

Commissioner Meeting
November 27, 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, and Kathy Robison, County Clerk. Paul Dean, County Counselor arrived at 9:12 a.m.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve November 20, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve November 21, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Amber Woodie, Road and Bridge Department Secretary presented the "Authority to Work" packet for King Construction on the Norwegian Church bridge, just confirming their bid that was already approved at a previous meeting. The packet required the signatures of the commissioners and the county seal. Commissioner Hind made a motion to accept the "Authority to Work". Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Hodge asked when they were going to start on the project and Road and Bridge Supervisor, Roger Lowe, told him March 5th. Lowe reported they are getting ready for snow; the backhoe is done, and they will be getting it back today; they will be putting some culverts in today. Commissioner Hind asked where Levi was cutting brush. Lowe said today painting but tomorrow they will be cutting brush around the Dr. Pepper House, around Jim Robison's old house. Commissioner Hind said he would like for them to head north to get from Virgil through Lamont and clear on up to clean up some of the bridges they have talked about. Lowe reported that a bridge around 220th is having the same issues that Ladd Bridge was having and he is going to have Zach Marshall look at it, it may need a wall. Lowe reported that the new hire at the Landfill is doing a good job so far. Commissioner Hodge brought up the project on T & 50 Road that Zach Marshall had been asked to fix, Hodge asked if Marshall needed to submit a bid for the project but the other commissioners said no he had already told them what it was going to cost.

Marcus Johnson asked permission to use the courthouse hallway and bathrooms for the Christmas in Eureka event December 2nd, as all other venues were booked and they needed an indoor location to house vendors during the hours of 5:30-9:00p.m. Commissioner Fox explained to him that normally they do not allow the courthouse to be used, but in extreme cases they might make an exception. Commissioner Hind made a motion to allow the Eureka Area Chamber of Commerce Event to allow them to use the courthouse for December 2nd. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Tony with CAT stopped in to touch base with the commissioners.

Randy Cox, Undersheriff, presented the commissioners with a conditional employment offer to Taylor Baylor for a position of Sheriff's Deputy at \$13.15 per hour. The offer is conditional of Baylor graduating from the academy, which her training will begin December 11th, and with all of the holidays, will be a 16 week program. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to accept the conditional employment offer to Taylor Baylor at \$13.15 per hour upon her graduation from the academy. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind asked Paul Dean, County Counselor, to clarify what was decided on the Sheriff's contract. County Counselor, Paul Dean, told commissioners the changes he made to the contract included: increasing the period of time to call in the contract for cancellation or revisions by either party from 30 days to 90 days, adding some verbiage to clarify the insurance liability portion, and allowing the Sheriff's Office to temporarily pull the city deputy in the event there's a large emergency in other parts of the county, as long as he/she is returned as soon as possible. Dean recommended adding a clause to require the contract be approved by 90 days from the year end so they would know sooner than this time next year. Commissioner Hind would like the Sheriff's Office to request their proposed contract amount now so the city is informed of what is being asked for next year. Commissioner Fox suggested a small working committee to negotiate next year, consisting of members of the City Council, Sheriff's Office and County Commission. Cox added that twice a month, at a minimum, he or Sheriff Samuels will meet with a city representative to touch base in the future. Overall, the commissioners and Undersheriff agreed that the discussions at the meeting were respectful and productive.

Undersheriff Randy Cox asked for clarification in the employee handbook about "selling your vacation" time. Cox said he thought the handbook said it was only allowed, in the past, like to cash it out for emergency situations, and had to be approved by the department head.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director gave an update on the inmate work program. Vinson explained that the county has enough inmates to have two crews cutting brush, but the county only has one skid-loader. Commissioner Hind asked him the cost to lease a skid-loader for the winter months so Vinson plans to gather more information.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for legal with Vic Delpine, Chiller Project Manager and County Counselor Paul Dean to discuss finances of a third party. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After the executive session, the commissioners announced they plan to move forward with purchasing the new chiller system from the Trane dealer in Wichita they had previously approved, in the amount of \$231,115, at the November 13th Commission meeting, after deciding that it would cost almost as much to rebuild the 60-year old

chiller. They also recently found out that the Trane or Knipp Services locations in Wichita and Springfield are businesses that sell and maintain Trane units, and are not franchises, like they thought.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 15 minute executive session for personnel for job performance with Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

The terms of current Greenwood County Hospital Board members Harold Garner and Tom Eubank will expire on January 26, 2018. Commissioner Hind made a motion to appoint Matt Wilson and Evan Casey to fill their positions, which are 4-year terms. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Counselor, Paul Dean, presented the commissioners with a "Greenwood County Code on Health and Welfare", containing health codes for unincorporated cities in the counties, such as: Neal, Lamont, Reece, Piedmont, Toronto and Quincy. The need for the code arose over a situation in Neal where a landowner refused to clean up his lot but there is no local city council or other regulating board. The commissioners took the code to review and present at next week's meeting.


Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 10 minute executive session with Vicki Ross, Health Department Administrator and Paul Dean, County Counselor for personnel to discuss employee performance. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

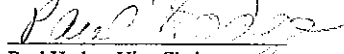
At 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Hind made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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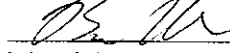
November 30th – GW Co. Hosp. Board Mtg @ 5:30p.m. – GW Co. Home Health Conference Room
December 4th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
December 15th – Deadline for County Dinner Bids – Bids in to Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m.



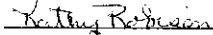
Ben Fox, Chairman



Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman



Brian Hind, Member

ATTEST: 

Kathy Robison, County Clerk