

Commissioner Meeting
September 4, 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.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve August 20, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve August 27, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that the weather has caused delays in projects, like the bridge northwest of Madison on 380th Road; crews are working on culverts due to washouts, where they are starting to undermine; discussed a bridge located on L Road between 185 and 200th streets that has partially collapsed. Chrisman consulted with Judd Everitt, who said concrete would not do the job. Chrisman said he estimated two 7' tin horns would fill in the area. Commissioner Fox asked if that was too small to put a concrete box in there. Commissioner Spradlin said a box would fit in there but it would probably be cheaper to go with the corrugated tin horns. Chrisman said they have barricades up and will have signage up as well. Chrisman asked about the Don Stephens bridge. Commissioner Hodge commented that Stephens visited him, regarding Q50 Road between 30th & 40th. Originally Stephens agreed to pay for part of the culvert expense to have access to his property. Stephens told Commissioner Hodge it should be the county's responsibility to pay to replace the culvert on the Township Road. Commissioner Hodge, spoke to Zack Marshall, a contractor, who said he could get a 20'x4' culvert for approximately \$1,200, the size needed for the bridge. Then the rest of the expense would be what it would cost for Road and Bridge to haul some rock. "I don't think it would hurt us to help get it put together for him," said Commissioner Hodge. He continued, "He's paying taxes on 1,200 acres of land right there. And really, the only good we get out of the tax we pay, is the roads taken care of." Commissioner Spradlin was concerned about the road being used for private use only. The commissioners did not make any decisions and will further discuss the matter at the viewing, scheduled for September 10, 2018. Commissioner Hodge Chrisman asked about the search for a rock quarry up north, and Chrisman said that the geologist has reported that they were unable to find one. Commissioner Hodge asked if they have considered finding someone in the north end of the county that would have a place where they could stockpile some gravel, so they wouldn't have to haul it so far. Commissioners were interested in looking into it. County Counselor Paul Dean presented the check for the fire damage on the guardrails, located in the Neal area, previously discussed, in the amount of \$4,716, from April. Dean also gave commissioners contact information on a couple of contractors used by Elk County for bids on chip/seal projects, that turned out well, and were inexpensive. He also relayed to Chrisman that he has given the information to Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve a special payable, dated August 31, 2018, in the amount of \$12,032.21. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners approved for students from Marshall Elementary to decorate the courthouse lawn for upcoming holidays.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a contract with Advantage Computers, out of Iola, to do our IT work on the county computers. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. It was discussed, to talk to Dawn Larcom, in the Appraiser's Office, before calling Advantage with a computer issue, so we may be able save money on mileage, if other departments need assistance, as well, as we have done in the past.

Building Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley reported we received a check from Atlas Electric for the wiring damage, associated with the installation of the new chiller. Findley also stated that we hired Thornton to check the electrical box, and that also needs to be reimbursed from someone. Findley relayed that he has spoken to the representative with Knipp, and they are wanting the final payment, but he explained we were waiting to be reimbursed for these electrical expenses, and the ground work hasn't been completed. The representative said he would send someone to finish the work. Findley updated the commissioners on the roof. Ray's Roofing, the company that originally bid, is not showing up as they said they would. They did an emergency patch, after the tornado, an our insurance company said we were charged double. Findley found another company that was in town and they are working on a bid, but from talking to them, they would have charged a little less than half of what we were charged for the patch job. The commissioners and Findley discussed different options for roofing the courthouse.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 10 minute executive session regarding a non-elected official and the performance of their function with Health Department Administrator Vicki Ross and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute recess. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Clerk Kathy Robison presented an employee verification for approval from the Health Department. The commissioners held off on approving the verification until they meet with Health Department Administrator Vicki Ross again next week.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the Engagement Letters for accounting services with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA, in the amount of \$15,900 for audit services, plus travel expenses; and \$1,400 for budgeting services, plus direct costs-postage, travel and copies. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

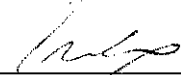
Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve renewing our annual membership with SCKEDD, South Central Kansas Economic Development District, which assists us with grant applications and economic development opportunities, in the amount of \$1,137.13. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

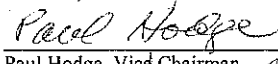
County Counselor Paul Dean informed the commissioners of two federal lawsuits that the county could join. The first is a class action lawsuit against the federal government comprised of counties and various local governments. The lawsuit, which originated in Utah, seeks to recover money resulting from what are alleged to have been underpayments to local governments by the federal governments. Dean explained the suit affects Greenwood County in the Fall River Reservoir area, where the federal government is supposed to reimburse the county to do maintenance on roads in federally controlled areas with an annual payment of just over \$50,000. Dean reported that the county did not receive the entire reimbursement over the last couple of years, shorting them for the full amount. Commissioner Fox made a motion to join the class action suit against the federal government to reimburse the county for maintenance on roads in federally controlled areas in the Fall River Reservoir area. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. The second lawsuit is not a class action, but is being treated as such with multiple agencies joining in to sue the makers of opioid drugs. County Counselor Paul Dean explained that counties throughout the nation are working together with two large law firms with litigation against the companies that manufacture the opioids to try to obtain funding to recoup the cost local law enforcement and other local responders that deal with opioid addicts and provide help for drug and alcohol treatments and other costs associated with the opioid crisis throughout the nation. Commissioner Fox made a motion to join the lawsuit against opioid manufacturers in an effort to recover damages. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

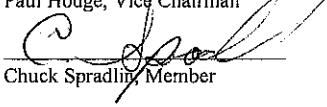
At 10:32 a.m. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

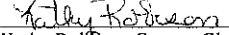
Calendar:

- Sept. 6th - Meeting for Department eads w/Scott Day of Insurance Solutions, LLC regarding Health Insurance @ 9:30 a.m. in Commission Room
- Sept. 10th - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.
- Sept. 27th - GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. - GW Co Hospital Conference Rm


Ben Fox, Chairman


Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman


Chuck Spradlin, Member

ATTEST: 
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk