

Commissioner Meeting
December 17, 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 December 10, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported the 140 excavator isn't quite big enough, but the 160 is more stable, and seems to be more like what they need. Chrisman reported they are working at the landfill to finish clearing the storm debris, that we had received the extension from KDHE, as the deadline is January 15th. Chrisman told Commissioner Hodge he would check the bridges that he called about. Commissioner Hodge mentioned one on A Road, with a guardrail issue. Chrisman said he has thinking about different ways to fix it.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$108,363.45. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$210,092.18. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a Notice to the Township Board for Kerosene's for a Cereal Malt Beverage License. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Greenwood County Hospital Board Member Pam Brown and Marketing and Public Relations Coordinator Peggy Hackett were present and asked the commissioners if they were interested in attending leadership training the hospital received through grant funding. Commissioners Fox and Hodge said they were interested, but Commissioner Spradlin said he already would be attending other trainings. Brown also asked the status on the appointment of a new Hospital Board member. Commissioner Fox said he hasn't had a chance to reach out to the prospective appointee, but would try to this week.

County Clerk Kathy Robison presented a draft of a Kansas Open Records handout she plans to keep in the Clerk's Office, as mandated by KORA. It outlines the procedures for requesting open records, timelines, and a fee structure. Recently the charge for research had been approved for \$25 an hour, so in the handout it explains that, but it was suggested that if the research takes only 5 minutes, the hourly rate may be reduced. The commissioners decided to review a revised handout at their meeting next week.

Commissioners received one bid this year for the year-end dinner from Copper Kettle in the amount of \$11.50 per plate. The meal will consist of roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, rolls, a variety of desserts, tea and water. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the bid from Copper Kettle for the year-end dinner in the amount of \$11.50 per plate. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. The courthouse will close at 11:30 a.m. for employees to finish year-end business. The dinner will be at the Matt Samuels Building at 1:00 p.m.

The commissioners received a Video Service Provider agreement from Southern Kansas Telephone (SKT), explaining that they are expanding their service to provide cable TV. The commissioners had a brief discussion about franchise fees. County Counselor Dean said that historically, the county has not charged companies franchise fees. Commissioner Fox mentioned he would not want to deter a company away from doing business in Greenwood County, as the options for cable and internet are already limited in rural areas. Dean had not reviewed the agreement, as of yet, so commissioners decided to discuss this at a future meeting.

The commissioners revisited the discussion about the district map from last week that has been selected as the five district map for the five man commission. The discussion last week ended with County Counselor Dean saying he would prepare a resolution for the process to be completed. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve Resolution 18-08 (Regarding Five Member Board). Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. This resolution expands the commission board from three commissioners to five, and describes the new boundaries, where they will serve. The resolution, along with a letter, will be sent to the Governor to decide whether the election of new commissioners can occur with the 2019 school board/city council election, or whether a special election must occur before November. In the letter the commissioners state their preference of waiting until the November 2019 election.

Building Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley told commissioners he is gathering bids on an automatic door opener for the handicapped exterior doors for the courthouse.


The commissioners were presented with a revised interlocal agreement with Madison regarding the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. The program provides tax rebates for commercial and residential construction and remodels that fit certain criteria. The revision will allow more than one application per parcel. Commissioner Spradlin approved the revised interlocal agreement with Madison for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

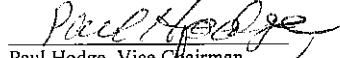
County Clerk Kathy Robison asked commissioners if they wanted to meet December 26th for a commission meeting, since they would also be meeting December 31st for year-end transactions. The commissioners decided they will meet on the 26th, and will have a work session following the commission meeting, to discuss year-end transactions. Also they decided to meet at 10:00 a.m. on December 31st.

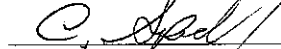
At 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

December 24th & 25th – Courthouse Closed in observance of Christmas
December 26th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
December 31st – Next Commission Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
December 31st – Courthouse Closes @ 11:30 a.m. for year-end / 1:00 p.m. Year-End
Dinner @ Matt Samuels' Bldg for County Employees


Ben Fox, Chairman


Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman


Chuck Spradlin, Member

ATTEST: 
Kathy Robison, County Clerk