

Commissioner Meeting
October 16, 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 9:15 a.m.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve October 10, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve a special payable in the amount of \$66.32. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Preparedness/Noxious Weed Director, gave a report from the damage resulting from high winds during Saturday's storm. Vinson told commissioners the wind was substantial, with 26 power poles snapped on P road and tree damage county wide. Vinson noted the damage was heavy in the Fall River area, as well, with some signs 'twisted' into the ground. Vinson also told the commissioners that he had requested for Road and Bridge employees to be called to come out for damage assessment. One of the four employees lived in the north end of the county, however, after the storm came through more damage was reported in the south end of the county and needed to be assessed. To save time, it was decided to allow the employee that lived in the north end of the county to take his own personal vehicle, rather than drive all the way to Eureka and back for a county vehicle. During the assessment, in the south end of the county, the employee ran into an 8-10 inch tree trunk that had fallen in the street, on a low bridge between two hills. Vinson said an oncoming vehicle's lights, along with rain obscured the employee's vision which contributed to the accident. The commissioners told Vinson to try to turn the damage into our county insurance, then the county would pay for the deductible.

Frank McCollum attended the meeting to discuss a fence problem he has along his property at 40th and X Rd. McCollum told commissioners that the fence is "way past the point of fixing" and that he has approached the neighbor about splitting the cost of the fence but the neighbor is refusing. McCollum also said he even proposed splitting the project over three winters. He asked the commissioners what the rules were about fences. Commissioner Fox answered, "Generally speaking, I understand that it is a 50/50 thing. The commissioners decided to view the fence, located at 40th and X Rd, after next week's commission meeting @ 10:30 a.m. A letter will be sent to the adjoining property owner.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported that the Ladd Bridge project is completed and the bridge was opened up again Thursday. Lowe explained the details of the project to commissioners; Lowe reported that he spoke to John Talkington last week about the bridge project at H and 270th, and was told that Talkington had let his welding certification lapse. Commissioner Hind said that Talkington is a good welder so to go ahead and use him. Lowe said he would contact Talkington about the bridge. Lowe reported that they finished rocking south of Virgil, and are going to haul the John Deere dozer to Francis Chaplin today for repair; Commissioner Hind said that Zach Marshall is going to fix the Twin Grove township road that has been discussed previously, located T Road, north of 40th Road, in the Severy area. Commissioner Hind asked Road and Bridge Office Secretary, Amber Woodie, if there is still some Federal Funds Exchange money we are working on getting and he also asked for a rough estimate. Woodie told him yes, approximately \$30,000, but she said since the Norwegian Bridge project isn't completed they are not able to take money out. Woodie added that toward the end of the year they should be able to.

Engineer Michael Maris, with E.E.S., presented the commissioners with his county bridge inspection report that contained information about all 196 bridges in the county, including load and sufficiency ratings. Maris noted that the Norwegian Church bridge is in the worst condition, but will be getting replaced soon. Bids will be opened soon and construction should start by March 5th. Approximately 80% of the bridge project will be funded by a KDOT grant. Maris also said he should know this month if the county received grant funding for their most recent bridge grant applications. One of the grant applications was for replacing Christian Hills bridge, which Maris said should be their next priority. Commissioners also asked about Snell bridge, north of Hamilton and Maris confirmed that it was included in the grant applications. The commissioners asked about rough estimates if they ended up having to pay for those bridge replacements. Maris estimated that Snell would run approximately \$400,000 in-county, or \$600,000 as a KDOT project. Christian Hills at \$800,00 in-county, or \$1,000,000 through KDOT. Commissioner Hind also referenced the Blakely crossing, northwest of Madison and the debris that has built up over time, causing drainage problems. The commissioners are going to look into the permits required to possibly clean out the river there.

The commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Agreements for the Greenwood County 2017 audit and 2019 budget preparation were submitted to the commissioners from Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA for their review and approval. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve signing the agreement with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA in the amount of \$15,500 for the 2017 Greenwood County audit. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. The agreement also listed a \$1,900 charge for any additional audit procedures. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the agreement with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA, in the amount of \$1,350 for their assistance in the 2019 budget preparation. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. County Clerk, Kathy Robison, shared that the auditor is already planning on being here in May to do the county audit.

Commissioner Hodge was contacted by someone who owns property on V and north of 50th Road, who said that a closed township road has left him land-locked. After Paul Dean researched the matter, it was determined that the road he was asking about had not gone all the way to his property originally and the matter was dismissed.

The commissioners had approved the employment verification for Vicki Ross, RN as the new RN/Department Head of the Health Department at last week's commission meeting when they announced her as the new hire at \$26.00 per hour. They signed the employment verification at this week's meeting.

Commissioner Fox said he still hasn't received a reply from the AT & T representative yet regarding fiber optic. Commissioner Fox has a contract to sign, but would like to have a 30 day trial period clause included before being locked into a 2 or 3 year contract. The courthouse was recently switched from a 50mb to a 1mb connection with their current provider, Mediacom. The upgrade in service with Mediacom was not an improvement so they will temporarily switch back to the service they had before and all of the commissioners agreed to move forward with fiber optic.

Commissioner Hodge brought up another fence issue located at 40th and U Road. Commissioner Hodge said he was told that the landowner on the other side of the fence is refusing to pay their part to fix it. Commissioner Hodge also reported he hasn't heard from the landowner for awhile, but Commissioner Hind told him to tell that landowner to request a fence viewing if it comes up again.

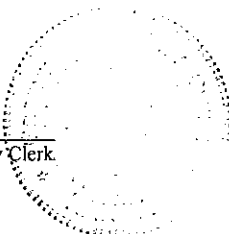
Commissioner Fox mentioned that Commissioner Hodge and he had attended a Field Trials dinner last night and are planning on attending one at Christian Hills.

At 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

- October 23rd - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.
- October 26th - GW Co. Hosp. Board Mtg @ 5:30p.m. - GW Co. Home Health Conference Room
- November 4th - Cattlemen's Day - Eureka
- November 7th - General City/School Election
- November 13th - Board of Canvass following the Commission Meeting

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk



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Ben Fox, Chairman

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Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

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Brian Hind, Member