

Commissioner Meeting
October 2, 2017

Chairman Ben Fox called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:20 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 18, 2017 Commissioner Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve September 25, 2017 Commissioner Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Amber Woodie, Road and Bridge Office Secretary, reported that they finally received the permit for Ladd bridge, so hopefully they will get started on that project this week; Woodie shared that Zach Marshall's portion on Ladd Bridge should be \$6,500; Global Cement is \$80/yard and should come to approximately 20 yards total; they have started hauling concrete from the landfill for the Ladd Bridge project; Commissioner Hind asked what the cost was going to be for Frank Bills' Trucking to haul stuff for the project and Woodie reported it was \$100 per hour; Woodie also reported that Tim Sicka from Yates Center bid \$100 per ton to get rid of the scrap metal at the landfill; Woodie told commissioners that Randy Rupe reported that a bridge at H and 270th Roads has some structural damage in the beams, KDOT said the bridge needs to be closed, unless the bridge is repaired by welding and replacing some large channel iron. Woodie said they were planning to rent some welding equipment and Commissioner Hind suggested that they would prefer that they hire a certified welder for this project, even though some of the Road and Bridge employees have welding experience. Commissioner Hind asked Woodie to have the Road and Bridge Supervisor talk to them before he starts this project so they could discuss it with him first. Woodie also reported that the bridge at R and 220th Roads has been reopened that was capped; Commissioner Hodge asked that Road and Bridge smoothe the bridge out on Piedmont Road (Christian Hills), because you almost have to stop to get over it.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve Resolution 17-07 (for Tax Sale). Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve employee handbook policy change 20.14. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve a Conditional Use Permit that had been approved by the Zoning Board. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Carswell of the Southeast Kansas Library System (SEKLS) and Connie Richardson of the Eureka Carnegie Library attended the meeting to inform the commissioners that recent legislation required the county commissioners to appoint a regional board member; that must live in Greenwood County, but outside of the city limits of; Eureka, Fall River, Madison, and Hamilton. The Board Membership is a 4-year appointment and the next board meeting is in June of 2018.

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Daley attended the meeting in regard to the portion of land located around GG Road, south of U.S. 400, in Salt Springs Township. County Counselor, Paul Dean, told the commissioners that the Daley's attorney said it was fine. Patrick Daley presented additional "public" information to the commission regarding the property for their review. Patrick Daley said that the Public of Transportation sent him some maps. Daley spoke to someone with the Department of Transportation named Kyle, who works with the GIS and mapping department, and asked him what that road was on the map. Kyle told him they had hired contractors that drove down anything that appeared to be a road and took pictures, without really doing the research to find out if they were roads, so it's not a named road. Kyle also told him they realize now a lot of the pictures on their maps are not real or legal roads, but private so they are going to put a disclaimer on the maps saying that. Commissioner Hind said he doesn't understand why there is such an issue or controversy and confusion surrounding some roads, we have three roads right now, and there has to be a better way. County Counselor, Paul Dean, replied, "Because of poor record keeping in the past."

Commissioner Hind said he wants to know about Road V between 365 and 380, specifically the portion between the Verdigris River going south to 365. Commissioner Hind is also landlocked by an adjoining property owner's fence. There is still a road that goes across there but a fence now blocks his access, and he cannot find out if that road has been closed. Amber Woodie, Road and Bridge Secretary, said she would check their records and see if she could find anything.

Brian Mongeau, Ambulance Director, informed the commissioners that the overhead door at the EMS barn malfunctioned, due to the springs wearing out, during an emergent 911 call and they had to manually open the door. Mongeau was not sure on the price of the four heavy duty springs, but indicated that for \$450 more, he could purchase heavier duty springs that would last longer. The commissioners gave Mongeau permission to go over his \$1,000 spending limit, if necessary, to repair the overhead door at EMS. Mongeau also reported the 2001 Chevy Silverado, that was an old Sheriff's Department truck, has some rusting problems, they have made quite a few repairs due to the rusting, and would like to sell it on Purple Wave. The commissioners told Mongeau to use the courthouse vehicle when they need it.

Amber Woodie, Road and Bridge Secretary, said she had a request from an employee to clarify the employee handbook regarding holiday pay for the Road and Bridge Department. Woodie said the policy has been because they work 10-hour days, when they have a day off, they are paid an 8-hour holiday, then are left with 2 hours to make up during the week or take vacation time. The employee asked for clarification because the handbook says, "up to ten hours" will be paid for holiday pay. Commissioner Hind told Woodie this issue had been discussed at length before in the past and he thought the employees should have to work the 8-hour work weeks on holiday weeks and receive the 8-hour holiday pay on those weeks. Commissioner Hind said, "We did that to get along with them. That just ends right now." Commissioner Hind made a motion that the week of a holiday that the Road and Bridge Department work 8-hour work days to receive the 8-hour holiday pay. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Levi Vinson, Noxious Weed/Emergency Management Director, asked the commissioners for permission to make reflective 911 address signs that go on residents' mailboxes for a fee. Vinson said the county already has the equipment to make the signs and he doesn't believe that any local businesses in the county still made the reflective signs. Vinson also mentioned selling them slightly over cost to recoup some of the expense of other road signs. He said he would do some research on the price of the materials and how much the county should charge for the signs. He added that the female inmate work program was working out well to cut the vinyl out for the signs. The commissioners were in support as long as a private company in the county didn't come forward to provide the service. Sheriff Samuels and Ambulance Director Mongeau both told commissioners the reflective letters on mailboxes were needed for emergency services to locate addresses.

Later in the meeting, Commissioner Hind apologized for reacting so quickly and opened the discussion back up about the policy. After talking with Woodie it was agreed to rescind the earlier motion and leave the more recent policy of 10-hour work days/8-hour holiday pay. For the unpaid 2 hours the employee can choose to be unpaid, work them, like the rest of the employees, or take vacation time. County Counselor, Paul Dean, explained that the 10-hour holiday policy pertains to emergency personnel. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the going back to the 10 hour workday/8 hour holiday pay, with the employee being responsible for the unpaid 2 hours (i.e. unpaid, work them, vacation time). Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Hind said the week of Thanksgiving they need to work three 8-hour days to receive the two 8-hour vacation days.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for legal to discuss the KCAMP Quarterly Loss Report with Kathy Robison, County Clerk and Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Kathy Robison, County Clerk, told commissioners when she was entering the 2018 budgets in the computer Noxious Weed "Benefits" are not listed. Robison said she double-checked the other departments' budgets and they are okay. She also contacted our accountant, Phil Jarred and he will not be in the office until tomorrow.

Commissioner Hind reported that he went to look at the road located in Twin Grove township the other day, the one that Vandermeiden had attended the meeting about. Commissioner Hind commented, "it is a terrible road, the worst one I have ever seen." Commissioner Hind said that Dirk Vandermeiden said he has two people that would testify that the township had put a tinhorn in there in the last 20 years, Commissioner Hind said he already spoke to one of them and they said it was true. The township has claimed they have done no maintenance to that area in the last 20 years. Commissioner Hind relayed, "I had talked to two of the township board members and it was the most unsatisfactory conversation, and I don't trust them to do what they said they would do in the letter, it is all a personality conflict," he continued, "I said when I went down there I believe in backing township boards but this board has been 100% in the wrong, and I know we can do something about it. I see what they say they are going to do. I have very little faith that they will do this right." Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve fixing the road located in Twin Grove Township mentioned last week, and reported by Dirk Vandermeiden. The road is T Road, north of 40th Road, in the Severy area. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. The plan is to fix the road according to how the commissioners believe it should be done, hire local contractors to do the work and then collect the cost from Twin Grove Township. Some of the work will be paid out of this years' budget and some will come from next years' budget. Commissioner Fox suggested a letter be drafted to the township to let them know that the work will be done, the commissioners are handling it, but it is coming out of Twin Grove's Budget.

Betty and Gus Carpenter attended the meeting about a bill from the Greenwood County Hospital. After some discussion, the commissioners asked County Clerk, Kathy Robison, to contact the Hospital CEO, Sandra Dickerson and ask her to come discuss the matter with the Carpenters. Dickerson arrived with Jimi Bechtel, Hospital Business Director. Bechtel explained to the Carpenters that the claim is still being processed by insurance and should be covered.

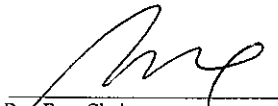
Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve a 10 minute executive session for personnel to discuss Health Department applications. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 10 minutes was added to the executive session. An additional 10 minutes was added to the executive session.

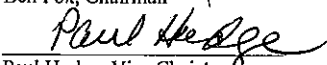
The commissioners had held 3 job interviews outside of commission meeting time Monday. It was decided that Commissioner Fox would contact the "applicant of interest" and they would announce the Health Department RN/Administrator hired at next week's commission meeting.

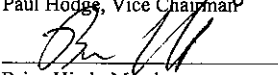
At 12:47 p.m. Commissioner Hind made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

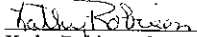
Calendar:

October 9th - Courthouse Closed in observance of Columbus Day
October 10th - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.
October 26th - GW Co. Hosp. Board Mtg @ 5:30p.m. - GW Co. Home Health Conference Room


Ben Fox, Chairman


Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman


Brian Hind, Member

ATTEST: 
Kathy Robison, County Clerk