

Commissioner Meeting
March 13, 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, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and Paul Dean, County Counselor.

No minutes.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported that he needs about six grader tires and presented three bids to the commissioners, after some discussion it was decided that Lowe needed to check and see what it was going to cost to mount the tires, as well; crews fixed the bridge on 50th east of K99; crews or doing ditch work this morning; reported that high winds blew a wall out of one of the sheds at the shop in town, so they repaired that; working on grading roads and hauling rock; Lowe brought employee timesheets and instructions on how to fill them out for the commissioners to review after last week's discussion on proper documentation; after the commissioners reviewed the timesheets, they noticed a couple that may need some additional documentation, like making sure all of the equipment is recorded. Commissioner Fox reminded Lowe that the next step is to make sure that the employees are taking pictures of the projects they complete (example: this bridge they are working on). It was brought up that pictures should be taken before and during the project, as well, as after it is completed, and Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director said it's a good idea to include pictures that show the equipment being used during the process so there is no dispute on reimbursement for those items. Commissioner Hind reported he was told one of the wells at the landfill had been tipped over and he wondered if it had been fixed. Lowe said he's trying to get information on it before pulling on it because he doesn't want to break any pipes underneath. Lowe said he has two contractors getting back with him on the wingwall at the Reece Bridge and he's waiting for a contractor out of Topeka to look at Ladd Bridge and Lowe told him he could look at Reece Bridge while he was here.

Commissioner Fox told Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, that he received a complaint from a resident saying she was getting sick from lime gravel dust. "It's pretty hard to live in the country and not have dust," said Commissioner Hind. "If we do it for them, we have to do it for everybody," replied Lowe. After some discussion the commissioners didn't think that anything could be done, but said they would look into the situation.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel with Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor and Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$93,113.18. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a special payable, dated 3-8-2017, in the amount of \$65.00. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables, dated 3-13-2017, in the amount of \$4,484.84. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payables, dated 3-17-2017, in the amount of \$92,331.38. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve abatements in the amount of \$815.51. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve an Employee Pay Rate Change for Gary Boles II, Sheriff's Dept., from \$13.75 per hour to \$14.00 per hour, effective work period date February 19th-March 4th for March 17th payout. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve an Employee Pay Rate Change for Jason Myers, Sheriff's Dept., from \$14.40 per hour to \$14.65 per hour, effective work period date February 19th-March 4th for March 17th payout. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jami Clark, Appraiser, presented the commissioners with a state map that showed agricultural land value changes from 2016 to 2017. Greenwood County had a 17% increase, while the highest county on the map, Logan, had a 51% increase. Clark anticipates that the counties with higher increases will challenge the higher values at the state level. Clark also asked commissioners permission to renew the Appraiser's Office contract, in the amount of \$7,024, with R&S Digital Services, Inc, the company the county uses for mapping. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the contract with R&S Digital, in the amount of \$7,024. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Brian Mongeau, Ambulance Director, asked County Counselor, Paul Dean what the status was with the Fire North Tower and Mediacom. County Counselor, Paul Dean, said that a Lease Agreement, Bill of Sale, and a Co-location Agreement has been sent off to them to be signed and sent back to us so it can be filed. Mongeau updated the commissioners on some of the EMT class participants that are becoming licensed. Mongeau reported that he has ordered some new pagers and shirts to accommodate the new EMT personnel.

Commissioner Fox told the other commissioners that he contacted AT&T about getting a 2nd line for internet and they pitched fiber optic to him again. AT&T said there would be no installation fee, but it would be about \$1,728 per

month for a 50 Mig connection or \$2,253.10 per month for a 100 Mig connection. Ambulance Director, Brian Mongeau asked if there was anything better they could do at his office for internet. Commissioner Fox said they could do Mediacom and get more bandwidth. Mongeau reported that the AT&T U-Verse, they use now, will go for awhile then drops off and Commissioner Fox said that Mediacom does the same thing.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director reported that he went to Hutchinson last week to work in the command post to assist them during the fire. The Emergency Manager in Hutchinson wanted to extend their gratitude to Greenwood County for sharing personnel to help. Vinson also presented information to the commissioners about the FMAG program, Fire Management Assistance Grant. FMAG is a FEMA program that basically helps reimburse county's with expenses incurred during a fire. For a county to be eligible for the grant, fire damage must total more than \$203,993. However, if multiple fires occur across that state, and damages total more than \$611,994, then all the fires are eligible for the grant funding. Vinson said that the state of Kansas applied for the grants last week and was awarded seven or eight FMAGs, which broke the FEMA record for most FMAGS issued in one day. Vinson also informed the commissioners that he received the appropriate license from the state for the Weed Department to sell chemicals again. Vinson is enrolled in a class later this month to start the process of obtaining his public applicator license.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 5 minute executive session with Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director and Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the executive session. Vinson left the session. An additional 5 minutes was added to the executive session for personnel with Paul Dean, County Counselor.

No decision was made.

The commissioners discussed creating an ordinance that will hopefully clean up some of the issues associated with "junk" piling up on properties in unincorporated towns. There have been many complaints over the years to the commissioners from neighbors of property owners who have let "junk" pile up (example: tires, which could harbor mosquitos and Johnson grass 12-feet tall, which could harbor everything else). In the past, the commissioners did not want to become "yard police" but have decided it was time to take action. The ordinance, which has yet to be drafted, will focus on properties that are within 100 feet of a church, business, or residence, not properties that are out in the country. Commissioners are not sure yet what the enforcement of the proposed ordinance will be, but County Counselor, Paul Dean, commented the offence could be deemed an unclassified misdemeanor with up to a \$500 fine and up to 30 days in county jail. Dean recommended a minimum fee of \$100 or another option of handling the matter in a criminal suit or private, civil suit to enforce cleanup and/or order restitution.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for personnel with Kathy Robison, County Clerk and Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

The commissioners discussed revising a resolution regarding burnifng, to include that no burn should be conducted on a red flag day or an extreme day. Commissioner Hind said that extreme and red flag days used to be the same, but are now different. Commissioners decided to vote on the resolution, with the change, next week.

At 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Hind made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

- March 20th- Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.
- March 21st - Poverty Simulation @ Mem Hall 6:00 p.m.
- March 22nd - Annual Twnshp Meal @ Matt Sam Bldg-Reg 6:30p.m./Meal 7:00p.m.
- March 30th -Nat Weather Svc Storm Spotters Mtg-Eureka High School 6:30 p.m.
- April 11th - Special Election
- April 15th - Board of Canvassing for Special Election
- April 27th - GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg 5:30 p.m. - GW Co. Hospital Conf Rm

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Chairman

Paul E. Hodge
Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

Brian Hind
Brian Hind, Member