Commissioner Meeting
May 15, 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 Hodge made a motion to approve the May 1, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the May 8, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables, dated 5-15-2017, in the amount of $6,378.13. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed the Fee Reports.

Commissioner Fox mentioned that we received the paperwork from the Madison Tower. County Clerk, Kathy Robison verified that, the signed paperwork has been received and she needs a dollar amount to report to KCAMP. Ambulance Director Brian Mengona said they could get something put together.

A landowner north of 40th off of T Road came to the commission meeting to discuss the condition of a road near 40th Street and T Road. He reported that he believes the county installed a culvert under the road in 1998 and due to a lack of ditch maintenance, the drainage has been poor and the road has become impassable. Road and Bridge Supervisor Roger Lowe said the road in question is a township road and if the culvert is bigger than 50" in diameter, then it would be a county culvert. Lowe said he would go measure the culvert before moving forward.

Commissioner Hodge said he would contact Twin Grove Township Board.

After receiving complaints recently about poor conditions of Sunflower Hill roads at Fall River Lake, the commissioners and Road and Bridge Supervisor, Roger Lowe, last week discussed the ownership of the road to be privately owned Kyle Ruona, Assistant Lake Manager for the Corps of Engineers at Fall River and Toledo Lakes, told commissioners the ownership of the road is unusual. While Sunflower Hill cottages are considered private property, the road from the black top to the cottage is owned by the National Parks Service and managed and maintained by the state. Ruona said in the past, the Corps occasionally supplied gravel to the road and bladed it but they will not be doing that anymore as it is not theirs to maintain and leads to private dwellings and not public property.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Ann Carpenter presented an updated Interlocal Agreement by the agency that operates Community Corrections programs and Juvenile programs in Greenwood, Elk, and Butler Counties. (Resolution 17-05). The commissioners decided to table the agreement until County Counselor Paul Dean could review it as he was not present at the meeting.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Nuisance Weed Director presented quotes for a UTV to be utilized by the Noxious Weed Department/Emergency Management, EMS, and Sheriff's Office. The three departments will each pay 1/3 of the cost of the UTV. The quotes were from the following: 2015 from John Deere (4 Seat) $13,675; 2017 from John Deere (4 Seat) $14,805; 2017 Bobcat (4 Seat) $14,199; Kubota (4 Seat) $14,628.28; Bobcat (2 Seat) $12,448.74. On the 2017 John Deere there is a 1 year or 1,000 hour warranty. Sheriff Samuels said he thought the 2015 John Deere offered the same warranty package. After some discussion, commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2017 John Deere UTV from Prairie Land in the amount of $14,800 to be split between Sheriff Department/Ambulance/Noxious Weed. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried. It was decided that Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Nuisance Weed Director will keep the maintenance up on the vehicle.

Under Sheriff Randy Cox reported that he was going to Wichita today to pick up the new Dodge Durango and take it to get outfitted with the necessary equipment.

Commissioner Fox gave an update on the security camera project, explaining that the cost to terminate the fiber cables was $869.85, which was more expensive than he anticipated.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported that Levi Vinson has been cutting trees on K Road; reported he has Brandon Escareno cutting trees also; installed a couple of culverts; trying to get a patrol unit up north; Commissioner Hind told Lowe about multiple spots on River Road between Madison and Eureka that needed attention, along with the road's crown.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 15 minute executive session for personnel with Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 15 minutes was added to the executive session. No decision was made.

At 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

May 22nd - Next Commission Mtg. - 9:00 a.m.
May 25th - GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. - 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital Conference Room
May 29th - Courthouse Closed in observance of Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 30th - Next Commission Meeting following Memorial Day - 9:00 a.m.

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