

Commissioner Meeting  
June 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 Hodge made a motion to approve May 29, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Roger Lowe reported finishing the ditching at H & 200<sup>th</sup>; working on washouts for Dirty Kanza; Michael Maris is planning on coming next week to discuss the bridge in Madison and helping on some other big projects; Lowe said the Norwegian Bridge should be open about the 1<sup>st</sup> part of July; reported that the trash compactor was delivered but it isn't at the landfill yet because it's too muddy to haul it out there. Lowe said he met with Jeff Hall, for a chip/seal estimate. Lowe said he hasn't heard from Vance Brothers, so he will call them today. APAC has sent a bid, but it's really high. Lowe is still going to have Hall measure the areas that he and Preston Evenson are interested in having done, around the cemetery and rodeo arena, magic circle, to see if it would be cheaper for the city/county to partner together and use their equipment and do the labor themselves or just have it done. Commissioner Spradlin asked Lowe if he would be going out to the Burkett area in the next few days, because he had a couple of bridges he would like to go look at with him. Lowe presented the agreement for the commissioners to sign with KDOT for the signing upgrade project that would update signs west of Highway 99 and South of US 54 at no cost to Greenwood County. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the Signing Upgrade Project #37C4931-01. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. Lowe also told commissioner that Office Manager Amber Woodie gave him an industrial storm water permit for the landfill, and Lowe said they have all of the requirements that they are supposed to have to satisfy KDHE except the plans written up, which should cost \$5,000-\$6,000. Lowe said B & G Consultants could do the plans for them. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve contacting B & G Consultants to proceed. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$95,111.73. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$231,746.45. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Peggy Hackett, Marketing Director for Greenwood County Hospital, shared an invitation for the GWCH Foundation for the Gala.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to release the remainder of the mill levy funds to be disbursed to the Greenwood County Hospital on the June 22<sup>nd</sup> payout. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

EMS Director Brian Mongeau shared he currently has three full-time and nine part-time EMT employees, with three being from Madison and one residing in Severy. With the lack of EMT's in Greenwood County they have had to turn down transfers and when multiple calls have come in, it creates problems, but they do receive assistance from neighboring counties. Mongeau asked commissioners if they would consider funding the EMT class that is (internet based) that they have funded in the past, to offer the opportunity for more people to be trained as EMT's. Mongeau estimated the class would cost \$12,000 and shared he plans to apply for grant funds to reimburse the county following the class. The EMT participants will be asked to complete a one-year agreement with Greenwood County that includes 240 hours (20 hours a month). Mongeau shared he has eight people already interested in the class. Mongeau is planning an informational meeting for those interested in becoming an EMT on Thursday, June 28, at 7 p.m. at the Eureka Public Library, located at 606 N. Main.

There were some concerns raised at the meeting, in regard to a couple of injuries, in Madison the day of Dirty Kanza. There were not enough EMT's to transport, by law, when an ambulance had arrived with only one EMT. So an ambulance from Lyon County came to assist. A couple of volunteer firemen from Madison asked what it would take to allow one of them to drive the ambulance, in that type of scenario. Mongeau explained it's state restriction and to contact your legislators. Mongeau also explained that RN's are allowed to go on transports, but they must be pre-approved, because there was a nurse present that day. Mongeau also explained that during the time of that call they were at another call, where a cyclist was unresponsive and they had a total of 13 calls that day.

Ty Wheeler with the Kansas Legal Services requested \$3,500 for their 2019 budget. Their 2018 budget request was \$2,800.

Undersheriff Randy Cox presented a bid for a 2018 Dodge pickup to replace the 2015 that was damaged on May 26<sup>th</sup>. The truck has 70,000 miles and nearly matches his custom requests. The cost is \$29,500 and Cox said he believed after insurance is finalized the county may have to spend \$4,000-\$5,000 out of pocket on the vehicle. He could try to order one but it would take up to 120 days and they were short on vehicles at this time. The vehicle is located in New Mexico, but they have a deputy that has offered to pick it up on his way back from his vacation. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2018 Dodge pickup from New Mexico. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sheriff Heath Samuels presented a proposal to the commissioners to restructure the wage scale by reallocating funds that are already in his budget, to avoid needing an increase in order to give deputies raises. Since the Sheriff's Department does not actually close down, like other county departments, the plan would be to eliminate holiday pay and redistribute that funding that was allocated for those already scheduled, ten paid holidays, at 12 hours per holiday, and use it to give deputies a higher hourly wage by splitting it throughout the entire year. Samuels also suggested the deputies will be given a paid day off to compensate for the paid holiday they are no longer receiving. Samuels added the raises will not get the deputies paid at the same level as surrounding counties but it gets closer and may help him retain the quality staff he has and hire new staff at more competitive wages.

Mary Harrison, Health Department Administrative Assistant, requested \$280,375 for their 2019 budget. Their 2018 budget request was 264,000.

Sandy Dickerson, Greenwood County Hospital CEO, asked commissioners if they would be interested in attending leadership training as the hospital is working on a grant that would allow additional community members to attend. Names must be included on the grant application, so they need to know for planning purposes. The commissioners expressed interest but asked for additional information.



Jami Clark, Appraiser, requested \$325,632 for their 2019 budget. Their 2018 budget request was \$317,101.

Curt Unrein and Brittney Cuer with Knipp Services reviewed three contracts with the commissioners for maintenance on the new chiller; 2-year for \$3,000, 3-year for \$2,900, and 5-year for \$2,800. After some discussion Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the 5-year contract with Knipp Services, on the new chiller, in the amount of \$2,800. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for consultation with County Counselor Paul Dean, pertaining to county liability. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sheriff Samuels asked for a \$100 cash drawer for the impound lot. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the \$100 cash drawer at the impound lot. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

At 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

June 11<sup>th</sup> - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

June 28<sup>th</sup> - GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co Hospital Conference Rm

ATTEST:

*Kathy Robison*

Kathy Robison, County Clerk

*Ben Fox*

Ben Fox, Chairman

*Paul Hodge*

Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

*Chuck Spradlin*

Chuck Spradlin, Member

