxious Weed Capital Outlay funds. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the purchase of the DJI Mavic 2 Zoom Fly More drone, in the amount of \$1,628, to be paid out of Noxious Weed Capital Outlay. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel of non-elected staff with County Clerk Kathy Robison and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After the executive session, it was announced that Kassadie Martin was hired as a part-time Clerk's Office employee at \$9.00 per hour. Robison said she would like to reevaluate after 90 days. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the hire of Kassadie Martin as a part-time employee in the Clerk's Office at \$9.00 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 10 minute executive session to review a personnel policy pertaining to non-elected staff with County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

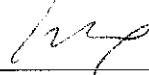
Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an agreement to engage a team of attorneys in a Kansas legislative opioid litigation. They will represent the county with a contingency fee agreement for 20 percent of any award received. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. There will be no cost if the case is lost.

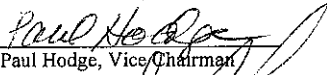
Commissioner Fox revisited the Zoning Board designations. Dale Kirkham has volunteered to serve in one of two open positions and after some discussion, Commissioner Paul Hodge, agreed to take the other position available.


At 10:08 a.m. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

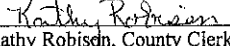
Calendar:

- Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> - General Election 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Various Locations
- Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> - Courthouse Closed in observance of Veteran's Day
- Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.
- Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> - Board of Canvass will follow the Commission Mtg. @ 10:30 a.m.

  
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Ben Fox, Chairman

  
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Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

  
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Chuck Spradlin, Member

ATTEST:   
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Kathy Robison, County Clerk