

Commissioner Meeting  
September 18, 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, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and Paul Dean, County Counselor.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve September 5, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve September 11, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported that chip/seal was finished and the 3 inch overlay north of State Street is also done. Lowe said he is going to keep State Street closed until at least Thursday because of the heavy weight, he doesn't want large trucks to crack the 40 foot slab. Lowe reported that Judd Everitt was going to start on the project at R and 220<sup>th</sup> Road so the bridge will probably be closed for a couple of weeks. Commissioner Hodge asked if someone had broken through the gate down at State Street Bridge. Lowe confirmed that they had and drove over the new slab. Commissioner Hodge asked about setting up trail cameras. Lowe said he was planning on talking to Undersheriff Randy Cox about surveillance. Commissioner Hind said to make sure they get good-quality ones that you can actually see license plates. Lowe said there wasn't any damage to the slab, but they did drive over the skidsteer bucket to drive over it. Lowe reported that the office staff has gotten the accounts payables through August information all in the system and balanced with the Treasurer and Clerk's Office. Crews have been hauling new rock out of the Piedmont quarry to a road between Piedmont and Severy. Lowe said he talked to Amber about renting the county grader to South Salem for an hourly rate and Amber said that in the past the grader was \$70 per hour and Jerry Thornton, the employee, South Salem, wants to use, is paid \$15 per hour. The commissioners verified that South Salem would pay Jerry directly and the work would need to be done on his own time, also the commissioners want to make the grader rental amount fair, so they are not undercutting contractors. Commissioner Hind suggested charging South Salem \$90 per hour to use the county grader and then they would be responsible to pay Jerry Thornton, \$15 per hour. Lowe reported they have a blade that needs service, and shared the quote with the commissioners, they approved it. Commissioner Hodge asked Lowe if it would be worth fixing the two broke-down trailers at Road and Bridge and then selling them or trading them in to get a new trailer they can use to haul equipment. Lowe said he would check with Diamond S and find out what it would cost to repair them. Also the commissioners told him to check on the cost of a new trailer and trade-in value. The commissioners also told Lowe to see if he is able to get tires for the existing trailers because he said it has been a problem since Garret Massey was Supervisor. Commissioner Hodge reported that yesterday he went and looked at Ladd Bridge and asked about diverting the water. Lowe reported he spoke to Michael Marris, Thursday, and he wants to put some piping in underneath to keep it from settling. Lowe asked him to email a picture, but Lowe said he will need to talk to him again. Commissioner Fox asked if Marris helped Office Professional, Amber Woodie, with her application questions she had for him, and Lowe said "yes" he signed the paperwork this morning. Commissioner Hind reminded Lowe that the bridge by Blakely still needs cleaned out. Lowe reported that he did Oscar Stapp's bridge by Ashlocks' and contacted a dozier company to remove some very large trees to open it up again. Commissioner Hodge stated that a constituent called him in regards to a portion of GG Road, south of U.S.400 in Salt Spring Township. The constituent told Commissioner Hodge that it was a township road but that it isn't recognized as a road now. Referring to records dating back to the 1900's, County Counselor, Paul Dean, said, "There is no record stating that there was money expended for construction of the road; it looks like nothing more than what local people have been using, and if that's the case, by statute it was closed about a hundred years ago." County Counselor, Paul Dean, informed the commissioners that the county is being named in a civil lawsuit regarding this road issue and Dean advised that as a precaution, at this point, not to discuss this any further.

Leonard Booth and Leta Divine, South Salem Township officers, were present to ask the commissioners if they could rent a county grader, as discussed last week, and hire county employee, Jerry Thornton to work on their township road. After some discussion. The commissioners and township officers came to an agreement that the County would allow the South Salem Township to rent the county grader for \$90 an hour and they could hire county employee, Jerry Thornton, to use it, and they would pay him \$15 per hour, as long as the township paid Thornton directly and he did the township work on his own time, and after his county jobs were top priority first. Booth asked what the status of the bridge east of the Norwegian Church is. Booth was told that two contracts regarding the easements have been received and recorded in the Register of Deeds Office. Divine asked if it was possible for the construction company to put the concrete from the bridge in a big hole in a huge ditch that Leonard and Dusty Booth have. Commissioner Fox said they would have to talk to the construction company. Divine said the hole is less than 1/2 a mile away.

The commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Steve Wilkinson, with SCKEDD (South Central Kansas Economic Development District), updated the commissioners on various services they offer.

Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director, Levi Vinson, told commissioners it has been an "exceptional" year for chemical sales so far, this year, due to widespread sericea lespedeza. Vinson shared that he did not have enough funding in commodities to purchase the additional \$38,000 in chemicals he believes that he needs to finish out the year. The commissioners agreed that he could use money from his capital reserve fund and suggested reimbursing the fund after the chemicals are sold. Vinson also told commissioners that he plans to utilize the inmate work program, later this month, by having them help doing weed eating and brush cutting, without using dangerous equipment, i.e. chainsaws. Vinson plans on having the Noxious Weed employee working with him to supervise the inmates.

Commissioner Fox stated that the courthouse internet has been switched over to Mediacom's new coax gigabit service, and the results thus far have been positive. Commissioner Fox added that the service could be better with a

new router, which would cost \$929 new or \$275 used. Commissioner Fox is still doing research on the routers and waiting on a bid from Mediacom for fiber-optic internet.

Undersheriff Randy Cox told commissioners that he felt A T & T has made mistakes on the Sheriff's Office bill, and they are paying for numerous charges from other parts of the county. They are working on correcting it.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 5 minute break. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 10:07 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.


Calendar:

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


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

October 26th – 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 Rolison, County Clerk