

Commissioner Meeting  
September 25, 2017

Chairman Ben Fox called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Brian Hind, Paul Hodge, and Kathy Robison, County Clerk. Paul Dean, County Counselor arrived at 9:12 a.m.

No minutes.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported that State Street is open; work has been started on the bridge at R and 220<sup>th</sup> Road, and they have big blocks set up. Lowe said they are going to try to open it up this Thursday; crews have been hauling rock between Piedmont and Severy; hauling rock on GG Road over by Double EE Ranch on the east side; Catipillar did the service on the grader discussed last week; the D-5 (John Deere) from the landfill was hauled in and needs serviced, it was overheating and needs some repairs; Lowe presented some documents Amber Woodie, Office Professional, gave him to show the commissioners for information pertaining to the Norwegian Church Bridge project; Lowe reported they have been cutting brush on U Road on 50<sup>th</sup>; Commissioner Fox asked the status on the Ladd Bridge. Lowe said he talked to engineer, Michael Marris, and he said everything Greenwood County is planning to do is okay. Lowe said they are still waiting on the permit from the Corp. of Engineers to get started on the project. Lowe also said the contractor is ready to get started. Commissioner Hind asked about the piping Michael Marris had suggested. Lowe said he still needs to find out what it's going to cost. Lowe said he would find out. Commissioner Hodge asked how the safety meeting went and Lowe said it went well. Commissioner Fox said if they decide to do a webinar, in the future, he can help them set it up, if they need him.

The commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Daley attended the meeting in regard to the portion of land located GG Road, south of U.S. 400, in Salt Springs Township. Commissioner Fox asked County Counselor, Paul Dean, for guidance on the issue. County Counselor, Paul Dean, advised the commissioners that it was best not to discuss the issue without the Daley's attorney present. Counselor Dean contacted the Daley's attorney and told them they were able to proceed. Patrick Daley presented information to the commissions regarding their property for their review.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$90,959.60. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$166,150.08. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve abatements in the amount of \$664.58. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed the Fee Reports.

The commissioners viewed a Certificate of Liability from Justin's Backhoe Service.

Kathy Robison, County Clerk told the commissioners that Ben from KWORCC had been in and wanted to do defensive driving classes for the county employees. The classes are four hours long. Commissioner Hind said probably the only employees that need to take it are the ones that really drive for the county like Road and Bridge, Sheriff, Ambulance, and Appraiser. Brian Mongeau, Ambulance Director mentioned last time it was offered they parked a trailer out at Road and Bridge Department for a week and people were able to go take the class that way. Robison explained this class is more of a presentation with a video and teacher.

Phil Jarred, with Jarred Gilmore & Phillips, PA delivered the 2016 Greenwood County Audit Report. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the 2016 Greenwood County Audit Report. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dirk Vandermeiden of Severy spoke to the commissioners about T Road north of 40<sup>th</sup> in Twin Grove Township. Vandermeiden stated that his attempts at communicating with the township board have been unproductive and board members have stopped responding to his communications. Vandermeiden relayed that the township roads drainage plan for this road has caused it to have washouts and now it is impassible with farm equipment and he and two other people need access to that road. Vandermeiden also added that he is landlocked with no other access. Commissioner Hodge was familiar with the road and agreed that it needs repaired. Vandermeiden provided Kansas State Statute 68-124, which states that the county may repair a township road and charge the township, if the township board fails to maintain it. Commissioner Hind said he wasn't comfortable overruling a township board, but he didn't like someone being landlocked. Commissioners Fox and Hind planned to visit the road in the next week.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director, told commissioners that his chemical purchase he had discussed with them last week ended up being \$26,856.20 to be paid from his Capital Outlay Fund. Vinson said it will take some time to reimburse the account with the chemical sales so asked the commissioners if he could make all of his deposits, at this time, into his Capital Outlay Fund to reimburse the amount spent. The commissioners said it was okay with them. Vinson also explained that he is still working on May 2015 FEMA issues. The road claims are being rewritten and resubmitted. The county did recently receive a check for over \$7,000 for debris claims from the May 2015 event.

Fire Chief, Doug Williams, presented prepay propane contracts. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve one from MFA Oil/Propane, for 500 gallons, in the amount of \$640.00 and another from SEK, for 2,500 gallons, in the amount of \$3,500. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jami Clark, County Appraiser, and Donna Olson, County Treasurer, attended the meeting to report that even since the Mediacom 1 gigabit update they are still experiencing internet issues. The main issue, still experiencing slow times and being kicked off completely. Commissioner Fox said he wants to replace the router and if that doesn't work, he wants to move forward with fiber internet.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 10 minute executive session to discuss legal matters surrounding a road issue. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel to review applications for a Health Department RN/Administrator. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the session.

After returning from executive session the commissioners announced that they plan to interview two applicants next week.

At 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Hind made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

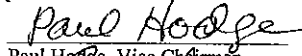
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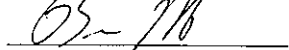
September 25<sup>th</sup> – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

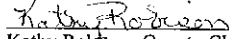
September 28<sup>th</sup> – GW Co. Hosp. Board Mtg @ 5:30p.m. – GW Co. Home Health Conference Room

October 26<sup>th</sup> – GW Co. Hosp. Board Mtg @ 5:30p.m. – GW Co. Home Health Conference Room

  
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Ben Fox, Chairman

  
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Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

  
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Brian Hind, Member

ATTEST:   
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Kathy Robinson, County Clerk