

Commissioner Meeting
January 30, 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, Brian Hind, and Kathy Robison, County Clerk. Paul Dean, County Counselor arrived at 9:10 a.m.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve January 23, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was no Road and Bridge report.

The commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's weekly report.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$88,006.06. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$445,526.48. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payables, dated 1-30-2017, in the amount of \$2,266.46. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve abatements in the amount of \$240.00. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve adds in the amount of \$240.00. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sheriff Heath Samuels met with the commissioners to discuss a software from Information Technologies Inc. (ITI), that is utilized by 17 other counties in Kansas, as well as public safety organizations across the country. For installation and the first year of service, ITI will charge Greenwood County \$23,943. After the first year, the county will be charged \$1,600 each month for routine maintenance and updates, which Samuels thought would be beneficial in keeping this system from crashing like the previous one had last July. After more discussion on several features the system will provide, Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the purchase of the software and take it out of Sheriff's Department Equipment Reserve in the amount of \$23,943. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sheriff Samuels also reported that he plans to trade in the officers' current firearms for Glock pistols. After the trade-in, Samuels estimates the total cost will be around \$1,000.

Sheriff Samuels also reported that a deposit has been made on the county's next K9 unit, a female German Shepherd that will be used for narcotic only. The total cost of the dog will be \$8,900, which Samuels said is being offset by donations from community members, primarily in Madison and Eureka. The dog will be ready in about three weeks and will then begin training with Greenwood County Deputy David Oehm.

Sheriff Samuels reported that he is working on building a secured impound lot at the north end of Road and Bridge to securely store evidence. The original quote he received from a fencing company in Emporia was close to \$11,000, but after making a few changes he received a quote from a company in Wichita for \$6,195. Samuels said to make up for some of the cost, he plans to assess a fee for vehicles stored at the lot. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the quote in the amount of \$6,195, to build an impound lot. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for legal with Sheriff Heath Samuels; Undersheriff Randy Cox; and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management Director, told commissioners his county vehicle is nearing 200,000 miles and is approaching the end of its usable lifecycle, as many repairs have been made and many more are coming. The commissioners discussed selling the Noxious Weed truck to the Road and Bridge Department and selling the Emergency Management truck on Purplewave and using the proceeds to purchase a newer truck for Vinson. Commissioners told Vinson to start looking for a possible vehicle.

Emergency Management Director, Levi Vinson, told commissioners that Tammy Seimears and Taylor Baylor have become the local Red Cross representatives. Seimears explained they had attended the two-day Disaster Assistance training over the weekend and were available to deploy to local disasters such as house fires, floodings or tornadoes to give assistance to victims. Seimears talked about a couple of projects they would be working on: one with the county fire department to give free smoke detectors for firemen and other volunteers to install in homes throughout the county; and the other partnering with Disney providing pillowcases to students in third through fifth grade to teach them what items to fill their pillowcases with that will help them in the event of a fire or other disaster. The commissioners were pleased to have local representatives.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for personnel with Levi Vinson, Emergency Management /Noxious Weed Director. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the executive session. An additional 10 minutes was added to the executive session.

No decision was made.

George Esslinger of rural Madison stopped by to discuss a strip of land that he owns that does not have a title but he is working to resolve the issue. Esslinger also relayed that several cars have been seen parked on Esslinger Bridge recently and he asked for "no parking" signs to be installed.

Commissioner Hind asked the other commissioners to begin thinking about chip/seal projects for 2017 so they can strategize a plan. Hind is still interested in finishing the Virgil road, but mentioned that project would take a large portion of the Special Highway Funds. Commissioner Fox and Hodge each mentioned roads in their districts that need work, but no decisions were made.

The next SEK meeting will be March 16th.

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

February 6th- Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

Ben Fox, Chairman

Paul Hodge

Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

Brian Hind

Brian Hind, Member

ATTEST: *Kathy Robison*

Kathy Robison, County Clerk