

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

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the May 22, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables, dated 5-30-2017, in the amount of \$3,174.48. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Road and Bridge Supervisor, Roger Lowe, reported that Travis Ballard cleaned out a cattle guard; crews have been cutting trees on 365th and T Road; working on roads that the Dirty Kanza routes may take; Ladd Bridge is still backed up and high; Lowe reported that they received \$153,579.47 from FEMA for the September 2016 event; Levi Vinson, Emergency Management Director reported that one of the projects during that event that was rejected, it was a culvert and they are going to appeal it. If they are successful, they could get another \$15,000. The commissioners thanked Vinson and Lowe for the work they have done to get the FEMA funds. Commissioner Hodge told Lowe Road 25 south of 400 is a township road, but at one time there was a county bridge there. Lowe said he talked to Otter Creek Township and the road isn't even maintained and the bridge is gone. Commissioner Hodge said there is a man down in that area that has cattle, and he can't get to it. After some discussion, it was determined that the township had tore the bridge out about 5-6 years ago.

Commissioner Fox presented two bids for internet service for the Road and Bridge Department. One was from AT&T for \$60 per month /no installation fee or Mediacom \$69.95 per month. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the bid for internet service with AT&T for the Road and Bridge Department for \$60 per month. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox 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.

County Fire Chief Doug Williams told commissioners he had been informed by the FCC that before they can use the tower at Madison that was obtained from Mediacom, they need to register it with them first. Williams said he is going to register it as Greenwood County and not just the Fire District, as Sheriff and EMS use the tower as well. Williams also reported he is working on a FEMA Fire grant that requires the plus four zip codes on every portion of the application process. Williams also told the commissioners that there has been a zoning request for a new tower east of Eureka and pointed out that in the past, the county had put a condition of approval that they would receive free tower space for as long as the tower was being used. The commissioners thanked him for reminding them and said they would contact the zoning board.

Joe Lee, County Attorney, presented the Attorney's Office 2018 budget in the amount of \$188,307. 2017's budget amount was \$180,000.

Marry Harrison and Lela Day from the Greenwood County Health Department presented their 2018 budget in the amount of \$225,676.00. The 2017 amount was \$264,000. Harrison told commissioner they were able to make cuts based on actual spending and was able to reduce the budget by \$38,000. Commissioner Hind was concerned about reducing it by that much because of mill levy issues and the cap. Commissioner Hind suggested that Harrison contact the County Auditor and discuss the Health Department budget with him.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel with Doug Williams and County Counselor, Paul Dean. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Undersheriff Randy Cox told commissioners the Sheriff's Department hired a new deputy that will be moving from Valley Center Police Department named Justin Longhoffer. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve hiring Justin Longhoffer as a deputy at the Sheriff's Department at \$13.15 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel with Marsha Ramsey. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a 10 minute executive session on security. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Fox discussed recent viral attacks containing Ransomware throughout the country. He recommended for the courthouse to obtain additional security software. They will be looking into it.

At 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

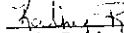
At 11:06 a.m. the commissioners reconvened to reopen last weeks discussion about the veteran's war emblems the county purchases to put on the graves of veterans in the county. Currently, the county purchases the non-specific emblems that are \$20 each, but recently received a request to purchase war-specific emblems that are \$45 each. After some discussion, the commissioners expressed their gratefulness and support of veterans, but felt in the current budget situation, they were unable to purchase the more expensive markers.

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

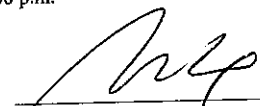
Calendar:

- June 5th - Next Commission Meeting following Memorial Day - 9:00a.m.
- June 7th - Zoning Board Meeting in Commission Room @ 7:00 p.m.
- June 9th-11th - Madison Days

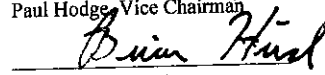
ATTEST:


Kathy Robinson, County Clerk




Ben Fox, Chairman


Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman


Brian Hind, Member