Commissioner Meeting  
April 24, 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, Dean Bankson, Deputy, and Paul Dean, County Counselor.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the April 17, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, talked to chipseal guys about overlaying around North State Street; took Kenworth semi over to Kenworth and it has been repaired; installing timhorns north of Lamont; installing timhorns east of Severy. Commissioner Hodge asked Lowe when the project will begin on the Reece Bridge. Lowe explained that he thought the permit had been obtained but it had not been completed yet. The engineer obtained by the county, Michael Matin, is in the process of getting it. Commissioner Hind asked Lowe if they were going to get the Federal Funds Exchange money. Lowe said yes.

The commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer’s Report.

Dan Mock was back to present bids for the Reece Fire Building. Volunteers have proposed donating the labor for the building if the county will pay for the materials. The commissioners asked Mock to get at least two bids. Mock brought in a bid from Toronto Lumber in the amount of $115,916.51. He also presented a bid from Sutherlands in Emporia in the amount of $164,345.58. Mock mentioned he would also like the commissioners to approve the Sutherlands bid, even though it was higher, as it contained commercial grade doors. The request also includes a heater and installation from Cornett Electric, in the amount of $1,377, which makes the total amount requested for the Fire building $17,811.93. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the bids from Sutherlands and Cornett Electric, which total $17,811.93 for the Reece Fire building, pending Fire Chief Williams’ approval. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County resident Larry Richardson mentioned to commissioners that the culvert at the low water bridge at 10th between B and Q Road is jugged and isn’t allowing the creek to drain down. Richardson shared that Lowe has been there and they both have tried different tactics to resolve the issue but haven’t been successful. Discussion was held about replacing the culvert or cutting the edges off, but no decisions were made.

Fire Chief Doug Williams updated the commissioners on several mechanical breakdowns on county fire trucks with the recent high volume of fire calls. Williams reported that a pump motor on a Central Division truck blew last week and was going to need to be replaced at approximately $1,400. He also said that the bucket truck is getting ready for a list of repairs at Hidden Valley Repair. Williams added that with a 37 vehicle fleet for the county fire departments, they were bound to have some break downs and he was happy with the overall record.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management Director, updated the commissioners on the FEMA claims that had been corrected and signed. Vinson added that the biggest change was that one claim had been dropped by about $30,000 because FEMA had originally included township sites on their paperwork. Vinson reported that KDEN was helping the county appeal a denial on a culvert that FEMA denied, stating that the damage wasn’t a result of the flood event. FEMA requested 26 items in response to the county’s appeal. Vinson said some of which were not realistic. Vinson said between he and KDEN, they had only been able to come up with about half of the requests so far. Overall, Vinson reported, “I think we’re in better shape than we initially were.”

Undersheriff Randy Cox presented a bid to the commissioners for the security cameras at the Road and Bridge Department for seven cameras that will include Road and Bridge buildings, Household Hazardous Waste area, Recycling area, Main County Shop Area, Novious Weed buildings, and the Impound Lot. The bid was in the amount of $906.37. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the security cameras for the Road and Bridge department, etc. in the amount of $906.37. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for legal with Rand Cox, Undersheriff. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel with Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor and Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the executive session.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of $90,626.64. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payables in the amount of $107,977.87. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payables, dated 4-24-17, in the amount of $4,284.20. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ben Trout, with EPM, was on the agenda to give an update on the temperature control system. However, Commissioner Fox shared that prior to the meeting he spoke to Trout and let him know that the commissioners have
referred the control system issue to Vic Delpine, retired Maintenance Supervisor. Trout mentioned he would like to discuss options with Delpine, as well as possibly discussing the control system with a new chiller.

Commissioner Hind asked what the status was on the new chiller. Commissioner Fox stated they should wait and see what Delpine brings back to the commissioners and stated he feels that Delpine is serving in the role as general contractor in this project. Commissioner agreed they needed to compensate Delpine for his time, but didn’t mention an amount.

At 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Hind made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:
April 27th-GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m.-GW Co Hospital Conference Room
May 1st-Next Commission Mtg @ 9:00 a.m.

Ben Fox, Chairman
Paul E. Hodge, Vice Chairman
Kathy Robin, County Clerk
Brian Hind, Member