

Commissioner Meeting  
April 16, 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, and Kathy Robison County Clerk. Paul Dean, County Counselor arrived at 9:12 a.m.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve April 2, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve April 9, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor reported hauling rock out of hilltop quarry, Harshman has lowered the price to get rid of some of the rock, but it is still in good shape; hauling rock to 255<sup>th</sup>, west of Hamilton, and 390<sup>th</sup>, up at the county line; Zack Marshall is going to get started on the project near Lindamoods', that has been previously discussed, around the Maclasky tanks; Jamie Larcom is putting in culverts south of Neal due to washouts, Lowe said Pleasant Grove is going to pay for some of the cost to put in at least one of the culverts; they are building up dirt at the airport gun range to help avoid stray bullets; the inmate crew is going to put up the new chain length fence around the Road and Bridge shop yard; Commissioner Spradlin asked the status on the situation with Westar and the poles in the Quincy area that has been discussed at previous meetings, the poles are placed too close to the road and in the county's easement. Lowe said he hasn't heard anything from them lately, but he would check, he said he hasn't been in that area lately. Commissioner Hodge told Lowe he received a complaint about a chip/sealed road in the Fall River area that's in pretty bad shape. Lowe said he is meeting with three different companies this week regarding chip/seal. There was some discussion on who would attend the upcoming meeting April 19<sup>th</sup> for County Commissioners & Highway Officials of SEK that is being held in Chanute at the KDOT Office Complex. It was decided that Commissioner Fox and Road and Bridge Office Manager Amber Woodie would attend. Lowe said he spoke to someone regarding Asphalt for the Rodeo Arena road and Lake Road area they have previously discussed. Lowe said he found a lay-down machine on Purple Wave for small chip/seal projects that they could do themselves. Commissioner Fox said he would still like to partner with the City to share equipment and save money on some of these projects and he also said he would like to figure out a way to store oil, because they charge so much for it on the projects. Office Manager Amber Woodie reported that Road and Bridge laborer Eric McLean passed his Class A CDL, so they are moving him from a Tier 2, to a Tier 3 payrate. This will give him a .50 cent raise and change his hourly rate to \$14.10 to be effective today. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the payrate change for Road and Bridge laborer Eric McLean to \$14.10 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Fox said he would like to move the old generator from the Sheriff's Department out to the Road and Bridge Department to use for backup for their pumps during a failure. Also they are still looking for a cardboard baler and 3-phase cardboard balers are cheaper and easier to find. The generator could be used to power the cardboard baler once a week, which will help keep the generator functional. Lowe reported that Dakota Chamberlain has been hired as a laborer/operator from Elk County, and will start with Greenwood next Monday, as a Tier 2, after 90 days, he will be moved to Tier 3. He already has his Class A CDL. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the hiring of Dakota Chamberlain as a Road and Bridge laborer/operator as a Tier 2, with a 90 day, probationary period at \$13.60 per hour, starting April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. Lowe added he plans to only hire employees that already have their CDL. Commissioner Spradlin complimented Amber Woodie and Levi Vinson on putting the priority list on the bridges together.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director, reported that two members needed to be appointed to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). They meet once a year. Vicki Ross, Greenwood County Health Department Director and Commissioner Chuck Spradlin were appointed. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Vicki Ross and Chuck Spradlin as the needed additions to the LEPC. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director, reported that weather warnings service, was left out of the package, of the new CodeRED system that was approved at last week's meeting at an annual rate of \$2,500, and that it is a critical service needed. The additional fees would be approximately another \$600 to add it to the package. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve up to \$3,500 for the CodeRed system to add the additional feature. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Fire Chief Doug Williams reported he has only one truck being repaired right now and they've had a busy week; and added they are still in the running for a possible grant. Commissioner Hodge asked Williams about a fine for landowners who repeatedly let "controlled" burns get out of control and need fire department assistance. Williams said that fines have been discussed in the past. He would like to see a system that allows one out-of-control burn in a 3-year span, with growing fines assessed each subsequent time. So you are not punishing someone that lets one fire get away from them, but people you repetitively have issues with. County Counselor Paul Dean said we have a resolution now and it talks about being prepared. No action was taken but Dean said he could work on drafting a new resolution for the commission's consideration if they decide they want one.

Marcus Johnson with the Eureka Area Chamber of Commerce (EACOC) told the commissioners that the EACOC plans in 2019 to become the Greenwood County Chamber of Commerce and broaden their organization to include all communities in Greenwood County. Johnson also told commissioners that the City of Eureka had just donated \$1,200 and he would like Greenwood County to match The \$1,200 amount, adding that would cover the annual membership fees of the other cities in Greenwood County. After the first year, he is hoping to make the annual membership dues \$250. There was some discussion on what the chamber will be doing for the communities and if he has even talked to the outlying communities within, Greenwood County. Johnson has not. The commissioners told him they would like to have him speak to the cities within the county and let them know what their feedback is on

the subject. Johnson also reported that Eureka Days and Dirty Kanza will be June 2<sup>nd</sup> and he asked permission to use the bathrooms in the courthouse that day. The commissioners said yes.

Sheriff Heath Samuels presented a summary of what sold on the Purple Wave sale.

Commissioner Fox presented an order for the Hart/McCollum fence viewing issue near Severy that ordered Frank McCollum rebuild the east half of the fence to meet the four-wire fence minimum standard requirements of Greenwood County within 30 days. The order will be sent to the landowners and the Register of Deeds Office.

Jason Findley, Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor submitted two bids for a generator to be wired into the building that would run the Sheriff's Office, Dispatch, Kitchen and Jail during a power failure. The first one was for \$18,220.88, 30 KW, diesel generator. The second was for \$13,250.53, 25KW, natural gas generator. Both generators are 3-phase units, and include a 200 amp transfer switch. There will be a circuit wired in to power the Emergency Management Office, which is located on the northwest corner of the main courthouse building. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the purchase of the natural gas generator from Thornton Plumbing & Electric, in the amount of \$13,250.53. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. The amount includes installation and will be taken out of Courthouse Capital Improvement (136). Findley also reported that Ray's Roofing will be contacting him probably in a week or so with a date to repair the roof damage.

At 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 10:48 a.m. Commissioners reconvened to approve special payables. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve special payables in the amount of \$4,589.07. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 10:49 a.m. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to re-adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

- April 19th – 2018 Annual County Commissioner & Hwy Officials of SEK Mtg @ Chanute @ 8:30a.m.  
KDOT Office Complex, South Bldg
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co Hospital Conference Rm

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson  
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Member