

Commissioner Meeting
July 31, 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, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and Paul Dean, County Counselor.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve July 24, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported crews finished the low water bridges by the Hendrickson Ranch west of the Norwegian Church and the one on G Road out by Reece. Commissioner Hind asked if someone drove through their newly poured concrete. Lowe said he knew who it was but they just scuffed it up, they moved a barricade around a low water bridge on 185th, west of the Norwegian Church. Commissioner Hind suggested using the big barricades they used out at the Browning ranch next time. Lowe reported that he was meeting with Judd Everitt about the concrete job on R and 220th after the meeting; Larcoms' are working on the Reece wall; Lowe talked to APAC about patching the rest of the Hamilton/Virgil road while they are still there; Lowe talked to Michael Marris and they submitted seven KDOT bridge grant applications. Commissioner Hind asked if Lowe asked APAC how much it was going to cost to patch the rest of the Hamilton/Virgil road. Commissioners asked Lowe to find out. Lowe reported that they have been doing some mowing around Fall River Lake; Commissioner Hodge asked Lowe about Colby, an employee of the Road and Bridge Department. There was some discussion about Colby having a CDL, then Commissioner Hind said that he should have gotten a pay raise with his CDL. Lowe said that he breaks everything he touches. Commissioner Hind said some of the other guys are that way too. Commissioner Hind requested that Lowe start keeping a log of equipment that gets broke and who breaks it and Lowe bring it to the meetings. Commissioner Hind said after the meeting he would go visit with Colby and they would decide his pay rate change next week.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$95,109.40. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payables dated, 8-4-2017, in the amount of \$137,672.06. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payables, dated, 7-31-2017, in the amount of \$892.74. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners viewed an employee verification for Kris Calvert as an Administrative Assistant for the Ambulance Department, in the amount of \$14.00 per hour. The commissioners decided not to approve the employee verification at that rate of pay at this time, they would like to talk to Ambulance Director, Brian Mongeau.

Marsha Ramsey, Register of Deeds, asked "Is there any plan to correct the inequities that exist in the pay scale?" Commissioner Hind asked, "What inequities are those?" Ramsey said, "If we continue to hire people in at the same or higher wage that you have existing employees who have the same or more responsibilities with 10 or more years of experience, it further increases your inequities," she added, "some department heads do not make much more than \$14/hour." "I know exactly what you're saying," replied Hind. "I have no explanation for the thought process that were behind it." Commissioner Hind also commented that he was checking on it before the meeting this morning. Treasurer Donna Olson commented that there are a lot of qualified people in this building that deserve that kind of pay. The commissioners asked to try to get ahold of Director Mongeau, but they were unable to reach him during the session, so it was decided to discuss it next week. Ramsey thanked the commissioners.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel to discuss hiring a new nurse for the Health Department with Mary Harrison, Health Department, Office Manager and Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried. The commissioners added another 10 minutes to the executive session.

No decision was made.

Dawn Larcom with the Appraiser's Office presented an annual service contract renewal for the MS810 Printer; that the Appraiser, Treasurer and Clerk's Offices' all use; in the amount of \$142. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Philip Jarred, with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA, discussed his cover letter attached to the 2018 budget request he brought to go over with the commissioners. The cover letter is talking about them compiling 2016 and forecasting 2017 and 2018 budget request information. Making sure there is enough left this year 2017 and proposing 2018 budget. Jarred discussed the new tax lid with the commissioners and said according to his calculations with the county information provided to him, they would be able to levy taxes by \$64,922, without a public vote. Jarred went over all of the departments with the commissioners. They discussed putting Noxious Weed into their own account, separate from the general fund. Jarred said he would get that done. Commissioners discussed changing the budget authority with Jarred on the Special Bridge Fund to be able to spend more of the cash in the account if they need to. Commissioner Hind verified that everything the county sent the accountant was plugged into this information.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 10 minute break. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners returned to finish the discussion about the 2018 budget request with accountant Philip Jarred. The budget request submitted included the three mills that the Greenwood County Hospital was given last year. The commissioners briefly discussed their opinions on that and whether they thought they should contribute the

entire three mills in 2018. Philip Jarred told the commissioners they could put the three mills in the general fund and if they decided to give the money to the hospital later, they could do so out of the general. The commissioners decided to weigh their options for a week and approve a budget at next week's meeting. A public hearing will be held August 14, 2017.

Levi Vinson, Noxious Weed/Emergency Management Director, presented the additional information the commissioners had requested on a Macbook Laptop. The cost for the item is approximately \$1,600. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the purchase of the Macbook Laptop in the amount of \$1,600. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for legal with Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 10:55 a.m. Commissioner Hind made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

July 28th-31st – GW Co. Fair

July 31st – GW Co. Hosp. Board Mtg @ 5:30p.m. – GW Co. Hosp. Conference Room

August 7th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Chairman

Paul Hodge
Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

Brian Hind
Brian Hind, Member