

Commissioner Meeting  
November 20, 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, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and Paul Dean, County Counselor.

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

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported that he hired a new full-time employee at the Road and Bridge Department. Lowe presented an employment verification for Noah Neel, with starting pay in the amount of \$12.75 per hour, with a 90 day trial period. Commissioner Hind said he would like Neel to obtain his CDL License. Lowe said he would have Neel work on that then increase his wages for obtaining it. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the employment verification for Noah Neel, as a full-time employee, of the Road and Bridge Department, with starting pay in the amount of \$12.75 per hour and a 90-day trial period. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried. Lowe gave an update on an employee that is working on obtaining his CDL. Commissioner Hodge asked about a bridge on Spring Creek, he asked if it could be chip/sealed. Lowe said yes or even hot asphalt would work. Lowe said you have to be careful not to add weight to it because when it's inspected it may exceed the weight limit. Lowe reported they were getting complaints about Canyon Hill, so they got it taken care of. Commissioner Hind said that he called Catapiller about the backhoe and was told that the county has abused the backhoe. Commissioner Hind said he talked to them for a while and tried to get them to at least take a little off the cost to fix it \$7,500. The rep said he would check into it. Lowe reported that the inmates are working on the rest of the flooring in the office, painting the breakroom, and cleaning. Lowe also said he called Cornett because one of their furnaces is not working in the shop.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$93,799.60. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$131,069.19. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the 2018 Calendar. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After Road and Bridge Supervisor Roger Lowe left the meeting, Commissioner Hind mentioned that he wanted to tell Lowe he's been thinking about Snell Bridge. They've talked about capping it in the past and Hind said he has his doubts but when the weather gets better, they should go ahead and move forward with the plans to cap Snell Bridge, however, they will need to build a retaining wall on the southwest side because it's gone. Commissioner Hind also said that he receives complaints on the west end of the Shell Rock Bridge often. They tried pouring an approach, but it's not long enough on the west end and working out so something needs done. Hind suggested they research other options to try to come up with a better solution.

Commissioners discussed the year-end Courthouse Dinner. It will be scheduled for Friday, December 29, 2017. The courthouse will close to the public at 11:30 a.m. for year-end. Letters will be sent out to restaurants requesting bids, within the county, for the meal, which the commissioners have set as roast beef, vegetable, mashed potatoes w/gravy or other type of potato; roll; dessert; tea and water.

The commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the year-end gift for full-time employees, in the amount of \$60 less, taxes withheld; and a \$30 gift, less taxes withheld, for part-time employees. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners discussed the ongoing Verizon Tower application for a tower to be built west of Eureka. Verizon has signed a lease agreement with a landowner to put a tower on their property but the commissioners have not yet approved their part of the application due to their interest in having a spot on the tower to install a repeater for emergency services. Verizon said they cannot guarantee a spot for a repeater, but can "probably" find space. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the Verizon Tower application, which has already been approved by the zoning board. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. Commissioner Hind voted "no".

Vic Delpine, former Building Maintenance Supervisor and Project Manager for the 60 year-old chiller project, attended the meeting to find out the status on project. Commissioner Fox said he spoke with the Trane representative, out of Springfield, Missouri, that has a parts' list and he's supposed to determine if he can get all of the parts necessary for the existing chiller to repair. Fox said he told the rep. about Delpine's concern about the manifold and the rep. said he thought they may be able to replace that. Commissioner Hodge asked if they would still have a problem getting freon, as that was told to the commissioners, by the Trane representatives, out of Wichita, when they brought a quote to sell a new piece of equipment recently.

Commissioner made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel with Kathy Robison, County Clerk; Donna Olson, Treasurer; Jami Clark, Appraiser; and Paul Dean, County Counselor to discuss employee pay and job performance. Commissioner seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 10 minutes was added to the executive session.

No decision was made.

County Clerk Kathy Robison reminded the commissioners there was going to be a meeting in the county commission room Tuesday night regarding the contract between the Sheriff's Department and the City. Commissioner Fox said it had been moved to Memorial Hall. There was some discussion regarding the contract and plans to attend at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 21, 2017.

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

Vic Delpine, Chiller Project Manager, came back to the meeting to clarify that Trane has an office in Overland Park that is the main office over the divisions out of Wichita and Springfield. Delpine was upset that Springfield said that they had freon, but Wichita claimed it was no longer available. Commissioner Hind told Commissioner Fox that maybe he should call Overland Park and Fox replied that he had and they suggested that he call Springfield. Delpine said that all of the work he has done has been based on what he has been told from the Wichita division. Delpine was frustrated with the conflicting information being relayed by different Trane branches. And said if Springfield is able to fix or upgrade the chiller for less money, he would be interested in filing a complaint about the Wichita branch with the Better Business Bureau and said they should sue them because the county paid for an engineering study for a completely new system.

Commissioner Hind noted a dispute in Madison regarding an individual who was elected to both the Madison City Council and the Madison USD #386 Board of Education. The current board of education was told by the Kansas Association of School Boards that it was not legal to serve on both boards. Commissioner A ruling from the Kansas Department of Government Ethics and several other cases state that it is legal to serve on both boards. Hind attended the school board meeting and told the board that the elections had already been certified and still stand.

Greenwood County has officially been named as a party in the GG Road lawsuit involving Jerry Brown and Patrick Daley.

Fire Chief Doug Williams reported that his new truck arrived, the Reece Fire Building and the addition to Central Division are almost completed.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for personnel with County Counselor, Paul Dean to discuss employee performance. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

At 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Hind made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

- November 21<sup>st</sup> – Mtg. at City Memorial Hall Bldg. @6:00p.m.- Discuss Contract between the GW Co. Sheriff's Dept. & the City of Eureka
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> – Courthouse Closed in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday
- November 27<sup>th</sup> – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- November 30<sup>th</sup> – GW Co. Hosp. Board Mtg @ 5:30p.m. – GW Co. Home Health Conference Room

ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

Brian Hind  
Brian Hind, Member