

Commissioner Meeting
August 7, 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 was not present.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve July 31, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported that the Reece wall has been poured, they just need to take the forms down; Brandon Escareno has been cutting brush east of Ladd Bridge; crews are cutting brush around Piedmont, off of 400; reported that he will be gone next week, Darrell Chrisman and Janet Turner, will be in charge; Commissioner Hind asked what Lowe did about the person driving through the concrete; Lowe said he took pictures and he knew who did it, but the concrete was just scuffed up; Lowe reported what his crews have been doing on the bridges; Lowe said he took Judd Everitt out to the low water crossing around 220 and R to get another bid, the commissioners and Lowe discussed ways to fix it; Lowe discussed a reimbursement, in the amount of \$120,000, on the Neal Bridge, commissioners told Lowe to put the money into Special Bridge; shared that he received something from Taggart and Associates about contacting landowners around the Norwegian Bridge to secure the right-of-way, commissioners said it was probably a Paul Dean, County Counselor, question; Lowe contacted the water department in that area to make sure the line wasn't in the way of the right-of-way; said he finally got the signs and posts he ordered from North Dakota. Commissioner Hodge asked if Lowe had gotten the "Caution, Children at Play" signs for his neighbor. Lowe said he had and thought a township person, in that area, came and picked up the sign from the office. Commissioner Hind asked Lowe what they did about the employee that has his CDL, Lowe responded that the employee should be getting a raise to reflect that. Commissioner Hodge asked if the raise was going to be retroactive. The commissioners decided to wait and decide on the retroactive pay. Commissioner Fox said Lowe needs to contact Michael Marris regarding the bridge situation.

No Treasurer's Report this week to view.

Brian Mongeau, EMS Director, told commissioners that the billing company they use has recommended fee schedule changes, based on the allowable costs of insurance companies. Mongeau explained that there is a large amount of write-offs, sometimes up to 50 percent. Commissioner Hind asked if a separate rate could be charged for those without insurance, as it is right now non-insured patients are charged the full amount. The commissioners said they thought there should be a discount for non-insured. Mongeau said he would check into it and the commissioners decided to think about the increases for a week then revisit this issue next week. Mongeau also mentioned that he would like to replace a copier in the Ambulance Office, as the one he has used has worn out. Mongeau presented a bid for a new copy machine in the amount of \$1,100 and \$175 for the wireless router. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the purchase of the copy machine and wireless router, in the total amount of \$1,275. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel with Brian Mongeau, EMS Director. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the executive session.

After returning from executive session, Commissioner Hind approved an employment verification for Kris Calvert as an Administrative Assistant, in the amount of \$11.00 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A representative from Mid America Exteriors was present to discuss a quote for 24 new windows for the courthouse for a total between \$30,000-\$35,000. One new window would be placed in each room of the courthouse and they open from the inside, to replace the current windows that do not open. Commissioner Hodge asked if the new windows would be tinted and the representative said they would. Commissioners decided to think about it.

Sheriff, Heath Samuels and Undersheriff, Randy Cox, reported they received a grant from the KBI for over \$23,000 for a new fingerprint machine and printer.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director, reported the MacPro laptop, the commissioners approved to purchase in the amount of \$1,600 is actually \$1,699. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the purchase of the MacPro laptop, in the amount of \$1,699. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners took a 10 minute break before working on budgets.

Fire Chief, Doug Williams told commissioners that a down payment of \$5,588.20 (1/3 of the total cost) is required for the Central Division addition. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the 1/3 payment of \$5,588.20. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Williams also reported that the Reece Fire Barn is coming along and should be completed in September. Williams shared that he applied for a grant to buy bunker gear. Doug Williams shared that he had a \$2,500 estimate, from Chris Hare, to sandblast a tanker and paint it.


At 10:17 a.m. Commissioner Hind made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

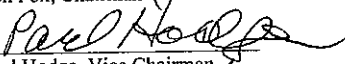
The commissioners adjourned to have a budget work session.

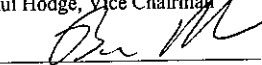
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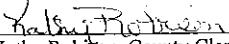
August 14th - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00a.m.

August 24th - GW Co. Hosp. Board Mtg @ 5:30p.m. - GW Co. Hosp. Conference Room


Ben Fox, Chairman


Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman


Brian Hind, Member

ATTEST: 
Kathy Robison, County Clerk