

Commissioner Meeting
September 16th, 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.

No commissioner meeting minutes.

During the Road and Bridge report, Michael Maris with Elite Engineering Services, LLC presented the county's bi-annual bridge inspection report. The county was not accepted for the state's off-system bridge grant program this year, but has received three in the past. Christian Hills Bridge remains at the top of the county's priority list. Maris relayed that 28% of the bridges in the county were structurally deficient. Maris noted that the state average was 34%.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve a 10 minute executive session for an individual employee job performance review with Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the executive session.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an employee status change for Janet Turner to Office Manager in the Road and Bridge Department from 13.19 per hour to \$14.00 per hour, effective date 9-16-19. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman relayed that he had two employees leave last week; they have been working on a bridge project that has been delayed due to rain; Chrisman also told commissioners that two concrete boxes for the bridge at 360th Street between R and Q Roads, and another on L Road, between 180th and 200th Streets, will be delivered on October 15th.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve \$100 for the annual Trick or Treat Main Street event. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey presented information about E-Recording. Ramsey explained that 30 counties in Kansas are set up to accept electronic records. The software cost is \$3,100, with a yearly fee of \$192, to be dispersed out of the Register of Deeds Technology Fund. A \$5 fee, charged by the software company, will be added to each electronic document submitted. Ramsey said that hard-copy documents will still be accepted, but once the new software is installed, they will be able to receive electronic records as well. Ramsey discussed space issues and said that maybe at the beginning of 2020, her office will stop binding the hard-copy documents, and instead only file them on the computer. Ramsey also explained there would be a computer workstation for individuals to search for documents. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve The E-Recording software for the Register of Deeds Office with the funds to come out of the Register of Deeds Tech Fund. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an employee status change for Michelle Conard to Deputy Register of Deeds from \$13.50 per hour to \$14.00 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bob Week of Fall River presented the commissioners with a petition signed by 27 residents of Salt Springs Township, requesting the resignation of township trustee Delbert Trummel, a.k.a. Delbert Trimmell. The petition, presented to commissioners by Bob Weeks of Fall River, requested a trustee be able to, "1) Communicate with citizens effectively 2) do adequate planning 3) manage budget effectively 4) supervise personnel 5) perform effectively during emergencies such as floods and storms." It concluded with, "We do not feel that Mr. Trummel can effectively perform these tasks as a servant of the people of Salt Spring Township." Weeks mentioned that he was concerned about their FEMA funding due to communication issues with Trummel, a.k.a. Trimmell. County Clerk Kathy Robison consulted with the State Attorney General's Office in regards to the petition and explained that it may not stand, as additional requirements were needed per state statute. Robison also relayed that Trimmell is up for re-election in November 2020. He was not present at the meeting.

Harold Sullens, part-time road grader for Salt Springs attended the meeting to also voice his concerns regarding Delbert Trimmell, as trustee of Salt Springs Township, and to report that he is not being paid for grading work for the township. County Counselor Paul Dean recommended that Sullens file a claim with the Kansas Department of Labor.

There was a brief discussion held about the proposal from HMN Architects, about designing a new jail. The proposal states they will charge \$2,000 to complete a preliminary study and give a cost estimate. Sheriff Heath Samuels discussed getting other bids from other firms and not moving forward with any architects until a committee is formed with representatives from all over the county.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a bid from Judd Everitt to tear out and replace a 25'x20' section outside the east courthouse entrance and install a drain, in the amount of \$2,475. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson approached commissioners about creating a full time position that was budgeted for next year, but due to not filling the part time position this year, he has enough money to sustain an earlier start date for a full-time hire. The employee will be able to supervise inmate crews for cutting trees, etc. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve pursuing a full-time new hire for the Noxious Weed Department. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a two-year contract for phone service with AT&T. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a 5 minute executive session to discuss personnel duties for non-elected official with EMS Director Brian Mongeau and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion for a 15 minute executive session for an attorney-client consultation regarding the hospital with County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 15 minute executive session with County Counselor Paul Dean, and consultation with County Clerk Kathy Robison and acting Appraiser Shawna Griffiths, for reviewing Appraiser applications. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the executive session.

Following the executive session, Commissioner Spradlin announced they plan to invite one candidate for an interview.

At 11:18 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

Sept. 23rd – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.

Sept. 26th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

ATTEST:

Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

C. Spradlin
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge
Paul Hodge, Member