

Commissioner Meeting
October 30, 2017

Chairman Ben Fox called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Brian Hind, Paul Hodge, and Kathy Robison, County Clerk. Paul Dean, County Counselor arrived at 9:15 a.m.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve October 23, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, told commissioners they have a bridge at 220th & H that has an abutment problem like Ladd Bridge so he is getting a contractor to look at it; reported that John Talkington finished the bridge at H and 270th and they will get pictures of it to send to KDOT; said the inmates did 70 hours of service cleaning at the shop, detailing trucks, and oiling equipment. Lowe said he brought an application with him. Commissioner Fox asked Lowe about the east side of the fence around the Road and Bridge shop that needs repair. Lowe mentioned that Harshmans' has lowered rock \$1 from last year, it's \$6 a ton. Commissioner Hodge asked about a quarry in the southern part of the county. It's .75 cents higher but may be better quality.

Ian Martell, City Administrator, presented the 2018 Neighborhood Revitalization Agreement for signature. Martell said it was basically the same document, with an addition of adding a deadline for reinstatement in the event the agreement is interrupted. Martell explained that in the past, people who were temporarily removed from the program, due to past due taxes or other issues, were allowed to reinstate their participation, however sometimes the process could take months. The city has included a ten day deadline in the new contract to avoid the lag. Currently the only cities involved with the revitalization program in our county are Eureka and Madison, and it is within their city limits. Commissioner Hind commented that he was in support of the program, but would like to see it include rural areas in the county as well. The other commissioners agreed that it would be nice to be expanded to include the entire county. No decisions were made.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau asked commissioners permission to collect bids to purchase an ambulance next year. Mongeau told commissioners that several of the big manufacturers are no longer making diesel ambulance models so the next purchase will most likely be a gasoline model. Mongeau mentioned purchasing a card system that would restrict the wrong fuel being confused and put in the ambulances, as the others are diesel. Commissioner Hind was not in favor of the card system.

Sandy Dickerson, Greenwood County Hospital CEO, presented the commissioners with a quarterly quality board report that showed the progress of the hospital meeting quality standards; previous, 1st quarter, 2nd quarter and the national average. Dickerson also shared financials thru July 31st and reported that next month they will have data for 2017 completely and relayed that they lost money. Dickerson shared that they decreased their expenses by \$1.2 million from the previous year but their revenue has gone down. She also said that August and September data shows an increase in revenue, due to the hospital's census being up, as well as patients being seen in the clinic and the extended hours. Commissioner Hodge asked if they have been giving raises this year. Dickerson replied, "a few but they were based on merit, but nothing over 1.5%."

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel to discuss an employment application and discuss employee performance. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the executive session. An additional 5 minutes was added to the executive session.

No decision was made.

Undersheriff Randy Cox told commissioners the motor replacement for one of the Dodge Chargers he had previously discussed with them has been completed and the cost was a little over \$6,800. Commissioner Hodge asked about the fence/cattle issue near the intersection of Highways 99 South and 54. Cox said it seemed like everything was fixed last week but then Friday morning he received a call from one of the detectives telling him that there were cattle out again. The cattle owner was allowed to put the cattle in pens temporarily and was supposed to haul them off and apparently he didn't get them all hauled off because 5 or 6 got out of the pens and the detective was told to have the sale barn pick them up. Later Cox was told the owner may have been the one that hauled them off. Sheriff Samuels gave the landowner several phone numbers of people in the Greenwood County area that build fence and told him that the cattle are not to return to the pasture until the fence has been repaired.

Last week the commissioners viewed a fence at X & 40th Street. The commissioners agreed that the fence needs to be repaired and the landowners need to split the cost. Commissioner Hind made a motion that the fence located at X & 40th Street needs to be repaired and the cost should split between the landowners (Terry Hart and Frank McCollum). Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. A letter will be sent to both parties.

The commissioners revisited their conversation from last week regarding the courthouse chiller replacement. Trane had presented a bid in the amount of \$231,115. After some discussion, Commissioner Hind said he wants a local engineering/design firm, Invena, to take a look at the chiller to see if they can come up with a solution to use the equipment they already have before spending a large amount of money. Former Building Maintenance Supervisor, Vic Delpine, and Chiller Project Manager, reminded commissioners that if a new system is ordered, it would still take two months to manufacture it to specs. The commissioners do not want to prolong the decision any longer than one week, they plan to see if Invena will inspect the system this week and make their decision at next week's meeting.

A request was made for a donation to the Honors Flight Program from LeRoy. The commissioners were in favor of supporting the program but said they could not commit tax dollars to it. They suggested sending an email to the county department heads to encourage employees to donate privately and then we could send it in.

County Counselor looked at the 2018 Neighborhood Revitalization Agreement and agreed to the change. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the 2018 Neighborhood Revitalization Agreement. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. There was some discussion about the tax break extending to county homes and businesses as well. They all agreed it could put the cities at a disadvantage. Commissioner Hodge stated that more new homes are being built in the country now. County Counselor Dean stated that could be an argument against the extension, if people are going to build in the county regardless, then an incentive may not be necessary. No decisions were made about that.

Commissioner Hodge made a comment about Tyson Foods considering building a new plant in Sedgwick County. Commissioner Hind said he looked into the possibility of getting Tyson to consider Greenwood County, but learned that one of the requirements of the location was rail access, which Greenwood County does not have.

Commissioner Hodge asked to make sure all departments trade at both tire shops. Commissioner Hind said they should be.

At 10:24 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

- November 4th – Cattlemen's Day - Eureka
- November 6th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- November 7th - General City/School Election
- November 13th – Board of Canvass following the Commission Meeting
- November 30th – GW Co. Hosp. Board Mtg @ 5:30p.m. – GW Co. Home Health Conference Room

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk



Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Chairman

Paul Hodge
Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

Brian Hind
Brian Hind, Member