

Commissioner Meeting
November 23rd, 2020

Chairman Paul Hodge called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Roy Ballard, Chuck Spradlin, Robert Joe Morgan, Kathy Robison County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve November 16th, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported on a dozer that he's going to look at in Liberal. He said it's affordable. He reported that the HWY trailers should be here soon.

Commissioner Paul Hodge wanted to know what would be wrong with charging the River Street Project per load of cement taken to the land fill. Commissioner Ballard suggested Daryl check with the City to find out what the original agreement was.

Commissioner Ballard suggested that we check with other concrete companies in case the company we use most often is busy.

Commissioner Joe Morgan suggested Daryl dump several loads of the cement on the State Street Low Water Bridge.

Kassie Turner from Road and Bridge reported she attended the Annual Solid Waste Meeting. She mentioned possibly charging a fee for the card board recycling program if the commissioners agreed. She said several businesses have their bins dumped several times a month. Kassie said Emporia is going to start charging for taking our card board, but hasn't given us a price yet. Commissioners discussed the possibility of discontinuing the service or finding another recycling facility to utilize. Roy said that we need to know what other counties are doing with their recycling programs.

Commissioner Hodge asked Daryl Chrisman how much acreage at the landfill was not being used. Chrisman said possibly 200 acres. Hodge suggested it being rented out for bailing. Chrisman said it would need to go through KDHE.

Roy asked if there was a fire, how many fire trucks need to respond and why there was a suburban responding as well. Heath stated it depends on the fire and circumstance. The individual driving the suburban serves as a medic in the event someone is injured and supplies the fire responders with something to drink.

Treasures report was reviewed. Chuck made a motion to pay the special payables for election workers; Roy 2nd the motion the motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hodge brought up Governor Kelly's Mask Mandate. After much discussion Paul said we can leave things as is. Roy said we didn't need a mask mandate. Chuck said that we support the businesses that require mask. Commissioner Paul made a motion to stay with the current resolution, Commissioner Fox 2nd the motion, the motion carried.


Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson conveyed a message from Health Director Vicki Lindsey-Ross as she was unable to attend the meeting. Vicki believes the commissioners should follow the Governor's order. There was no more discussion on the mandate.

Commissioner Fox reported that Tri-Valley Developmental Services had requested SPARK funding to aid in the purchase of technology. Fox said he would check the remaining balance and look into the amount of distribution. Fox said the county had set aside a portion of the funds for the purchase of PPE.

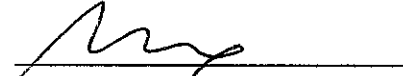
Sheriff Heath Samuels brought the commissioners employment verification for a part time and full time deputy. Sheriff Samuels said this would give him a full staff which he hasn't had since taking office. He

stated the full time employee was a former sheriff in another county, and the part time employee had been a police Commissioner in Honolulu, Hawaii. Ben made a motion to hire Chris Tedder for the full time deputy position at the rate of \$17 per hour starting December 1st; Chuck 2nd the motion, motion carried 5-0. Paul made a motion to hire part-time deputy Mark Hunsaker at the rate of \$14.50 an hour beginning November 23rd; Roy 2nd the motion, motion carried 5-0.

The next meeting will be November 30th.



Paul Hodge, Chairman



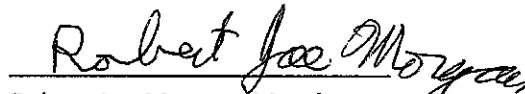
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman



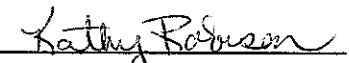
Chuck Spradlin Member



Roy Ballard, Member



Robert Joe Morgan, Member

ATTEST: 
Kathy Robison, County Clerk