

Commissioner Meeting
December 18, 2017

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 and Kathy Robison, County Clerk. Paul Dean, County Counselor arrived at 9:18 a.m. Commissioner Brian Hind was not present.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve December 11, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported crews have been cutting trees south of Virgil and still going north; reported that the bridge project at 220th is completed; Lowe reported that he got 15 tons of "black patch" from Missouri, but has not used any of it yet; Lowe said he has some salt and sand and the trucks are ready to go in case the weather gets bad; Lowe said he has three bellydumps at the Virgil area. KDHB showed up at the Landfill and there are a couple of items that need fixed, but he said that it is no big deal. Lowe said he was going to get some inmates out there to fix some things that need repaired. Lowe reported he would be gone from Dec 26th-28th and Darrel Chrisman will be in charge while he is gone.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director relayed that two FEMA claims from the May 2015 storms were again denied for various reasons. FEMA has repeatedly denied the claims, saying they were already claimed through townships and the county was trying to duplicate services that have already been paid. According to Vinson FEMA themselves wrote the project, but the county signed off on it, when a FEMA representative had brought the papers and was insistent that it had to be signed immediately because he was in a hurry that day. Vinson suggested that at this time, it was probably best to give up the fight and not spend any more resources fighting a losing battle. Vinson explained that after the county signs off on the project, it goes through the state to sign before submitting to FEMA. "It's not only an issue with us, it's an issue with the State of Kansas," said Vinson. "Not only are they saying we're trying to commit fraud but that the State of Kansas is trying to commit fraud." The commissioners agreed with Vinson and told him to respond to FEMA, discontinue the appeals and explain the county's concerns.

The commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's report.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$105,222.81. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$141,843.97. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve abatements. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a Notice to the Township Board for Tri-Corner for a Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) License. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) License for Kerosene, dated 12-22-2017. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) License for Tripco, dated 12-22-2017. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) License for Jim & Lila's Cafe, dated 12-22-2017. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners opened three bids for the end-of year dinner on Friday, December 29th at the Matt Samuels Building at 1:00 p.m. Cherokee Lanes \$9 per plate/ Copper Kettle \$10 per plate/ Lo Mar \$10.50 per plate. Since the commissioner decided they wanted the dinner held at the Matt Samuels Building, they eliminated Cherokee Lanes, as their bid, stated they would hold the dinner at their facility. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the bid from Lo Mar in the amount of \$10.50 per plate, in an effort to "spread the business around", noting that the Copper Kettle has had the bid many times over the years.

Brian Mongeau, EMS Director, presented a bid from K & L Safety for a power cot, in the amount of \$17,237. Mongeau said they already have one for the fleet of five ambulances, and would like an additional one. He explained a normal cot is 18" wide across the torso area but these cots will open up to 31", with a capacity of up to 700 pounds. With the added power feature it will help to avoid back injuries from lifting the old style cots. "If you planned for this and have the money to do it, I don't have a problem with it," replied Fox. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve purchasing the power cot from K & L Safety in the amount of \$17,237. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. The funds are to be taken from Ambulance Equipment Reserve Account.

An email was received from Curt Unrein of Knipp Services regarding information from another project that was being audited and there was a problem with not having a performance bond in place. Unrein also noted that according to statute 16-1904 sets a 10% maximum for retainage. In last week's meeting the contract between Knipp Services and Greenwood County agreed upon a 25% retainer in lieu of a performance bond. County Counselor, Paul Dean, recommended that they purchase the performance bond and be done with it. Commissioner Hodge made a

motion to purchase the performance bond and hold the 10% retainer, in the amount of \$23,111.50, until the completion of the project. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 15 minute executive session to discuss legal matters regarding delinquent oil tax with Treasurer Donna Olson, Sheriff Heath Samuels, and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 20 minute executive session for personnel to discuss employee performance with Health Department Administrator Vicki Ross and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Vicky Ross, Health Department Administrator told the commissioners she had sought bids from three local companies for a generator as a backup for their refrigerator/freezer to automatically kick on in the event of a power failure. Ross added that if the power was out for more than 15 minutes, they could lose over \$70,000 worth of vaccines. The lowest bid was \$8,560 and was from Thornton Electric and included installation and labor. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the bid from Thornton Electric for a generator in the amount of \$8,560, from Health Department Commodities Budget. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next commission meeting will be Friday, December 29, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. for regular business and 2017 budget transfers. The courthouse will close at 11:30 a.m. to the public for year-end transactions and the county employees will have a year-end county dinner at the Matt Samuels Building at 1:00 p.m.

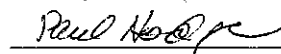
At 10:12 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

- December 25th – Courthouse Closed in observance of Christmas
- December 29th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- December 29th – Courthouse Closed @ 11:30 a.m. for year-end transactions
year-end County Dinner – Matt Samuels Bldg – 1:00 p.m.
- January 1st – Courthouse Closed in observance of New Year Holiday
- January 2nd – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- January 25th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ G.W. Co. Home Health Conference Rm.



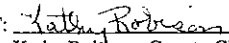
Ben Fox, Chairman



Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman



Brian Hind, Member

ATTEST: 
Kathy Robison, County Clerk