

Commissioner Meeting  
February 13, 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 Hodge made a motion to approve February 6, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor, Roger Lowe reported he met with King Construction, Engineer Michael Marris, and a FEMA representative last week at Ladd Bridge to discuss the abutment project; crews installed a culvert at CC and 100<sup>th</sup> and did some ditching on CC; hauling debris off for FEMA to meet the deadline by March 12<sup>th</sup>; reported that a cylinder on the low-boy has been leaking oil, the commissioners approved the new cylinder; Roger asked permission to get part-time office help, commissioners said it would depend on the budget, there was some discussion on rate of pay and limit of hours; Commissioner Fox mentioned he received a complaint about metal being found in the creek at Lion's Park in Eureka, just south of the road and bridge lot. It was believed the metal migrated from Road and Bridge. Lowe said he would talk with the City of Eureka about getting permission to use equipment in the area to remove the debris; Commissioner Hodge mentioned he had concerns from a couple of people over the bridge in Reece, Lowe said he's waiting for a couple of estimates; Commissioner Hind asked commissioners about chip/seal projects in their prospective districts, they each mentioned several miles that need chip/seal. Commissioner Hind also asked Lowe to start seeking bids for the work. Commissioner Hind also said he wanted a bid to replace the slab bridge at 210 and R Road with tin horns and a new slab of concrete. Hind wanted to start the bid process so the projects can start next spring. Commissioner Hind also suggested re-starting the bid process to replace the courthouse chiller. Commissioner Hind also commented that the Blakely culvert still needed cleaned out or maybe a tin horn.

The commissioners revisited the discussion from last week regarding purchasing two dump trucks for the Road and Bridge Department. They discussed the five bids received, ranging in cost from \$240,000-\$260,000, with Road and Bridge Supervisor, Roger Lowe, and Francis Chaplin, a mechanic that Road and Bridge contracts with for services. Chaplin and Lowe were asked to gather more information on warranty options and they reported that the options from all five vendors were very similar. Chaplin said he would prefer accepting a bid from Kenworth, Western Star or International. Commissioner Hind made it clear that he was not in favor of purchasing two new dump trucks, but instead buying one new dump truck and one used semi truck to pull one of the county's belly dump trailers. Commissioners Fox and Hodge were in agreement that two new dump trucks were too expensive. Commissioner Hind suggested going with the lowest bid from Kenworth, approximately \$120,500, for one new dump truck. Commissioner Hodge said, "Sometimes cheapest isn't always the best." The commissioners asked Lowe and Chaplin if there was any reason to go with the higher Kenworth bid. Chaplin said the truck was the same in each bid and the only difference was the bed used. Chaplin added he would gather more information about bed options before making a decision. The decision was again tabled.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management Director, updated an Emergency Declaration for County Counselor Paul Dean's signature, and left it in his box, for he was not present at the meeting.

Brian Mongeau, EMS Director, updated the commissioners on some repairs that are necessary on an Ambulance, possibly may cost, \$1,300. He also updated them on the ongoing EMT class that is wrapping up. Mongeau informed the commissioners that 11 of the 13 participants finished the class Saturday and are ready to start the testing process.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$86,540.23. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$157,789.60. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve a special payable, dated 2-6-2017, in the amount of \$65.00. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve a special payable, dated 2-13-2017, in the amount of \$1,707.12. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners viewed the fee reports.

The commissioners decided to table the bids on parcels until next week when Paul Dean, County Counselor will be present.

Marcus Johnson, owner of new business Mojo Outdoor Adventures, told the commissioners about a "Tough Mudder" race he is planning August 19, 2017. The race will begin at the rodeo grounds and end near the city park and Johnson requested permission to use 140<sup>th</sup> Street as part of the race. He clarified that residents of 140<sup>th</sup> Street will still be able to get to their homes, but will need to be cautious of the runners. The commissioners granted Johnson permission.

Sheriff Heath Samuels reported that in order to upgrade to Next Gen 911, the Sheriff's Office will need to upgrade their phone system. They received a quote from a company by AT & T in the amount of \$15,608. Commissioner Fox recommended Samuels get a bid from Advantage Computer, as they recently installed a similar system in the court house. Samuels said most of the funds should come from their E911 fund and comes from grant funding. Samuels reported that the camera system is coming along well.

Commissioner Fox said he spoke to Steve at Advantage and he suggested getting a DSL connection from AT&T as a backup for when the internet connection from Mediacom isn't working. Commissioner Fox said he was going to check and see if they would sign a one year contract.

Commissioner Hind asked Levi Vinson, Emergency Management Director, what he thought the reimbursement from FEMA would be on the Ladd Bridge abutment project, earlier discussed in the meeting. Vinson told Commissioner Hind that for the debris removal, they should be reimbursed 80% because it has already been done, and it was completed within 60 days. Road and Bridge signed up for a debris pilot program, in which if you remove debris within the first 30 days you receive 90%, 60 days 80%, it used to just be 75%. So the amount so far they will receive for just the debris removal will be 80% of \$10,000. There is still some debris removal that needs to be done under the bridge and they will pay 70% for that. Commissioner Hind asked if FEMA was going to pay to fix the abutment and Vinson told him that the engineer said they would pay 70% of repair but they do not have a cost yet.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for legal with Sheriff Heath Samuels and Undersheriff Randy Cox. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel with Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the session.

No decision was made.

At 10:57 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

February 21st- Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.



ATTEST: Kathy Robinson  
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Chairman

Paul E. Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

Brian Hind  
Brian Hind, Member