

Commissioner Meeting
June 11, 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.

No commission meeting minutes.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Roger Lowe reported they have put in some culverts; starting to ditch the River Road; still planning on visiting with Preston Evenson at the City regarding chip/seal projects; hasn't heard from Vance Brothers regarding chip/seal yet; have tried the new compactor, and it works great; still looking for a trackhoe.

Engineer Michael Maris discussed the current situation with the bridge located north of Madison on 380th Street, west of Highway 99. After some discussion, it was decided commissioners wanted the bridge to accommodate 20-tons, since it is utilized by a school bus and heavy farm equipment. Maris suggested fixing the bridge by adding pier supports and said the cost would be around \$12,000-\$13,000. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve using the pier supports, with a 20-ton weight limit, and a total project cost of no more than \$15,000. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Before leaving Maris presented commissioners with a list of bridges that could qualify for KDOT grants. He added that KDOT has awarded Greenwood County a grant for 2020 that will resurface all major collectors west of Highway 99 and south of Highway 54. Maris also mentioned that the state is planning to resurface Highway 54 in Greenwood County next year, but that does not include River Street, which runs through Eureka.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an employment rate change for EMT Vicky Altis from \$11.10 to \$11.35 per hour. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve an employment verification for Bailey Gudde as a full-time DMV employee in the Treasurer's Office at \$11.00 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SOS presented their 2019 budget request, in the amount of \$3,150, same as last year.

Levi Vinson, Noxious Weed Director, reported Road and Bridge Office Professional Janet Turner told him they do not have the funding for a seasonal mower, so he will hold off. However he plans to budget for an employee in 2019, primarily to help with spraying.

Commissioner Hodge asked about lowering the speed limit on State Street, south of Eureka to 30 mph, as he's had some complaints from several property owners. Commissioner Fox said he would visit the area.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute break. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Extension Board President Ryan Engle, Board Member Martie Helm and Extension Agents Lindsay Shorter and Jayne Whitson presented their 2019 budget request in the amount of \$116,000. The same as last year. Engle commented they may have to ask for more funding in the future.

Katie Greenwood with the Greenwood County 4H Foundation presented their 2019 budget request, in the amount of \$13,750. The same as last year.

Donna Olson, Treasurer, presented their 2019 budget request, in the amount of \$174,557.63, which is an increase of \$8,398. Olson explained that the bulk of the increase is based on a pay scale that Commissioner Fox has been working on this year, which would make county wages more competitive. [2019 Special Auto Budget Request], in the amount of \$66,811.56, which is an increase of just over \$8,000.

Joe Lee, County Attorney, presented \$199,176 or \$204,607, depending on what commissioners decide on wage adjustments for their 2019 budget request. It is a decrease from last year, as they received \$208,000.

Sheriff Heath Samuels updated commissioners on body cameras. The County Attorney's Office had purchased four for the Sheriff's Department and the City of Eureka has agreed to purchase two. Samuels plans to purchase four more which will bring his current total to 10. He would like to eventually purchase four more so that every deputy is equipped with one.


There was a brief discussion about the new pay scale: based on longevity or based on annual performance reviews. Pros and cons of each option were discussed. The commissioners decided to have a work session after the commission meeting next week, and continue the discussion.

At 10:53 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.


Calendar:

June 18th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

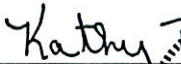
June 28th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co Hospital Conference Rm


Ben Fox, Chairman


Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman


Chuck Spradlin, Member

ATTEST:


Kathy Robison, County Clerk

