

Commissioner Meeting
April 2, 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 Shannon Gant, Deputy Clerk. Paul Dean, County Counselor arrived at 9:15 a.m.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve March 26, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor reported the lines are not up at Quincy yet; Matt Strickler put a couple of culverts in by Junior Rice and widened the intersection out by Art McDonald's place, west of Junior Rice; crews have been hauling rock; inmates have been cutting trees; Lowe would like to get LED lighting in the Road and Bridge shop; got his truck back from TCS- they installed the new red and blue lights on the front/back of his work truck; did some bridge work on 320th for Corey Fankhauser; need to do bridge extensions on a couple of other bridges too; Commissioner Spradlin asked the status of the priority list with budgeting coming up. Office Manager Amber Woodie said they were still working on it. Lowe mentioned several bridges or low water crossings on township roads that need attention. Spradlin told Lowe, they talk about the same thing every week, but he would like to see it defined, on importance, so they know what really needs done, because right now they are just working on roads. Lowe explained when we get a lot of rain, they get a lot of calls, so that's why they are fixing roads. Commissioner Spradlin asked if they record the calls. Lowe said yes. Lowe asked if on Fridays, some of the guys could haul gravel and blade to get caught up before it gets dry again. Commissioner Spradlin asked if the employees get overtime. Commissioner Spradlin said he didn't think they should do overtime. Lowe said they can do overtime or comp time. Lowe said they wouldn't do it all of the time just when they need to get some extra things done and the conditions are right. Commissioner Fox and Hodge said they thought it was alright. Commissioner Spradlin told Lowe he should be the one to "key an eye on it". Lowe said he would get ahold of bridge engineer Michael Maris about the priority list. Office Manager Amber Woodie clarified a miscommunication, from last week's meeting, in regard to the High Risk Rural Roads signage grant program Greenwood County qualified for to be completed in fiscal year 2020. The area the project will replace signage on all major collectors is south of US-54 and west of K-99 for fiscal year 2020. The county's first priority was north of US-54 and west of K-99, as that area would have incorporated each of the three districts. Woodie said this was determined and awarded by the state. Lowe reported he was going to drive with APAC and discuss why the roads they have chip/sealed are not holding together like they should. Lowe said he would like to do an overlay in front of the rodeo arena because of the trucks and trailers. Commissioner Hodge asked the status on the dozer and truck. Lowe said he needs to check on the dozer but the truck should be done soon.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session to discuss personnel matters involving potential new hires at the Road and Bridge Department with Road and Bridge Office Manager Amber Woodie, Road and Bridge Supervisor Roger Lowe, and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 10 minutes was added to the executive session.

No decision was made.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the amended payables from 03-30-2018, in the amount of \$274,893.02. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sheriff Heath Samuels presented a bill for the purchase of five refurbished tasers for deputies in the amount of \$3,995. Samuels commented that he has had good experience in the past with purchasing good quality refurbished units at a much lower price than new ones. The commissioners agreed they were okay with the purchase.

Commissioner Spradlin discussed the Eureka Ministerial Alliance asking permission to use the courthouse gazebo May 3rd for the National Day of Prayer. All three commissioners agreed it was okay.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director, updated the commissioners about a system, CodeRED, that is able to notify the public about important information during emergencies. CodeRED is designed for Government agencies to deliver geo-targeted, time-sensitive information to residents using voicemail, email, SMS texting and technology called IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert and Warning System- like AMBER alerts). This type of technology would allow the county to send out warnings in the event of a hazardous material spill, boil water advisory, threatening weather or disaster, or any other event where the public needs to be notified to affected residents. The cost of CodeRed is in the range of \$3,700-\$5,000 annually of the service, depending on the features that are purchased. There is no cost to the public to receive the message. Vinson, as well as other county officials, will attend a webinar at the Sheriff's Office about CodeRED, Friday @ 9:30 a.m., to learn more about the system. Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau asked if the Sheriff's Department could utilize a "reverse 911" system similar to Butler County. Sheriff Samuels said he would look in to it but he believed that was geared more towards landline phones.

Fire Chief Doug Williams told commissioners he has had a lot of damage to some trucks and is working on getting them repaired. Williams also explained that the state is now recommending a new "taskforce" system for large grass fires that require help from other counties. The idea being that instead of just showing up to large catastrophes like large grass fires; counties will be organized, regional task forces already set up, so certain people show up to fires and know how to work together.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau told commissions that he is re-finishing the specs. On the new ambulance before it is built and gets here to make sure everything is right.

At 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn and attend a fence viewing Hart/McCollum @ 11:00 a.m..Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion.The motion carried.

Calendar:

April 2nd – Fence Viewing Hart / McCollum @ 11:00 a.m.

April 9th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

April 5th – SEK District Mtg in Paola – Reg @ 9:00 a.m./Breakout Sessions 10-11:30a.m./Lunch 12p.m.

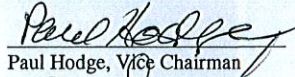
April 19th – 2018 Annual County Commissioner & Hwy Officials of SEK Mtg @ Chanute @ 8:30a.m.

KDOT Office Complex, South Bldg

May 3rd – 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