

Commissioner Meeting
January 9, 2017

Before the County Commission Meeting began Commissioners Paul Hodge and Ben Fox; and Marsha Ramsey, Register of Deeds were all sworn in as newly elected officials. Joe Lee, County Attorney and Kathy Robison, County Clerk had been sworn in earlier that morning. Sheriff Heath Samuels was going to be sworn in when he returned from court in Lyon County.

Vice 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, and Kathy Robison, County Clerk. Paul Dean, County Counselor arrived at 9:15 a.m. Chairman Brian Hind joined the meeting via telephone.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to use The Madison News and The Eureka Herald as the county's official newspapers. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to appoint Home Bank & Trust as the main depository and Emprise Bank for warrants and payroll. All other banks in the county were approved to be used for investments. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve December 19, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve December 30, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve January 3, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor reported that they installed tin horns for Westar at Teter Hill and Quincy; been hauling gravel at FF by Double D Ranch; Tim Leiser is fixing a wood top bridge a mile north of Lamont and back west; repairing several road signs that were damaged from River Road, spoke to the Sheriff's Department and they will start reporting back to the Road and Bridge Department when they see damaged signs out in the county; working on some 911 signs; Commissioner Hodge asked who turns the signs at State Street bridge when they close the bridge when the water gets high; Lowe said that would be his department or the Sheriff's Department and the rule is to shut the bridge down even if there is only 1 inch of water present; Lowe discussed a couple of trucks that need repairs and that he is getting bids; he reported that the drilling is finished at the Norwegian church; Lowe submitted several bids to the commissioners for new tires for a loader at Braden Quarry (1) Severy Coop- Mitas ERL20 \$2,676.46, (2) Severy Coop-Mitas ERL30 \$3,010.40, (3) Central Ag Wheel & Tire- \$3,485.00, (4) Mel's Tire- \$3,101.94. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the bid from Severy Coop for 2 Mitas ERL30 in the amount of \$3,010.40. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. The mounting and dismounting fees will be waived and they can just haul the loader to the Coop. Commissioner Hind asked about a road off of the highway at Hamilton, where he said the road is bad and the bridge is bad. Hind asked Lowe what we were going to do with that. Lowe said he would talk with the township and see what they wanted to do.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to appoint Ben Fox as the Commission Chairman. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to appoint Paul Hodge as the Commission Vice Chairman. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's weekly report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve GAAP Resolution 17-01. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the amended 2017 Sheriff's Office Payrate Sheet. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a special payable in the amount of \$65.00. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Brian Mongeau, EMS Director, told commissioners that part-time EMS staff are paid \$1.25 per hour to be on call, with \$10.00 per run pay. Mongeau commented that it's not very much to pay someone to be close to the barn, and be able to get there within five minutes during their on-call shift. Mongeau asked to raise the hourly rate to \$2.50 and said he felt the part-time budget line item is sufficient to handle the increase. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve changing the rate part-time EMS staff receive for on-call pay to \$2.50 per hour, effective 1/8/2017. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Sometime in the future, Mongeau would like to address the \$10 call pay and increase that to \$15 as well.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management Director, told commissioners that his truck is in need of repair and he needs a new computer. Vinson reported that the City of Fall River has their water turned back on and that the bottled water purchased for Fall River during their recent issues, will not be able to be covered by a Health Department Grant, as it does not fall under the guidelines of an "emergency" according to their grant. They will still pay for it out of their funds as it does fall under the Health Department's responsibilities. Commissioner Fox commended Vinson, the Sheriff's Office and EMS for all their response to the recent crisis.

Undersheriff Randy Cox updated the commissioners on the Sheriff's office search for a new software system, after their E911 tracking system crashed this summer. Cox said the search has been narrowed to two companies, and the start-up costs will range from \$10,000-\$18,000. Cox also discussed new laptops for the deputies that will reduce the time they currently spend in the office doing paperwork. The laptops will allow each officer to complete basic reports from their vehicles. Cox said that 14 "Toughbook" laptops will cost approximately \$2,800 before programming costs. He planned to purchase them this week. Cox also reported that there are 11 full-time deputies and three part-time, which leaves two vacant spots. They have narrowed down applicants. Cox reported they have begun 12 hour shifts for deputies, which increases the full-time coverage all over the county. He reported that it's working well so far.

At 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

January 16th- Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

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