

Commissioner Meeting
September 5, 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 Hind made a motion to approve August 28, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported that the dozer has 4900 hours on it and needs repair, he plans to talk to John Deere; Lowe said that APAC started on the Hamilton/Virgil Road and to go back toward Hamilton to AA Road on the west half it would cost \$48,000; they discussed using FEMA funds to help pay for the chip/seal; Lowe said that crews are hauling rock on 220th west of 99 and should be done in a couple of days; Lowe reported there was a backhoe incident last Friday, when one of his contractors backed into someone's truck and totaled it out. Turns out the truck ran into the bucket of the backhoe and no county employees were involved in any way. Lowe said he was going to have crews extend the approach on the south side of State Street Bridge because of washouts so the bridge will be closed September 13th – September 18th. Commissioner Hind told Lowe to make sure he had enough money in commodities to pay for the additional chip/seal in the Hamilton area. Commissioner Hind shared that he has been informed that KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation) will be reducing the amount of funds in the Federal Exchange program from 90 percent to 75 percent for next year. The funding channels through the state to the county and the state keeps a portion, allowing the county to follow state guidelines instead of federal. Lowe relayed that he met with the Beechner Construction guys on Ladd Bridge and they were discussing extending it 40 feet east, they said it would last longer than putting concrete on the bank, but Lowe said the quote was \$225,000 for the project for the extension only. Lowe said he talked to some contractors and they recommended putting a wall on both sides of it and it would be cheaper. Michael Marris is supposed to draw up the plans for Beechner. There was some discussion on different ways to possibly repair the bridge and erosion causing the issue. The other bid was \$150,000 to put riprap under it. County Counselor, Paul Dean, said you would need to talk to the Corp. of Engineers. Commissioner Hind said he would contact the Corps of Engineers to explain the dire need of the bridge and that we may close it. Commissioner Hind was also going to contact Kim Jones with Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks. Vinson commented that if some of the paperwork and documentation had been done when some of the flooding damage had occurred, it would have been eligible for FEMA assistance. It caused further complications because the bridge was under water when the FEMA inspectors looked at the bridge.

The commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve a special payroll, dated 8-29-2017, in the amount of \$1,666.66. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve a special payable (KPERS), dated 8-29-2017, in the amount of \$130.96. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve a special payable (Health Dept. AT&T U-Verse), dated 9-1-2017, in the amount of \$66.32. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payables, dated 9-5-2017, in the amount of \$1,263.48. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed a Certificate of Liability for Ao Key & Lock LLC.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve an abatement in the amount of \$76.10. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind mentioned that he heard the head of FEMA make a statement in some of the news coverage of Hurricane Harvey in Texas, that "Harvey should be a wake-up call to all city/county/local emergency management to fully fund their local emergency management programs because the local entities may have to shoulder more of the burden in the future."

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel with Jami Clark, Appraiser and Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the executive session.

After returning from executive session the commissioners relayed their discussion with Appraiser Jami Clark, in reference to, Appraiser employee, Shawna Griffiths, taking over the maintenance of the county's web page, as well as her other duties have increased in other capacities. Commissioner Fox made a motion to increase her hourly rate by .50 per hour and it will start this pay period. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. Commissioner Hind voted no. Commissioner Hind explained he was not against Griffiths having a raise at all, but his objection was that the raise requests should be done at budget time, he stated, "It's nothing personal it just starts a whole new round of people coming in," referring to other offices wanting raises as well.

County Register of Deeds, Marsha Ramsey, asked if there was a tax sale date set yet. County Counselor, Paul Dean, replied no, the date has not been set yet and it would be set when it's published in the county papers.

Jason Findley, County Maintenance Supervisor, reported there was some damage to the roof of the courthouse during the last storm. Findley said he will be talking to the insurance company and contractors for bids to repair the damage. Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director said the damage will be included on FEMA claims from the storm as well.

After researching and discussing the fiber optic plan that A T & T offers at approximately \$1,400 per month, the commissioners decided to look at another option. Commissioner Fox gave an update on a new coax option that Mediacom offers that operates on 1 gigabit and would increase speeds by 200 times and only cost \$385.85 per month. The installation fee is \$29.95. Mediacom also offers a 30 day money back guarantee if you are not satisfied in the service within the first 30 days. After some discussion Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the contract with Mediacom to install the 1 gigabit internet plan to the courthouse. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve a 15 minute executive session for a personnel performance review with Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 15 minutes was added to the executive session.

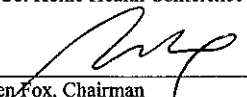
No decision was made.

At 10:07 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

September 11th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

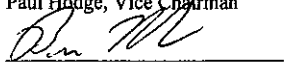
September 25th – GW Co. Hosp. Board Mtg @ 5:30p.m. – GW Co. Home Health Conference Room




Ben Fox, Chairman



Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman



Brian Hind, Member

ATTEST: 

Kathy Robison, County Clerk