

Commissioner Meeting  
February 12, 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.

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Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, asked Commissioner Fox if he had any information on the compactor for the Landfill. Commissioner Fox said he hasn't heard anything yet. Commissioner Fox explained they are looking for a used model in the \$50,000 range. Commissioner Spradlin asked if that is because they do not have anything currently working. Lowe explained they currently use a dozer but they would like something to compact material smaller to conserve space. Commissioner Fox said if the Landfill gets full, they have to get a new survey and excavate a new pit and that is very costly. Commissioner Spradlin asked if the compactor was planned in the budget. Lowe said no, they were just looking for it. Commissioner Fox asked what the Norwegian Church Bridge project was going to cost and asked for the figures to be sent to him. Lowe said that they have started cleaning up brush around it, and it looks nice. Commissioner Fox found the email on the grader they were discussing buying at a previous meeting, the trade-in value on an older grader we currently have is \$35,000 making the one to purchase, \$116,000. Lowe mentioned he has been looking for motors for the twin-screw truck, for approximately \$30,000 and it needs a radiator. Lowe will bring more figures next week. Lowe viewed the small wooden bridge on 30<sup>th</sup> and said there is a crack in the west wall. He said he talked to Zach Marshall about it, who said he could put a 10 foot horn in it. Ray Mac Coble called Lowe and said there is another bridge between that one and Meng Bridge, past the quarry corner and east on 30<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Spradlin mentioned that we need a priority list. Amber Woodie, Road and Bridge, Office Manager, commented that she had started compiling a list after Commissioner Spradlin had been into the office last week and Lowe added to it. Commissioner Spradlin mentioned Snell crossing. Lowe said that it is not on the annual bridge inspection list. Spradlin asked if they have a consultant that had looked at the Snell crossing. Lowe replied that the county uses Michael Marris to do the annual bridge inspections. Commissioner Spradlin said he has a background in concrete bridges and would like to be involved the next time Marris comes to the county. Commissioner Spradlin noted that the list was a good start and he would like to see estimated project costs and a listing by district in the future. Commissioner Spradlin showed Lowe a picture of a culvert on Q Rd, just north of 280<sup>th</sup>, a place where the edges of the road are caving in over the culvert and Lowe had been addressed by the late Commissioner Hind about keeping traffic cones up so a vehicle doesn't drop a wheel off the road. A grader had been out and hit the cones and knocked them over and did not set them back up. Lowe said he would talk with the road grader again. Commissioner Hodge was asking about the project Zach Marshall is working on at 280<sup>th</sup> and T Rd west of Climax, he's putting in a culvert. Lowe announced that a Road and Bridge crew will be hauling gravel and working on the Sunflower hill roads at Fall River Lake. There has been some confusion on who's responsibility it is to maintain, the road, and finally it will be charged to a township. Documentation regarding the Federal Funds Exchange program was presented to the commissioners. The fee KDOT kept in the past for their part of handling the Federal Funds Exchange program was 10%, however, the state has increased the percentage they retain to 25%. Commissioner Spradlin suggested bypassing the state in order to keep the 25% and instead, paying a consultant to do the projects according to federal guidelines. Commissioners thought it may be a better alternative and will look into it during the week.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$92,304.18. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$136,018.89. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Eric Blankenship addressed commissioners about a road that provides access to his family's property in the south end of the county. The road is currently in litigation regarding possible closure and he wanted to make his family's position known about leaving the road open. Commissioners advised Blankenship that it is out of their hands at this point.

Commissioner Fox shared information on a company out of Nebraska called American Recycling. This company will come to the county and pick up equipment; such as CRT monitors, TV's, VHS and LTO tapes, computer hard drives, copy machines, smart boards, printers, microwaves, small grills, floppy disks, CD's and other large appliances such as refrigerators, washer/dryers and AC units, that is not allowed in the county landfill. Normally they charge a fee for certain items that ranges from \$1.00-\$50.00 per item. They said if they receive a large enough amount of eligible items, they would consider waiving the fee for other items. After some discussion the commissioners decided to offer the service at no cost to residents. The event is going to be held March 3, 2018 with dropoff places at Road and Bridge Department, Eureka; near the swimming pool in Madison; and west of the fire building in Hamilton. They are working on a possible location in Severy. They are planning on sharing more information later this month.

County Fire Chief Doug Williams told commissioners he has applied for a \$500,000 grant for new bunker gear county wide and he just received a \$5,000 check from the Forestry for fire equipment. Williams also told commissioners that the pump for the Madison 5-ton truck is here and is being installed. Commissioner Spradlin had been contacted by a landowner of a recent structure fire and the individual was concerned about the hose reel of the Burkett fire truck, which he claimed caused a delay in fighting the fire. The commissioners noted their support for the way the fire was extinguished by the fire department. Williams explained that the trucks are inspected regularly and this particular fire occurred on an extremely windy day. Sheriff Samuels added, "That fire was the most

impressive thing I've seen," referring to the fact that firemen kept it from taking off across the open range in the extremely high winds that day.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for EMS Director Brian Mongeau for Legal Advice with County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

At 10:23 a.m. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners adjourned for a work session and County Counselor Paul Dean joined them.

Calendar:

- February 19<sup>th</sup> – Courthouse Closed in observance of Presidents Day
- February 20<sup>th</sup> – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. GW Co. Hospital Conference Rm.
- March 5<sup>th</sup> – Open bids @ Commission Mtg for the new Ambulance
- March 21<sup>st</sup> – Annual Township Dinner @ Matt Samules Bldg @ 7p.m./Registration @ 6:30p.m./RSVP by 12p.m. March 9<sup>th</sup> w/Road & Bridge office (620)583-8111
- March 26<sup>th</sup> – Farm Bureau Lunch w/Commissioners @ 12:00 p.m. – Restaurant not chosen yet.

ATTEST:

Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Member