Commissioner Meeting
February 21, 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 was not present.

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

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, presented a bid from Williams regarding a daycab trailer. They discussed the bids from previous weeks and discussed the differences in other bids received. Commissioner Hind said he thought they should buy one dump truck and wait on the other. Lowe also reported they checked a bridge west of Piedmont, north of Wells Ranch; Commissioner Hodge asked about the bridge at Reece. Lowe said he has Judd Everett looking at that and has two contractors that are supposed to check back with him, also Seinman.

Construction is getting back with him; Michael Morris is supposed to get back with Lowe about Ladd Bridge. Lowe reported the debris sites are almost taken care of, installed some timbers on CC Road, south of Neal; discussed the Lyon’s Park. Commissioner Hodge asked about rock. Francis Chaplin, mechanic that contracts with Road and Bridge, explained the different bed options for the dump truck bids. Chaplin said the Kenworth bid on the bed of the truck is higher, but a better quality bed. Chaplin recommended the bid from Kenworth, out of Wichita, in the amount of $129,382, which includes the bed. They discussed semi truck’s. The Volvo they had discussed previously, was $4500. They are planning on selling one dump truck, on Purple Wave, expect around $20,000 and use the other one there until it breaks down. Shell Rock called Commissioner Hind and said they fixed a bridge on NE Road, east of Lamont, and they were wondering about reimbursement for the repairs. Commissioner Hind told them to send a bill and the commissioners would discuss it. Lowe said he spoke to them, as well.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the bid for a dump truck with the bed from Kenworth, out of Wichita, in the amount of $129,382. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ian Martell, City Administrator, discussed the 2017 Law Enforcement Agreement. Martell also discussed a letter from the City Council regarding their thoughts on the service provided in the past. Martell thanked the Sheriff’s Department for their work last couple of weeks on traffic issues, within the city. Sheriff’s Samuels said the contract is the same as the last one that was approved. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the 2017 Greenwood County/City Law Enforcement agreement. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox asked City Administrator, Ian Martell about broadband internet in the city. Martell reported that the city received a broadband planning grant from Project 17, it does not include installing the broadband internet. Martell also let the commissioners know that they have been painting and working on the floor at the Matt Samuels Building, since we share expenses on the facility, and mentioned gutting that had recently been replaced. Martell reported that the furnaces are dated back to 1985, and there are five that need repairs. Martell said the plan is to work on two at a time and they are looking at $9,000–$10,000 associated with that. He said they are planning it for the 2018 budget year.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payables in the amount of $1,506.63. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve abatements in the amount of $1,590.25. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners viewed a Certificate of Liability from Brandon Escareno.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the hiring of Jese Boyd as a Sheriff’s Department Detention Officer, at $10.15 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the hiring of Brian Hunter as a Sheriff’s Department Deputy, at $13.15 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer’s Report.

Commissioner Fox said they would hold the opening of the parcel bids until next week because County Counselor, Paul Dean, had a couple of bids and was not present at the meeting.

Doug Williams, Fire Chief, reported that the Fire Department has had a few small grass fires; finished the truck that will go to Piedmont; also shared he was contacted by Reece about building a fire building they and have been doing some fund raising to help with the funding. Reece offered to do the fire construction labor on the building, but would like the county to help with buying supplies. Williams said he would start looking at material costs. The Lamont building cost about $20,000. Williams said a total cost with electric, heater, etc. has run about $35,000, in the past. He said they are probably looking at a 22′ x 40′ like the Salem and Neal buildings. Commissioner Hind asked who owned the property. Williams said it is on Otter Creek Township property.

There was a letter received regarding Gary & Nancy Brown, who had attended a previous meeting about being landlocked. Sheriff Samuels discussed the letter briefly about some work done on the property and the Browns’ had done some work, as well. There have been affidavits prepared regarding this issue. The commissioners decided it was a court matter.
Mike French told commissioners that the City of Eureka is going to be celebrating their 150th birthday soon and wanted permission to dig up a time capsule, on the courthouse lawn, that was buried 25 years ago. The commissioners agreed as long as the yard was not disturbed too much.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for personnel. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

At 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Hind made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:
February 27th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:  
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

Ben Fox, Chairman
Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman
Brian Hind, Member