

Commissioner Meeting  
June 19, 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, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and Paul Dean, County Counselor.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the June 12, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor, Roger Lowe, reported that Brandon Escareno will be trimming trees at the Fall River City Bridge, while a couple of Road and Bridge employees cut some limbs below down by the water side; received a call about the narrows, east of climax, needing repair; fixed gravel road from DD to the Dr. Pepper house; opened up Ladd Bridge Road; fixed bridge at 210 and EE; crews are working on a tinhorn at 280 and T; received some calls about trees north of town that need cut; Commissioner Hodge said there was a low water bridge around Fall River that there is still too much water, Lowe reported that the gates at Fall River Lake have been opened up again and it backs everything up over that low water bridge; Lowe also reported that they would have Noxious Weed Director, Levi Vinson come in and spray around the trees they have cut; Commissioner Hodge said he got another call about the bridge at Reece; Lowe said he talked to Larcom and Son Construction about it, but it's still too wet for them to start doing the repair work; Lowe checked his messages and said he had one about a bridge on 375<sup>th</sup> at CC and BB, and said he would go check it out; Lowe said he double-checked 330<sup>th</sup> and sent trucks to build the road back up. Commissioner Hodge asked if they had received the new truck yet, and Lowe said "no, they are babying Marlin's truck, because the water pump is leaking so fast, he has to take a gallon of water with him and fill it up." Lowe said he would check on the status of the truck.

The commissioners opened three Bridge Inspection Bids that were based on inspecting 195 bridges in Greenwood County. The first bid was from BG Consultants at \$96.00 per bridge for an update inspection and \$300.00 for new inspection and analysis. The second bid was from Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers (CFS) at \$75.00 per bridge for a total of \$14,625.00. The third bid was from Elite Engineering Service (E.E.S.) at \$64.50 per bridge for a total of \$12,577.50. Commissioner Hind made a motion to accept the bridge inspection bid from Elite Engineering Service (E.E.S.) at \$64.00 per bridge for a total of \$12,577.50. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report. While viewing the report, Commissioner Hind asked Road and Bridge Supervisor if any of the FEMA money was deposited into Special Bridge, because the total on the report did not reflect that. Lowe said he thought some of it was supposed to go into that fund. Commissioner Hind said that \$50,000.00 of the FEMA funds were supposed to be deposited into Special Bridge so he suggested to Lowe that he check.

Undersheriff Randy Cox said that Sheriff Heath Samuels had talked to Commissioner Hind because they do not have their budget completely finished, they are waiting on an answer from the City and they are supposed to receive it later this week. Undersheriff Cox said he needed to leave the meeting to serve a search warrant because there was a burglary the night before. Cox reported they have two suspects in custody and now they are going to get the property back.

Keila Sherman with the Conservation District presented the 2018 Budget Request in the amount of \$20,000. The 2017 Budget Request was also \$20,000.

Linda Snyder and Nancy Mock presented the 2018 Service Program for the Elderly Budget Request in the amount of \$89,000. The 2017 Budget Request was \$89,800.

Hugh Zavadil and Tami Evenson presented the 2018 Court System Budget Request was in the amount of \$18,707.57. The 2017 budget was \$18,431.10.

Brian Mongeau, EMS Director, presented the 2018 Ambulance Budget Request in the amount of \$538,565. The 2017 Budget Request was also \$538,565.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for personnel with Brian Mongeau and Paul Dean County Counselor. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$93,145.46. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$120,068.45. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve an abatement in the amount of \$26.04. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve an employment verification for Janet Turner, as Road and Bridge Secretary/Bookkeeper at \$11.00 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director said that he had two items to discuss with the commissioners: First Item – Vinson needs the commissioners' signatures on his Noxious Weed Management Plan that is due every June to the Department

of Ag. Vinson gave the commissioners a brief overview on the information the Department of Ag requires in the Management Plan. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve and sign the Noxious Weed Management Plan. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried. Second Item – Vinson reported that the majority of the landfill is infested with Sericea Lespedeza and it's at a point now that it's not manageable with the equipment that Vinson has, partly because of the volume of the plant and the terrain. Vinson contacted Pence Aerial Service that flies out of the airport and Vinson said the most effective way to treat the Sericea Lespedeza would be by aerial application. Vinson presented some quotes regarding the 240 acre landfill, and said that the whole landfill does not need to be treated, but he figured the quotes at 240 acres so it would be enough. One quote Vinson had from Pence was \$2,256.00 with Greenwood County supplying the chemical. The quote with Pence supplying the chemical, as well as spraying, was in the amount of \$4,566.00. Commissioner Hind asked what budget the money would come from because he didn't think Noxious Weed had enough funds. Vinson mentioned Solid Waste, which is the fund for the landfill, but Commissioners' Hind and Fox were not sure about the amount in that account either. Commissioner Hodge asked if Vinson was thinking about getting it sprayed in the summer or fall. Vinson said summer. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the quote from Pence, in the amount of \$2,256.00, to aerial spray at the landfill with chemical Greenwood County will supply. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. The commissioners said if there are available funds in Solid Waste, the landfill fund, to take the cost from there.

Deann Edwards, Payroll Clerk, told commissioners that three new plans have been added to the 2018 County Health Insurance, but we do not have information on them yet. Edwards also presented information to the commissioners and discussed the upcoming rate changes to the 2018 County Health Insurance. Edwards informed the commissioners that this year the Healthquest incentive points program that pays employees monthly who participate are getting \$20 per month this year, but it will jump to \$40 per month next year.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel with Jason Findley, Building Maintenance Supervisor and Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel with Marsha Ramsey, Register of Deeds and Paul Dean, County Counselor. 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 Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After returning from executive session, Commissioner Hind said they have been looking at the funding situation and one thing they are looking at is trying to get the Greenwood County Hospital or the Flint Hills Community Health Center to take over the Health Department to run it and basically they would have the grants, but the County would not provide any additional funding.

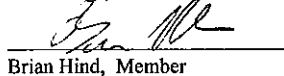
At 11:08 a.m. Commissioner Hind made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

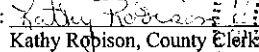
Calendar:

June 22<sup>nd</sup> – GW Co. Hosp. Board Mtg @ 5:30p.m. – GW Co. Hosp. Conference Room  
June 26<sup>th</sup> – Next Commission Meeting following Memorial Day – 9:00a.m.

  
Ben Fox, Chairman

  
Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

  
Brian Hind, Member

ATTEST:   
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

