Commissioner Meeting June 26, 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.

Matt Wilson with the Eureka Foundation spoke to the commissioners about being the point of contact for Economic Development inquiries countywide. The Greenwood County Extension office has been serving as the contact point, but Wilson presented a letter from Eureka Foundation president Brandi Starr stating they would not charge for the services of overseeing Economic Development. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the Eureka Foundation taking over Economic Development in Greenwood County. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor, Roger Lowe, reported installing a couple of tinhorns on 220th; been working with the new Salt Springs Township grader operator; talked about some county bridges they need to work on; also reported that Jamie Larcom is going to start the wingwall July 10th; talked about getting a quote for a slab on R Road; reported that the Landfill will be closed July 3rd; working on putting an extension on a slab around Reece.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a 5 minute executive session for personnel with Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, Janet Turner and Amber Rayburn, Road and Bridge Office Professionals, and Paul Dean County Counselor.Commissioner Hind seconded the motion.The motion carried.

After returning from executive session, Commissioner Fox made a motion to increase Amber Rayburn's, hourly rate of pay to \$11.00 per hour. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Kim Iones with Kansas Wildlife Parks and Tourism brought additional paperwork about the Sunflower Hill Road at Fall River Lake. The paperwork was about the property on either side of the road, but she could not find anything about the road itself. Jones said she believed it was the county's responsibility to maintain it and planned to contact the National Parks Service to obtain the additional records.

Undersheriff Randy Cox presented a letter of support from County Attorney Joe Lee to purchase 6 new body cameras for Sheriff's Deputies. The funding will be taken from the Prosecuting Attorney fund and the cost is \$2,427.52. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the purchase of the 6 body cameras in the amount of \$2,427.52, to be taken from the Prosecuting Attorney fund. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Cox also mentioned he is working on securing funding from the city of Eureka diversion fund to purchase an additional 6 cameras.

Nancy McKenzie, current CEO of Greenwood County Hospital, along with incoming CEO Sandra Dickerson attended the meeting to give the commissioners an update on the hospitals' progress from last year.McKenzie explained that with the new software system they have begun to get the billing situation under control and have worked with some of their vendors on outstanding bills they owe. The hospital requested 3 mill for their 2018 budget. There was some brief discussion about the Health Department being placed with the hospital. McKenzie replied that she didn't know much about running a Health Department but had made some phone calls around the state to try and find a similar hospital who is operating their county Health Department and so far has only found three in the state. She said she would continue to gather information.

Rob Runquist with Crosswinds presented their 2018 budget request in the amount of \$45,000. Their 2017 request was \$40,000. Runquist also gave his annual report.

Mary Harrison, Health Department Administrative Assistant, and Arianna Mock, Health Department Clerk, addressed the commissioners with questions and concerns about the possibility of moving the department. They told commissioners they have been receiving phone calls from people to help out. Kandy Dowell, RN/Administrator, from Elk County Health Department offered to help keep the office running during the transition. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve paying Kandy Dowell, Elk County, RN/Administrator, as needed, to assist at the Greenwood County Health Department, as well as mileage. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bob Kimberlin, resident of Madison, came to the meeting in support of the Greenwood County Hospital and the Health Department.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve June 19, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$224.15.Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the June 19, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve an employee verification for David Beedles as a full-time Register of Deeds employee at \$11.50 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve a pay increase for Jim Castillo, in the Register of Deeds Office. New Hourly rate of pay is \$10.35 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel with Kathy Robison, County Clerk and Paul Dean, County Counselor.Commissioner Hind seconded the motion.The motion carried.

After returning from executive session, Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a pay increase for Deann Bankson, Deputy Clerk, at a new hourly rate of \$11.10 per hour. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel with Levi Vinson, Noxious Weed/Emergency Management Director.Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion.The motion carried.

After returning from executive session, Commissioner Hind made a motion that Noxious Weed Director, Levi Vinson, will be able to use a Road and Bridge employee to help spray weeds when he needs help and their wages will still come from the Road and Bridge Department. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners took a 10 minute break.

Paul Dean, County Counselor, finished a rough draft of the new employee handbook and it will be distributed to all Department Heads for their review. They need to address any questions with Paul Dean, before Monday, July 3rd, commission meeting.

At 12:05 p.m. Commissioner Hind made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After adjourning the commissioners had a worksession on budgets.

Calendar:

July 3rd Next Commission Meeting following Memorial Day – 9:00a.m.

July 27th - GW Co. Hosp. Board Mtg @ 5:30p.m. - GW Co. Hosp. Conference Room

Ben Fox, Chairman

Vice Chairman

Kathy Robison, County Clerk Brian Hind, Member