

Commissioner Meeting
April 3, 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, and Kathy Robison, County Clerk. Paul Dean, County Counselor arrived at 9:10a.m.

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

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported they have been dealing with flooding again, pulling out trees, fixing approaches, and taking pictures; Commissioner Fox asked how Ladd Bridge was doing, and Lowe said it is still doing okay; Lowe reported that Judd Everitt is interested in buying the oil tank out at the Landfill that Road and Bridge is unable to use, the commissioners said that was fine; Lowe also said the new secretary started at Road and Bridge today; Undersheriff Cox said that Sheriff Department Office Administrator, Sonja Kennedy, was available to help with training her; Commissioner Hind said the Accountant had suggested Kennedy. Also Commissioner Hind suggested Lowe and the office staff visit several counties' Road and Bridge Departments to learn more about their operations and practices. Commissioner Hind had also talked to Joe Wheeler, with KDEM, who offered to help with training on FEMA. Commissioner Hind asked Lowe about the process of cleaning debris from Milner Ford near Madison. Hind said that crews used to send the debris down the river, but he noticed last week that the crew of 4-5 workers piled the debris up on a hill and the process took most of the day. Lowe said the plan is to burn the debris pile. Commissioner Hind also said that Jim Fry, at KDOT, said he has been sending emails to Road and Bridge but has not received any response. Levi Vinson, Emergency Manager/Noxious Weed Director added that sometimes the emails don't get through, as he had that same problem with emails he sent to Road and Bridge.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director, told commissioners that there is a problem with the last claim to FEMA on Ladd Bridge. FEMA is requesting the last engineering report from 2016 and the engineering firm had not completed it until this week. Photos in the report indicate that the damage to the abutments was from a previous flood that had either not been turned in by Road and Bridge or it was an event that did not meet the threshold for a FEMA disaster. Vinson said this will most likely result in a denial from FEMA, however, the debris removal that has been done should still be a separate issue and should be covered.

Travis with Murphy Tractor was at the meeting with information on a 2011 John Deere 770G Grader previously operated by Shell Rock Township and recently traded. The grader had 2645 hours, a 14-foot blade, has been maintained well and regularly serviced, but because of its age, the grader is not eligible for any warranties. The price of the used grader is \$139,000 with a \$50,000 trade-in value for the county's old grader to bring the price to \$89,000. Several quotes were provided for 1, 3 and 5-year agreements, but no decisions were made. The county and Murphy Tractor will split the \$675 transportation fee to exchange the graders making the final cost of the grader \$89,337.50. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2011 John Deere 770G Grader from Murphy Tractor in the amount of \$89,337.50 to come out of the Road and Bridge Special Machinery Fund. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind 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.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an employee verification for Amber Rayburn as a full-time clerk at the Road and Bridge Department in the amount of \$10.50 per hour. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind mentioned that he had contacted the county's auditor and it was going to cost \$2,500 to do a financial audit of the Road and Bridge Departments books, which the commissioners had discussed, as a starting point with bringing in new personnel to the office. No decisions were made.

Marcus Johnson asked about using Lions Park for a run event during Eureka Days May 27th. There was some discussion about whether the park was owned by the county or the city of Eureka. It was determined that the county owns the park and the city leases it so the commissioners said they were fine with it, but he needed to get permission from the city and have insurance for the event. Johnson has also already cleared it with law enforcement.

Ben Trout III of EPM, a temperature control company, revisited commissioners with more information about the company's products and software capabilities. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payables, dated 4-3-2017, in the amount of \$8,562.39. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve abatements in the amount of \$1,094.62. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve a Notice to Township Board for Little Barn by the River. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management Director, informed the commissioners that the county's FEMA representative who has been working on the September 2016 flooding claims was relieved of his Greenwood County duties due to "failure to produce documents from Greenwood County Road and Bridge." Vinson added that his bosses were

frustrated because every other county's claims are in, but Greenwood County is behind. A new representative will be appointed to Greenwood which means they may need to start the process over.

Doug Williams, County Fire Chief, reported that he completed the truck inventories to be compliant with ISO ratings. The three stations in the county that are currently ISO-rated are Salem, Piedmont, and Burkett. Williams said he feels that Salem and Piedmont will meet the requirements necessary after the inventories are turned in, but he's not sure that Burkett will do as well.

A Certificate of Liability was received from Voice Products.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director told commissioners that Thornton Electric came out to his building to look at the lights, exhaust fan, and heater. There was also some discussion about a UTV being helpful at the Noxious Weed Department and how it could be shared with the Sheriff and Ambulance Departments.

Undersheriff Cox said AT & T was here last week to install Next Gen 911 and the Sheriff's Department is getting rid of 8 lines in the bullpen. The officers will be issued cell phones instead. A temporary phone system will be set up in the kitchen for dispatch so they can redo the dispatch area. Once the new system is in place, the jail will have its own phone line so jail calls will no longer be answered by dispatch. Cox also reported that they placed an order for one Dodge Durango and they picked up the new K-9, a female Dutch Shepherd, Friday at noon. The new dog will spend two weeks with her handler, Dave Oehm, then will go back for more training. Cox said a contest will soon be held at the local elementary schools to decide on the dog's name.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for personnel with Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

At 11:37 a.m. Commissioner Hind made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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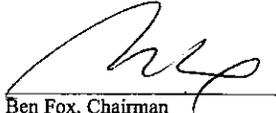
April 10th-Next Commission Mtg.-9:00 a.m.

April 11th-Special Election- from 7:00a.m.-7:00p.m.

April 17-Board of Canvassing-Immediately following Commission Mtg

April 20th-Co. Comm. & Hwy Off. Of SEK @ 9:00a.m. @ KDOT Office Complex in Chanute

April 27th-GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30p.m.-GW Co Hospital Conference Room



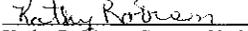
Ben Fox, Chairman



Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman



Brian Hind, Member

ATTEST: 
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk