

Commissioner Meeting
May 29, 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. County Counselor Paul Dean arrived at 9:12 a.m.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve May 14, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve May 21, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Before the Road and Bridge Report began, Commissioner Spradlin told Road and Bridge Supervisor Roger Lowe that he received a call from someone in the Lamont area that appreciated how the Road and Bridge Department handled an issue in the area quickly.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Roger Lowe reported they have been doing ditch work around 200 & H Rd; hauling rock to the county line east of Virgil from Hilltop; Lowe reported they started pouring the Norwegian Church Bridge this morning; Road and Bridge employee Mike Johnson walked in when Commissioner Fox had asked what day the compactor would be arriving. Johnson told commissioners he had just talked to someone at the company and it is supposed to be here Friday. Lowe presented High Risk Rural Road Sign Project information and the contract was left for County Counselor Paul Dean to review. Lowe said he will be meeting with Jeff Hall about chip/seal. Hall wants to do some measurements to get an idea what to charge. Lowe said he talked to Preston Evenson, with the City of Eureka about doing the road around the cemetery, the one in front of Magic Circle and beside the Rodeo Arena. They would use city/county equipment and share labor. Preston thought it would cost about \$21,000 a piece by doing that. Lowe was going to ask Hall how much it would cost to have him do it, to see what it would save if they do the project themselves. Commissioner Hodge asked Lowe if it would benefit the county to get the dozer ready to trade in or sell it since they are considering purchasing an excavator. Lowe said they are getting the dozer ready to list on PurpleWave. Lowe told commissioners he had talked to Bridge Engineer Michael Maris about the bridge on 380th Rd, northwest of Madison, that was recently closed down to one lane due to structure issues. Maris asked what tonnage they would like the bridge to be. The commissioners said it needed to be at least 15 tons in order to accommodate school busses. Commissioner Hodge asked Johnson about the tarps that he was going to order to cover the trucks. Johnson said he was busy last week, but still had the bid and would call about it today.

Undersheriff Randy Cox updated commissioners on the deputy vehicle that was damaged over the weekend. Cox has contacted the insurance company and sent a copy of the dash cam recording of the incident. The driver of the other vehicle had insurance so now it's a matter between insurance companies. Cox would like to replace the pickup with the same model of the damaged truck so they can change over and re-use the equipment they already have. Commissioners gave Cox permission to start looking for a new truck and to spend up to \$30,000.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Sandy Dickerson, Greenwood County Hospital CEO, presented the Greenwood County Hospital 2019 Budget. They requested the same three mill levy they have received for the last two years. Dickerson told commissioners they would like to use the mill levy money to offset their "discounted care", which is basically the amount the hospital writes off for people who either have no insurance and can't afford the services, are underinsured, or have a high deductible. She shared a figure from Fiscal Year 2017 of their discounted care, in the amount of \$177,068. The report also showed that \$753,801 was written off in bad debt. They discussed hospital clinic numbers and Dickerson reviewed the current financial report; noting that they were 58% through the fiscal year and were slightly under budgeted expenses. She added that revenue is under what they expected as well, "We are trying to make some changes that would impact that." She reviewed results from a recent quality report meeting and told commissioners areas they received top ratings and an area they could improve. Commissioner Spradlin asked clarification on payables, specifically, "other payables". Dickerson explained that those were specifically related to payroll and taxes. She said the accrual payables were included in the payables line. Total payables, including accounts payables and other payables are \$1,043,401. Commissioner Spradlin asked if they were working on ways to get the debt down. Dickerson said they are using every spare dime they have to get the debt down. Commissioner Hodge asked how they are doing on follow-up calls from providers. She said they were improving. Commissioner Fox noticed that drugs and supplies had increased quite a bit in the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. Dickerson said the drug expense increase was mostly due to purchases for the 340B Prescription Plan the hospital is enrolled in.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the amended payables, dated 5-25-2018, in the amount of \$215,612.47. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a 10 minute executive session for personnel employee performance review with Sheriff Health Samuels and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for legal with County Counselor Paul Dean concerning current litigation. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After returning from executive session Commissioner Fox announced that they are acknowledging that a road is "public access". Then County Counselor Paul Dean stated, "The public road that exists in section 16, township 28

south, range 13 east; is the road that goes through the Patrick Daley and through the Brown property, down to the south end of 16 and provides access for about five different property owners. It was petitioned for opening, and the county commission did open it; and by no document that it's ever been closed. And of course; by a public room, that is what we are acknowledging, with this motion."

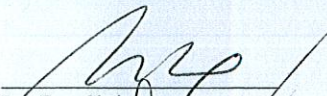
Commissioner Fox made a motion to acknowledge 16-28S-13E as a "public access" road. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

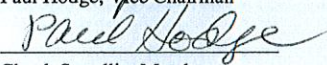
Calendar:

June 4th - 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

