

Commissioner Meeting  
August 14, 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, and Kathy Robison, County Clerk. Paul Dean, County Counselor arrived at 9:45 a.m.

No commission meeting minutes.

Darrell Chrisman and Janet Turner, Road and Bridge Employees, gave the Road and Bridge report. Judd Everitt was present to discuss the low water crossing on 220 and R Roads. Everitt asked the commissioners if they want a cap on the bridge. After some discussion on the crossing, and how to repair it, the commissioners approved the project. Turner informed the commissioners that the new dump truck came in on Thursday; Turner also presented a bid on a skid steer. The commissioners said they were not interested in purchasing a skid steer at this time. They are moving telephone lines at the bridge at U and 60<sup>th</sup>; Turner also submitted a bid for four grader tires from Mel's Tire, and they are in stock, in the amount of \$795 per tire. Chrisman informed the commissioners that the tires are foreign and are no longer available because of a situation with China. Commissioner Hind asked if they checked with any other tire distributors for the least expensive tires. Chrisman and Turner both confirmed that they had. Commissioner Fox asked if Mel's was going to bring the tires here. Commissioner Hind asked if the four tires are for four different graders. Chrisman said a grader in Neal needs two and then they would have two spare. Chrisman shared when they have to have a grader tire patched it's \$50. Chrisman didn't think the \$795 per tire included mounting them, but he said he would check. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the purchase of 4 grader tires from Mel's Tire in Emporia, in the total amount of \$3,180. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried. Turner told the commissioners that she got a call from the school regarding a program called "Hometown Heroes". They would like to invite the commissioners to a breakfast on Saturday. The school athletes then come in and do volunteer work for the county. Last year they washed the Sheriff's Department cars. They would like to send four or five kids to the County Shop. Road and Bridge Supervisor, Roger Lowe, was concerned about liability. Commissioner Hind said Levi Vinson, Noxious Weed/Emergency Management Director could supervise the kids. The commissioners gave their permission to participate in the program. Turner reported that they had a water leak in the Road and Bridge Department office due to an air conditioning condensation tube backing up. Turner said they had to pull the carpeting up and she also reported that since they moved her desk, her computer isn't working properly. Commissioner Fox said he would go out and take a look at it. Turner suggested later in the week, because they are having flooring laid. Commissioner Hodge told Chrisman that he received a call about a road on 110<sup>th</sup> street between J and G Roads being washed out and needing repairs. Commissioner Hodge also reported that east of there is a bridge that has a square-box opening in it. Commissioner Fox reported he took a picture of the wingwall at Reece. Commissioner Hind reported that on 390<sup>th</sup> Road, about two hundred yards from the Lyon County line, the road is becoming undermined. Commissioner Hind said he hasn't seen it yet, but he will check it out. Commissioner Hind also reported that Pete Titus called from Virgil and reported that Main Street in Virgil needs chip/seal. Commissioner Hind contacted APAC and asked them to check it out.

The commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$92,808.60. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payables, dated 8-18-2017, in the amount of \$119,824.25. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve a special payable, dated 8-8-2017, in the amount of \$66.32. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payables, dated 8-14-2017, in the amount of \$2,145.17. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve a payrate change from \$12.35 to \$13.10 per hour for Colby Nobles with the Road and Bridge Department due to Nobles having a CDL. The payrate change will be effective starting the next payperiod. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Hodge also made a motion to pay Nobles retroactively, from his start date, as he already had a CDL when he was hired. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve abatements in the amount of \$218.12. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve adds in the amount of \$10.92. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the contract with Advantage Computers in the amount of \$3,500 for computer services. (IT support). Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer, Donna Olson, reminded commissioners and department heads that when making a large purchase, i.e. a vehicle or machinery, she would like to have 5 days notice in order to have the funds available.

Levi Vinson, Noxious Weed/Emergency Management Director reported that his computer isn't working properly. Commissioner Fox said he would go take a look at it. Vinson also reported that we received a letter for the SEK Homeland Security Council he was appointed to that he has not yet attended a meeting.

Levi Vinson, Noxious Weed/Emergency Management Director informed commissioners that he received a denial letter for FEMA funds relating to the May 2015 storms. The claims in question currently total approximately \$40,000. The claim includes 19 road and bridge repairs and one culvert that washed away and had to be replaced. The first denial came in August with FEMA claiming insufficient paperwork. Road and Bridge Department appealed the denial in October with the appropriate paperwork, but FEMA again denied the claims in February, stating the denial was based on several bridges and the washed out culvert, that was repaired on township roads. FEMA informed the county that the townships already received FEMA funding for road repairs. The FEMA funding received by the townships, however, was for road maintenance, not culvert or bridge repair. Vinson said that by state statute KSA 68-1107 all culverts of 25-square feet or more, are considered county property even if they are on township roads. FEMA also threatened to review every site and township that received funding. Vinson pointed out the amount of money FEMA has spent denying the claims and working through the appeals process far outweighed the \$40,000 the county is fighting for. After some discussion, the commissioners encouraged Vinson to file another appeal, citing state statute KSA 68-1107.

EMS Director, Brian Mongeau, told commissioners he is still researching a possible change in the fee schedule. Mongeau learned that it's not possible to charge a different rate for uninsured individuals, based on Medicare rules.

Sheriff, Heath Samuels, asked commissioners for approval to place signs in the parking lot indicating safe zone parking for various exchanges, i.e. purchases made online or children being transferred between guardians, due to the parking lot having cameras for surveillance. The commissioners said they were fine with the signs. Sheriff Samuels also mentioned a program that allows inmates to work, supervised, on maintenance projects. Commissioner Hodge asked if an individual could hire an inmate for projects. Samuels said there are work release programs some inmates are eligible for, but there are multiple restrictions and requirements.

Vic Delpine, former Maintenance Supervisor and current consultant, gave the commissioners engineering plans for the installation of a new Trane chiller unit. Delpine said Trane will seek bids for the construction and plumbing work necessary prior to installation.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel with Mary Harrison, Health Department Office Manager and Paul Dean, County Counselor, to discuss a performance review of an unelected employee. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Harrison left the executive session and the commissioners and Dean added 5 minutes to the executive session.

No decision was made.

After returning from executive session, Mary Harrison, Health Department Office Manager asked if the commissioners reached a decision regarding the future of the Health Department. Commissioner Hind stated that for now they will continue to look for a department head and the department will operate as usual.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for legal regarding the FEMA appeals with Levi Vinson, Noxious Weed/Emergency Preparedness Director and Paul Dean, County Counselor.

No decision was made.

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

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the 2018 budget for publication. The budget includes a .25 cent raise for county employees, a \$56,000 increase for the Sheriff's Department, and moving the hospital's 3-mils into the general fund. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.


Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the 2018 budget for publication, for Fire District #1. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.


At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Hind made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

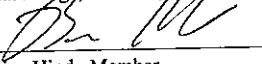
Calendar:


August 21st- Next Commission Meeting - 9:00a.m.

August 24th - GW Co. Hosp. Board Mtg @ 5:30p.m. - GW Co. Hosp. Conference Room

  
Ben Fox, Chairman

  
Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

  
Brian Hind, Member

ATTEST:   
Kathy Robison, County Clerk