

Commissioner Meeting
October 7, 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 September 23, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve September 30, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

During the Road and Bridge report Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman told commissioners that they are fixing multiple washouts and will fix G Road from 110th and G south, because they have multiple rigs going into the Field Trials that bring money into the county. The crews are out taking pictures, as the township is out of money. Chrisman reported the box bridges are supposed to be on schedule and he would double-check on them. Chrisman said he thought Leiser was going to start the prep for the box bridge in the Madison area. Chrisman also reported that County Engineering Consultant Michael Maris has the proposal for the grant (cost-share program). The program opportunity for Christian Hills Bridge, would pay 75% of the construction costs, and the county would be responsible for 25%. Maris presented two options, one that would replace the bridge as-is, and one that would realign, building next to the current bridge in order to keep the travel route open. Commissioners favored the second option, which would cost approximately \$1.2 million (county responsibility \$426,250, including construction, design and other expenses). Grant proposal is due October 11, 2019. If awarded, construction is estimated to begin in March of 2021 and finished in October of 2021. Maris also told commissioners that the Fall River Bridge, on south K99, is due for total replacement in late 2021. The highway will be closed down during construction. EMS and Sheriff's Office expressed concern about lack of access to the south part of the county during the closure. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman about the low water crossing on N Road north of 30th Street, as it was installed recently, but has already washed out. Commissioner Hodge suggested tearing it out and replacing it again. The county paid a contractor \$17,400 for the work. No decisions were made, as more information was needed. There was some discussion on road grader training for the employees, Commissioner Hodge would like the county to pay for the training. Chrisman said he didn't know of any in the area, but would reach out to CAT, who has offered trainings in the past.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau talked with commissioners about a quote they received for replacing two fuel pumps at the Road and Bridge Department, to ensure county vehicles are filled with the correct fuel and make it easier to track the purchases as it would all be electronic. Commissioners wanted another bid before making a decision.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$214,367.48. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$104,989.52. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners viewed the Fee Report.

Commissioners received an employee verification for Kate McDonald for prn or as needed, nurse services for the Greenwood County Health Department. After a brief discussion, the commissioners decided McDonald could be hired as contract labor through the Health Department and didn't need to add her as an employee.

Shawna Griffiths, Appraiser's Office, informed the commissioners that Joe Roth, the commercial appraiser contractor had resigned as of August, 31, 2019. A bid from William McCully of McCully & Associates was presented for appraisal consulting services in the amount of \$17,500. These services are valid through the end of June 2020. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the bid for William McCully, in the amount of \$17,500, through the end of June 2020. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Greenwood County Hospital CEO Sandy Dickerson updated commissioners on the hospital's monthly board meeting and current hospital financial's. Dickerson recently heard of a rural hospital that acquired a bond to pay off all the debt at once, then used the tax income (half percent sales tax passed to pay off payables) to pay the bond payment. The hospital attorney directed her to a company in Wichita that arranges loans for this purpose. The commissioners thought that it was worth looking into this solution.

Commissioners took a six minute break.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel with County Clerk Kathy Robison for an employee review. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Building Maintenance Director Jason Findley gave an update on the carpet for the new commissioner/multi-purpose room, which consists of squares that can be replaced if they become damaged. Commissioners asked him to try for a second bid. Commissioner Spradlin asked him to include other offices in the courthouses that need carpeting, as well. Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau said he was going to coordinate with the installation for carpeting.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 10 minute executive session with County Clerk Kathy Robison. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

At 10:43 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

October 14th – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.

October 24th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Chuck Spradlin
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge
Paul Hodge, Member