

Commissioner Meeting
February 6, 2017

Vice Chairman Paul Hodge called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were, Brian Hind, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and Paul Dean, County Counselor. Chairman Ben Fox joined the meeting via telephone.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve January 30, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor, Roger Lowe reported that two construction companies and an engineer would be meeting at Ladd Bridge this week to discuss the abutment needing repair and the possibility of getting FEMA funding to cover the expenses; installed 3 foot culvert north of Eureka Lake; crew working on Fridays on FEMA projects; installing culvert north of 100th on CC Road; Roger gave the commissioners specs on the dump trucks before they opened the bids. Commissioner Hind asked Lowe if he had talked to Janesville about a road, and Lowe said he had and they said they would get back with him.

The commissioners opened five sealed bids for two tandem axle dump trucks. The bids, which were received from Premier Trucks (Tulsa), Williams Service (Florence), Summit Truck Group (Wichita), Peterbilt, and Kenworth, were relatively close in price, ranging from \$240,000-\$260,000. Francis Chaplin, a mechanic contracted by the county, explained several issues the county's current dump trucks have and that the county has spent an estimated \$20,000 already in repairs and it will probably take another \$25,000-\$30,000 to overhaul each truck. There was some discussion on replacing only one dump truck and getting a new semi to utilize the belly dump trailers for hauling gravel, which is most of what is carried. Lowe reported the Volvo semi is needed to pull the three trailers they have and it is currently in disrepair and worn out. Commissioners suggested the possibility of replacing the Volvo and purchasing one dump truck. It was decided to table the decision until next week.

Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director, Levi Vinson, presented bids for a new pickup truck. The lowest quote was from GSA, on a 2017 extended cab Chevy Silverado in the amount of \$24,429.88. Commissioner planned to pay for a new truck for Vinson, using the profit from the sale of the current Noxious Weed truck that the Road and Bridge Department has been using and has indicated interest in purchasing. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to table the decision until they have more information on the price of the current Noxious Weed vehicle to sell. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Philip Jarred, with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA attended the meeting to review the 2015 audit reports with the commissioners. Jarred noted that overall, there was an increase of approximately \$400,000 in unencumbered cash for the county, due to strict spending control. Jarred reported that the county had complied with the Kansas Cash Basis law and there were no significant problems with the audit. The only problem he had encountered was that he was unable to obtain the necessary fee reports from Road and Bridge and had to utilize alternate accounting methods. He added that a monthly fee report is required by statute to be submitted to commissioner and treasurer. Jarred added that he appreciated working with County Treasurer Donna Olson. "She has the best tax roll reconciliation of any county we work with," he said.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve an engagement letter for the 2016 audit from Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA in the amount of \$15,200. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox reported that it is Greenwood County's turn to host the annual meeting with Kansas Department of Transportation, KDOT. The meeting is planned for April 20, 2017 and will be held at the KDOT building in Chanute. Due to the decreased list of vendors involved, Commissioner Fox, said there was speculation that there may not be a meal this year. More information will follow in future meetings.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an employee verification for the part-time hire of Wes Stewart as Sheriff's Deputy at \$13.15 per hour.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve an abatement in the amount of \$471.98. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ambulance Director, Brian Mongeau, updated commissioners on the purchase of monitor cables he had previously presented to commissioners. Mongeau was donated a set, however the others go to two different models of monitors. Mongeau asked permission to search for refurbished monitors to purchase so that they could all be standard across the board and the commissioners gave their permission.

County Fire Chief, Doug Williams, reported that "bunches of repairs" are being done and ISO inventories are being held currently. Williams also reported that a wet hydrant will be installed below a watershed on Otter Creek and another one east of Twin Bridges on Bob Henderson's water shed.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for legal with Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director and Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the executive session.

No decision was made.


Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director, Levi Vinson, looked up the Kelly Blue Book value and found out the current Noxious Weed truck's value and it was listed as \$18,700. Road and Bridge Supervisor, Roger Lowe had indicated they had need for the truck in their department. Commissioner Hind made a motion to transfer \$18,000 from Road and Bridge Equipment Reserve to Noxious Weed to go toward the purchase of a new truck for The Noxious Weed/Emergency Management Department. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2017 extended cab Chevy Silverado pickup for Emergency Mangement/Noxious Weed Department from GSA, in the amount of \$24,429.88. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried. The funds are to come from Equipment Reserve.

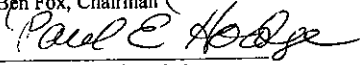
At 11:17 a.m. Commissioner Hind made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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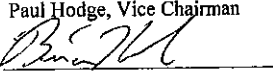
February 13th- Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.



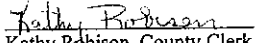
Ben Fox, Chairman



Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman



Brian Hind, Member

ATTEST: 

Kathy Robison, County Clerk