

Commissioner Meeting  
December 11, 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 9:20 a.m.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve November 27, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve December 4, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported they have been cutting trees; building barricades; they spread some rock around a tinhorn on 365<sup>th</sup>; Lowe reported that Zach Marshall is working on the bridge project at 220<sup>th</sup> off of H Rd. Marshall started that today and it should be open by tonight, hopefully. Lowe said they started on the fence out at Road and Bridge on the east side; Lowe told the commissioners that the city uses a "black patch" material, he would like to try but it's cheaper, if you order a 25 ton load. The commissioners gave Lowe permission to order it, and talk to the city to see if they would like to purchase some of it or see if they have a little to try before we order. Commissioner Hind asked Lowe how they dumped rock on a specific road without plugging the culvert. Lowe said they used 6-8" rock from Hilltop and lined it with the backhoe. Lowe said he thought it needed an extension and he would go look at it. Commissioner Hind said it does need an extension, but it is a really wide road, and it needs a sign up, there was one in the ditch. Commissioner Hind asked about a situation on 390<sup>th</sup> regarding water washing out the road. Lowe said he would check it out.

Commissioner Fox approved an employee rate of pay change for Marlin Beitz, Road and Bridge Department employee, in the amount of \$13.60 per hour, for obtaining his Class A CDL License. His new wage will be effective December 27<sup>th</sup>. Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's report.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve a special payable, Health Department AT&T U-Verse, in the amount of \$80.42. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed a Certificate of Liability for Wells Trucking Service.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve abatements in the amount of \$590.84. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a Notice to the Township Board for a Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) License for Jim & Lila's Café. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a Notice to the Township Board for a Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) License for Kerosene. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a Notice to the Township Board for a Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) License for Tripco. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the Knipp contract for signature for the new chiller to be installed at the courthouse. The contract had been previously given to the Greenwood County Counselor, Paul Dean, for review and changes. The commissioners discussed the purchase of a performance bond, as previously discussed in a meeting, but Commissioner Hodge suggested holding a 1/3 of the payment instead until the project is complete, if the company would agree. Commissioner Fox contacted the Knipp representative to discuss the contract. After speaking with the Knipp representative they agreed to the changes below. In the agreement the completion date has been changed from July 1, 2018 to May 15, 2018, to avoid the possibility of not having a chiller during part of the summer. However, the Knipp representative said this would be a "substantial" completion. Knipp plans on the unit functioning by then, providing cold air to the courthouse, but may need some final work done to complete the project, so the July date was put in the contract in case there is any kind of delay with getting the equipment in. They will keep the old chiller operational until the last minute, doing all the possible preparation work beforehand, minimizing the actual downtime in the switchover to the new equipment. The final agreement states for monthly payments beginning in January of approximately \$46,000, with 25% of the project in the amount of \$57,778.75 retained until the final approval of the project being completed. In a previous meeting, there had been some discussion about purchasing a performance bond, to protect the completion of the project, but since the contract will allow them to hold 25% of the payment until completion, the commissioners opted not to purchase the performance bond. Other changes included reducing working time from 210 days to 155 days and naming Commission Chair Fox as the project contact. Commissioner Hind made a motion to accept the contract, with the changes, with Knipp Services to purchase the new chiller. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Clerk, Kathy Robison, relayed she received a phone message from a contracting company out of Missouri that was interested in following up with the commissioners about expanding the Greenwood County Jail. A representative from the company had met Sheriff Heath Samuels at a convention in Missouri recently. The commissioners discussed the current condition of the jail with Undersheriff Randy Cox. Cox relayed that several years ago there was a plan to expand, "At the time I don't believe we had the arrest numbers to support it. But I do now," Cox said he didn't recall how much the bids were from those expansion plans, but because of the age of the jail, Greenwood County is "grandfathered in" when it comes to certain federal and state regulations. Cox added that

an expansion or rebuild would jeopardize that and change their inspections. Their was more discussion on whether an add-on to the existing jail verses a new one would be better. Cox said the Sheriff has been in contact with several contractors that he met at the Sheriff's convention, who are interested in looking at the current jail. No decisions were made.

Undersheriff Cox also told commissioners that he has been recently appointed the Greenwood County Special Deputy Coroner.

Problems with FEMA claims were briefly discussed, and Commissioner Hind relayed that Madison Township is now putting dash cameras on their graders to help with the maintenance documentation and may be putting GPS on their equipment, as well.

Undersheriff Cox stated that grant funding for a Greenwood County drone was secured by Fire Chief, Doug Williams, and that several Emergency Responders will go through training on how to use it effectively.

Commissioner Hind asked for a 10 minute executive session for personnel for job performance review with Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

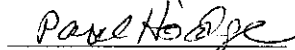
No decision was made.


At 10:27 a.m. Commissioner Hind made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

- December 15<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for County Dinner Bids – Bids in to Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m.
- December 18<sup>th</sup> – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- December 18<sup>th</sup> – Open County Dinner Bids @ 9:30 a.m. @ Commission Mtg.
- December 25<sup>th</sup> – Courthouse Closed in observance of Christmas
- December 29<sup>th</sup> – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- December 29<sup>th</sup> – Courthouse Closed @ 11:30 a.m. for year-end transactions  
year-end County Dinner – Matt Samuels Bldg – 1:00 p.m.
- January 25<sup>th</sup> – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ G.W. Co. Home Health Conference Rm.

  
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Ben Fox, Chairman

  
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Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:   
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Kathy Robison, County Clerk

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Brian Hind, Member