

Commissioner Meeting
January 15, 2018

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, and Kathy Robison, County Clerk. Paul Dean, County Counselor arrived at 9:18 a.m. Commission District Position #1 is vacant at this time due to Commissioner Brian Hind passing away. There will be a meeting January 27, 2018 at the Central Christian Church at 8:00 a.m. for the Greenwood County Republican Committee in the First District to select his replacement to finish out his term. The meeting will not be open to the public.

No commission meeting minutes.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported crews have been cutting trees on P Road and heading south; salting roads; cleaning and organizing; working on equipment; would like to get lighting for work truck and some back-up beepers; discussed back-up cameras. Commissioner Hodge said he spoke to Zack Marshall and he is about ready to get started on the road.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director, told commissioners about the fence viewing after the meeting located south of Eureka at the bottom of Canyon Hill at a curve in the road, with a fence post and heavy tree growth within six inches of the side of the road. Vinson mentioned according to state statute, the commissioners have the authority to approve the removal of trees on private property if they are an obstruction and are within 350-feet of the property line. Commissioners planned to view the fence and the trees after the commission meeting. County Counselor Paul Dean said he would send a letter to the property owner, informing them of their responsibility to remove the obstructions. Vinson also presented a quote for a plotter that prints and cuts for the street signs, that was discussed in last weeks' meeting. The machine costs \$4,773.75, and includes the software. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the purchase of the plotter in the amount of \$4,773.75. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. The funds are to come out of the Noxious Weed Capital Outlay Account.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel for employee performance with Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor and Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session with Paul Dean for Legal issues. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$117,324.72. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$133,118.87. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve Resolution 18-01 (Exempting GW Co from the Provisions of K.S.S. 75-1120A). Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Greenwood County Hospital CEO, Sandra Dickerson, asked the commissioners what they needed to do to receive the mill levy funding. The commissioners had put the three mills previously given to the hospital into the general fund, as they wanted to receive up-to-date financial statements and records. Last week Dickerson presented the 2016 audit report and the hospital CPA said he is working on the 2017 and should have it by mid-March. Commissioner Fox mentioned that they would like the mill levy funding used to pay down the hospital's accounts payable. He asked if there was a list of priorities. Dickerson said, accounts with interest and that are "detrimental" to the hospital would be priority. Commissioner Hodge asked if she would like the county to pay the most important bills directly on behalf of the hospital. Dickerson said she would rather the money be paid to the hospital, but she would bring copies to the county. Commissioner Fox said he would like a list.

Commissioner Fox announced he is gathering information from other counties and working on a pay rate scale for county employees for raises. Commissioner Fox explained that an issue in the county is keeping qualified employees when surrounding counties pay more. Options he has gathered from other counties include base rates for employees and increases for specific criteria, including position, experience and longevity.


Jason Findley, Building Maintenance Supervisor, presented bids for repairing the roof after the recent wind damage lifted one corner of the west end of the courthouse roof up and set it back down. Three bids were submitted and the commissioners decided to think about it for a week.

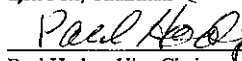
At 10:10 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.


Calendar:

January 22nd - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

January 25th - GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ G.W. Co. Home Health Conference Rm.


Ben Fox, Chairman


Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

ATTEST: 
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

District# 1, Member (Vacant)