

Commissioner Meeting  
November 13, 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 9:45 a.m.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported that a part has been ordered for the backhoe, Commissioner Hind said he was going to call about the cost of the part; Lowe also said that inmates have been helping with cutting brush and trimming trees. Levi Vinson, Emergency Preparedness/Noxious Weed Director reported that the inmates so far have done 659 hours of labor, which would equal to \$12,850.50 in payroll, if they were Road and Bridge employees. Lowe asked if there was anything that could be done with the beaver dam at the Browning Bridge. The commissioners asked Lowe to contact Fish and Game about how to proceed. Lowe reported that he doesn't think the dozer that was hauled to Francis Chaplin's shop for repairs has been touched yet.

After checking with a local company about a solution to the courthouse's 60-year old chiller, Commissioner Hind said he was ready to move forward with purchasing the new system. However, Commissioner Fox said he wanted to contact Trane out of Springfield, the branch that installed and maintained the current chiller 60-years ago to make sure they have no other ideas or solutions. The commissioners decided to approve the new chiller unless, Trane, out of Springfield has another plan. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the purchase of the new chiller and installation from Trane, out of Wichita, in the amount of \$231,115. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director reported that he wanted to reduce his budget for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and has changed some of the procedures in how he disposes of materials by allowing individuals to repurpose some of the materials dropped off, as well as a change to paint disposal. Previously, the bill for the (HHW) pick-up has been over \$10,000 and the last pick-up bill was just \$3,700. Vinson said they also shared some other tips that may save money.

Commissioner Hodge asked if the holiday hours for Road and Bridge are worked out, because they normally work 10 hour days, but on holiday weeks, that have more than one day off they are supposed to work three-eight hour days, to be paid two-eight hour holidays, like everyone else. Commissioner Fox said yes, they are expected to work three eight hour days.

Max Tharp of Severy was present at the meeting in regard to a portion of V Road that was closed in 2009. Tharp had been at a meeting previously and said that the road was not closed properly and said he was not notified at the time of the closure, which he claims has left him landlocked. Commissioners have clarified that the portion of the road that was closed does not actually reach back to Tharp's property, but agreed to research the closure to ensure it was done correctly. County Clerk, Kathy Robison presented the original closure petition and the list of landowners who were notified. There was some discussion on the landowners that were notified some that should have been/and some that were notified that maybe shouldn't have been. The commissioners suggested that he try to get written permission, or an easement, to get to his own property. Tharp said he would try to get permission, but was not sure that he could.

The commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel for job performance. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 20 minutes was added to the executive session. After returning from executive session, Commissioner Fox made a motion to raise Health Department Clerk Arianna Mock's hourly rate of pay from \$10.60 per hour to \$12.00 per hour starting that day. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve October 30, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve November 6, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Reports. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Undersheriff Randy Cox reported that one of the projects the inmates worked on this week was that they finished sheeting the addition on the EMS building that was built for the Central Fire Division for storage. Commissioner Hind asked Cox if some of the townships wanted to borrow inmates to cut brush, would that be possible. Cox said that it would and explained the steps, which included paperwork and a background check on the person responsible for supervising the inmates, as long as it's non-profit, they are able to participate. Some winter clothing has been donated, and family members have also brought items in to help with the weather changes. Also the Sheriff's Department has ordered some reflective, orange vests that say, "inmate work crew" on them, so they look different than the vests that other crews normally wear. Cox also relayed that if the court requires community service on their sentence, the Sheriff's Department is allowing the inmates that participate to count the time they participate with this program, as their service.

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Greenwood County Commissioners, Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, and Brian Hind met November 7, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. as the Board of Canvassers for the 2017 General City/School Election. Also present were Kathy Robison, Election Officer.

Poll Books were reviewed and recorded. There were no provisional ballots. No changes were made to the election. The Canvass was completed at 11:10 a.m.



ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

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Ben Fox, Chairman

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Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

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Brian Hind, Member