

Commissioner Meeting
December 29, 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 and Kathy Robison, County Clerk Commissioner Brian Hind attended the meeting via telephone. Paul Dean, County Counselor arrived at 9:24 a.m.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve December 18, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported crews have been cutting trees; Commissioner Hodge asked Lowe if he has tried any of the new "black patch" yet, Lowe said they have. Lowe said they have patched Reece. Commissioner Fox asked if they have a small roller to help mash it down and Lowe said they have a big one. Commissioner Hodge commented that around Christian Hills it looks like if they had a small roller, they may have been able to mash it down and do a better job on it. Commissioner Hind asked Lowe about the repairs to the culvert on 365th Street, west of Madison. Lowe said he had not been up there yet to look at it but he would go as soon as he could to check it out. Commissioner Hind told him to make sure the orange cones were still placed around the washout spot.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel for employee performance with Road and Bridge Supervisor Roger Lowe and Janet Turner, Road and Bridge Secretary. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After returning from executive session, Commissioner Fox announced that Road and Bridge employee, Ross Anello, had obtained his CDL license two years ago and he was inadvertently not given the appropriate 50-cent merit raise. Commissioner Fox made a motion to change Road and Bridge employee, Ross Anello's hourly rate of pay from \$13.10 per hour to \$13.60 per hour retroactive, with the understanding that he will be paid the difference that was owed to him during that 2-year time. Starting January 1st, 2018, Ross Anello's rate of pay will be \$13.85 per hour, due to the 25-cent raises, given to the employees. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Larry Stephens, Bachelor Township Trustee, attended the meeting to ask the commissioners about the policy for leasing a county road-grader and operator, as the county did earlier in the year for Salt Springs Township. The commissioners explained they were not interested in leasing the equipment regularly, because Road and Bridge is busy on a regular basis, but planned to gather information and contact Stephens.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$91,396.23. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$267,971.18. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a payable, dated 12-29-2017, in the amount of \$745.50, for the county dinner. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) License for Tri-Corner. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the 2018 employee wages, which included a 25-cent raise for employees, unless otherwise specified in a departmental pay-plan. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the contract with the Sheriff's Department and the City of Eureka in the amount of \$236,000. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sheriff Heath Samuels told commissioners he is interested in implementing a floating holiday for his deputies and according to his research, he believes it would save the department \$1,800 per deputy, per year. The Sheriff said he would use that savings to give hourly raises to the officers. The floating holiday would be given in lieu of paying double-time and a half to deputies covering holiday shifts. No decisions were made, as Sheriff Samuels said he plans to do more research.

*The following budget transfers were approved and seconded and the motions carried. After the Transfer Amount will be a bracket to show which commissioner made the motion and who seconded it. Example: [Motion:Hind/Second:Fox]

Budget transfers were approved for the following departments: **Road & Bridge (Special Machinery)** Fund-Resolution 17-11) \$150,000 [Motion:Fox/Second:Hodge]; **Road & Bridge (Special Highway Fund)**-Resolution 17-25) \$107,000 [Motion:Fox/Second:Hodge]; **County Attorney** (Resolution 17-22) \$10,000 to Equipment Reserve [Motion:Hind/Second:Fox]; **County Ambulance** (Resolution 17-24) \$88,000 to Equipment Reserve [Motion:Hind/Second:Hodge]; **County Treasurer** (Resolution 17-16) \$5,000 to Equipment Reserve [Motion:Hind/Second:Hodge]; **Noxious Weeds** (Resolution 17-12) \$34,000 to Special Building & Equipment Reserve [Motion:Fox/Second:Hodge]; **Noxious Weeds** (Resolution 17-26) \$20,000 to Equipment Reserve [Motion:Fox/Second:Hodge]; **Emergency Preparedness** (Resolution 17-13) \$5,600 to Emergency Capital Outlay [Motion:Fox/Second:Hodge]; **County Health Department** (Resolution 17-20) \$20,000 to Equipment Reserve [Motion:Hind/Second:Hodge]; **County Clerk** (Resolution 17-15) \$10,000 to Equipment Reserve [Motion:Hind/Second:Hodge]; **County Election** (Resolution 17-14) \$3,000 to Equipment Reserve [Motion:Hind/Second:Hodge]; **Sheriff** (Resolution 17-08) \$65,000 to Equipment Reserve [Motion:Hodge/Second:Fox]; **Courthouse General** (Resolution 17-23) \$10,000 to Capital Outlay for Capital Improvement [Motion:Hind/Second:Hodge]; **Solid Waste** (Resolution 17-09) \$10,000 to Equipment Reserve [Motion:Fox/Second:Hodge]; **Recycle** (Resolution 17-10) \$5,000 [Motion:Fox/Second:Hodge]; **House Hold Hazardous Waste (HHW)** (Resolution 17-17) \$5,000 to Building Maintenance Fund [Motion:Hind/Second:Hodge]; **House Hold Hazardous Waste**

(HHW) (Resolution 17-18) \$13,000 to Equipment Reserve [Motion:Hind/Second:Hodge]; Register of Deed (Resolution 17-19) \$3,500 to Equipment Reserve [Motion:Hind/Second:Hodge]; Appraiser (Resolution 17-21) \$10,000 to Equipment Reserve [Motion:Hind/Second:Hodge]. Fire Department did not have a budget transfer.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve \$1400 or less to purchase a TV for the court room. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel for employee performance with County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

EMS Director Brian Mongeau asked commissioners if he could look into purchasing a backup generator for the Ambulance building. Mongeau explained when they have a power failure, it is extremely difficult to get the big, heavy garage doors open in the event of a call. Mongeau said he will gather numbers and get back to the commissioners.

Commissioner Fox received a letter from a field trailer participant, John Rabidou, who had become ill and had utilized the services of the Greenwood County Hospital. Rabidou wanted the commissioners to know he was very impressed with the care he received at the hospital.

The commissioners held a brief discussion about the proposed nuisance policy for unincorporated towns presented earlier this year by County Counselor Paul Dean. The policy was originally proposed to help unincorporated communities prevent "junk" properties. At the meeting the commissioners discussed an interest in expanding "platted" areas, which would include areas such as Anderson Estates off of Piedmont Road and several areas by Fall River Lake. No decisions about the policy were made.

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The County Offices will all close at 11:30 a.m. for year-end transactions and the year-end County Dinner will be held at the Matt Samuels Building at 1:00 p.m.

Calendar:

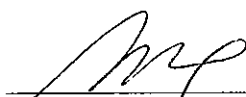
December 29th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

December 29th – Courthouse Closed @ 11:30 a.m. for year-end transactions
year-end County Dinner – Matt Samuels Bldg – 1:00 p.m.

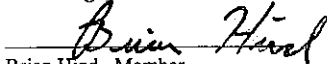
January 1st – Courthouse Closed in observance of New Year Holiday

January 8th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

January 25th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ G.W. Co. Home Health Conference Rm.


Ben Fox, Chairman


Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman


Brian Hind, Member

ATTEST: 
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk