

Commissioner Meeting  
October 21, 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, and Kathy Robison County Clerk. County Counselor Paul Dean was not present.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve October 7, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve October 14, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported they will have grader school this week; Thursday will be Road Maintenance and Friday will be Road Ditching just east of town on 150<sup>th</sup> street. They will have about 30 minutes of classroom work then they will spend the rest of their time out on the road. Chrisman told commissioners that he has received a proposal for an inspection on the Bitler Bridge and left it with them. Chrisman said basic road and vehicle maintenance is what they have been up to lately. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman if the township road graders could be involved in the training. Chrisman said he would call and check. Chrisman verified that south of Climax is done. Commissioner Hodge asked about a bridge on 30<sup>th</sup> west of Meng. Chrisman said it was a quick easy fix for Michael (Michael Maris, County Engineering Consultant). Chrisman said that after grader school, on Friday, they will take 3 or 4 graders up to the North end of the county and work on roads. Chrisman also updated the commissioners on the concrete box bridges. He reported there was a hiccup, and they are supposed to start making the boxes today. He does not have a date yet for delivery.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$171,646.76. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$102,546.40. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Clerk Kathy Robison presented a 2020 holiday schedule proposal, which included 12 holidays instead of the usual 10. Robison said she added Martin Luther King Jr day and Christmas Eve. Robison also told commissioners that the City of Eureka also follows this same schedule. No decisions were made.

County Clerk Kathy Robison also had given the commissioners some information regarding COLA for 2020 for consideration, for the upcoming end of year.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) license for Kerosene. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson, Health Department Administrator Vicki Ross, and Greenwood County Hospital CEO Sandy Dickerson briefed the commissioners on the drive-thru flu clinic that was held last Tuesday at Road and Bridge. The event was planned by several county organizations including the health department and the Greenwood County Hospital and doubled as a simulated flu pandemic in order to fulfill a requirement for hospital Medicare/Medicaid compliance. Vinson and Ross both apologized to CEO Sandy Dickerson over a miscommunication regarding publicity and the event. Ross concluded, "Everybody did a wonderful job coming together." A total of 25 flu shots were given at the event.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve a 10-minute executive session to discuss an employee evaluation. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After returning from the executive session, Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve a pay rate increase for Shawna Griffiths, Appraiser's Office, from \$14.44 per hour to \$16.00 per hour, and her title has changed to assistant appraiser and supervisor for the department. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 5-minute executive session with Sheriff Heath Samuels and County Counselor Paul Dean for legal.

No decisions were made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10-minute executive session with Kathy Robison. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Greenwood County Hospital CEO Sandy Dickerson gave the commissioners several brief hospital updates, including that the loan to the county, in the amount of \$32,000, was paid in full, last week. Dickerson also asked for an update on the vacant hospital board member position. Commissioner Fox commented he's had a hard time getting anyone to commit, but he expects to have an appointment to recommend next week.

Commissioner Hodge suggested hiring Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie as a Road and Bridge FEMA consultant at \$20.00 per hour. Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson believed it would be beneficial, at least for the next few natural disasters, to help the new office employee become more familiar with the process. The commissioners agreed it would be a good idea, but said the specifics would need to be worked out by Road and Bridge.

Steve Wilkinson and Linda Snyder gave the commissioners information regarding loan programs through South Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD). The loans are to help small business owners and landlords. They also mentioned a Commercial Rehabilitation Grant program to help building/business owners bring old buildings up to code.

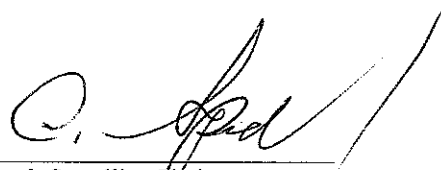
Commissioners held a 30 minute recess.

After returning, from recess, it was determined incorrect information had been given to County Clerk Kathy Robison, by Jerry Hall, KAC, regarding Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) guidelines. It was determined that an earlier executive session between Kathy Robison and the commissioners was illegal and to rectify the illegal session commissioners and Robison explained what was discussed behind closed doors. The topic was regarding the clerk's salary, which has been the same as the treasurer's salary, based on an agreement made years ago with a prior commission board. The treasurer receives a base salary and an additional \$10,000 from the state each year. Instead of the \$10,000 from the state, the clerk position has received two \$5,000 payments each year from the county. Robison asked commissioners, if instead of the two large payments, the \$10,000 could be spread out throughout the year.

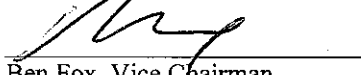
At 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

October 24th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital  
October 28th – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.



Chuck Spradlin, Chairman



Ben Fox, Vice Chairman



Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk