

Commissioner Meeting
July 5, 2016

Chairman Brian Hind called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Cole Conard, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and Paul Dean, County Counselor.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve June 27, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$95,246.03. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$184,720.54. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed and approved a Certificate of Liability for Wells Trucking Service, Inc.

There was no weekly Treasurer's Report.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor reported that crews have been working on recent wind and tree damages. The commissioners told Lowe to take pictures of the damage. Lowe also reported that he has a blade down, possibly the rearend out of it; Road and Bridge is looking at a new service truck, Commissioner Hind said to get bids; Lowe said he found a truck with 160,000 miles, the commissioners were not in favor of that vehicle.

Road and Bridge Supervisor, Roger Lowe, presented the 2017 budget request in the amount of \$1,765,000. This is a \$23,000 increase from last year and includes 15-25 cent wage increases on their step-payroll system. Lowe presented the Solid Waste 2017 budget Request in the amount of \$51,700. A \$2,200 increase from last year. Lowe presented the 2017 Recycling budget request in the amount of \$22,350. A \$1,350 increase from last year. Lowe also presented the 2017 budget request for Special Bridges in the amount of \$210,000, which is an increase of \$10,000 from last year.

Dalton Evenson, Noxious Weed Director, presented the 2017 budget request in the amount of \$94,225, which was a \$225 increase from last year. Evenson also presented the Household Hazardous Waste 2017 budget request in the amount of \$22,000, which was an increase of \$6,000 from last year.

Doug Williams, Fire Chief, presented the 2017 budget request in the amount of \$253,644, which was a \$25,000 increase from last year to help them build the Reece fire barn.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel with Heath Samuels, Sheriff and Randy Cox, Undersheriff. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After the executive session with Sheriff Samuels and Undersheriff Cox, Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve an annual salary verification for Sheriff Samuels in the amount of \$46,189.26, which was the same as the previous Sheriff. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for legal with Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session with Levi Vinson, Emergency Management Director. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

The commissioners took a break.

Nancy McKenzie, Greenwood County Hospital, (GWCH), CEO and several other representatives regarding the hospital's proposed budget increase of 6 mills attended the meeting to discuss the issue further. McKenzie compared the Greenwood County Hospitals' budget request to the funding of other county hospitals and stated that 30% of county-funded hospitals would still be receiving more than the Greenwood County Hospitals' 6 mil. There was some discussion on the electronic systems that have been purchased, feedback the commissioners have received from the community, Commissioner Conard suggested getting rid of something or implementing a hiring freeze. McKenzie stated they've done that in the past, and said, "We're at bare bones in any department that can possibly be bare bones. And that's why we're here asking for money...if we make very many more cuts, it's going to cut services." McKenzie explained that the six-mill request may not need to be permanent. Commissioner Hind stated that he is not against the hospital he just wants his questions answered. Commissioner Conard made it clear that he was ready to make a decision. Commissioner Hind and Commissioner Fox wanted to wait until Commissioner Hind's questions were answered.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for legal. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the session.

After returning from executive session Commissioner Hind shared the following information. Commissioner Hind had gathered research on hospitals of similar size and population in Washington, Morris, Ottawa and Rooks Counties and explained his findings. He had shared this information with the GWCH at last weeks'

meeting. Commissioner Hind said that all three county hospitals operated on significantly fewer tax dollars than GWCH. Commissioner Hind had asked also the GWCH and Great Plains Representatives to contact Morris County and find out what they're doing to operate on fewer tax dollars, as of last Tuesday, no one from the GWCH or Great Plains had contacted the Morris County Hospital Administrator.

At 12:10p.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:
June 11th-- Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk



Brian Hind
Brian Hind, Chairman

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Cole Conard
Cole Conard, Member