

Commissioner Meeting
July 17, 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.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve July 10, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported crews have been working on the extensions on bridges; reported they rolled a tinhorn around Hamilton; talked to APAC about the chip/seal project, they said they would be around some time in August. Kenworth delivered the truck last week; crews are going to Ladd Bridge tomorrow morning to try to remove a log; the Reece Bridge wall will be started next Monday; Lowe asked approval to borrow and re-pack the road in front of the rodeo arena outside of Eureka and the commissioners gave their approval. Commissioner Hind asked where the bridge applications were because he thought they were coming due. Lowe said he needs to contact Michael Marris about that. Commissioner Hind asked about the slab on 220th and R Road. Lowe said he hasn't heard from Judd Everitt yet.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

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

No decision was made.

Charlie Stinson, a Greenwood County resident that lives outside of Madison, told commissioners about tall weeds around Madison's water well #2. Stinson relayed that the weeds and limbs make it difficult to pull out of his driveway and when he approached the city office with his concern, he was laughed at by the city clerk, so he decided to discuss it with the commissioners, since the property is in the county. Commissioner Hind agreed to take a look at the well house after the meeting.

Vic Delpine, Courthouse Maintenance Consultant and former Building Maintenance Supervisor, presented the following bids from Morrow Exteriors and Glass Co. of El Dorado, for windows that open, in the amounts of (1) 1" tempered glass \$30,472; and (2) 1/4" tempered glass \$26,454. The courthouse currently has no windows that open and these bids allow for 11 windows downstairs, and 12 upstairs, so each office should have at least one that will open, for safety and efficiency reasons. Delpine said there may be the possibility of selling the windows that are taken out. Paul Dean, County Counselor, mentioned having a Performance Bond added to the contract to insure the job is finished in a timely manner. Commissioner Hodge also mentioned holding 1/3 of the payment until the job is completed. The commissioners decided to review the quotes and continue the discussion next week.

Mary Harrison, with the Greenwood County Health Department, requested for a motion to approve the state-rate mileage of .535 per mile for Kandy Dowell, Elk County Health Department Administrator, who is temporarily helping them until they hire a nurse. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the mileage at .535 for Kandy Dowell as long as it is reimbursable with grant funding. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Harrison also reported that they received a call from KDHE the day after Health Department Administrator, Lela Day, left regarding a disease investigation and Harrison didn't know what to do, so KDHE did the work for them. KDHE also sent a long letter regarding changing the services in the Health Department. Commissioner Hind asked Harrison, how KDHE got the idea that we were changing the services at the Health Department. Harrison said she had no idea, but said she figured it was because of all of the things going around. Commissioner Hind told Harrison he talked to the lady that sent that letter. Harrison said she talked to Kandy Dowell, Elk County Health Department Administrator, about filling in on disease investigations and Dowell said she would until Greenwood County finds someone. Harrison said KDHE needs something in writing granting Elk County access to Greenwood County information on EpiTrax, the electronic disease surveillance system used by KDHE. Commissioner Hind said when he spoke to the lady from KDHE that wrote the letter, she said she would send some information about Health Departments, and different entities operating them, etc. She also told Commissioner Hind she thought they were heading in the right direction. Commissioner Fox made a motion to allow Kandy Dowell, Elk County Health Department Administrator, access to Greenwood County information on EpiTrax. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried. Harrison said she would type up the document giving Dowell permission, and Commissioner Fox said he would sign it. Harrison mentioned to the commissioners that in the paper it said they changed her title from a Clerk to Office Manager and she was already the Office Manager. Commissioner Fox said they just re-iterated her position. Harrison asked when they have things come up with immunizations and people needing physicals, how she should handle them. There was some discussion about the current, temporary, prn nurse they are using and nurses they have used in the past, and Mary said she has an application for an L.P.N. After some discussion the commissioners told Mary to go ahead and get a part-time, prn nurse to help out.

It was relayed that, Health Department Clerk Arianna Mock, will not be working Tuesdays and Thursdays, due to taking CNA classes. The commissioners gave approval for her to take the time off, but will not allow her to make up the hours on the weekend.

Representatives from the Greenwood County Hospital including, Nancy McKenzie, current CEO; Frankie Forbes, Hospital Attorney; Durrel Kelley, Healthcare Consultant from Great Plains Health Alliance; and several Hospital Board Members attended to discuss the hospital's financial information. Information presented included a 2015 audited budget, 2016 budget, and a 2017 proposed budget. Commissioner Hind asked if that was their 2018 budget, but Forbes, the attorney said since their fiscal year doesn't end until September 30, 2017, the 2017 budget was all they had. The last time the hospital was there requesting a three mill levy the hospital could not say if they had made money or even broke even. Commissioner Hind mentioned he thought there was a Kansas State Statute for how the mill levy would be spent in the year they are asking for the funding, in 2018 in this case. Hospital Attorney Forbes agreed, explaining that these figures were for the current year and were financials, not a budget. Forbes said they will not have the 2018 budget until the audit was completed in August. CEO McKenzie said they never do the budget until the end of their fiscal year without current financials. Greenwood County Counselor, Paul Dean, interjected that according to the state statute, the hospital is required to submit a budget for how they'll spend the funds before they could be given by the county. "By that statute, you're going to have to adjust how you're doing things because we are on a different budget cycle. Our year begins and ends on a different time. We have to set this budget before these dates come up and by the statute you're referencing, it means you have to put together some kind of proposal," he said. Commissioner Hind pointed out an ongoing issue that the hospital is unable to produce any actual financial reports showing their current financial status. There was some discussion about the accounts receivable/payable systems that were purchased and the issues the hospital had with them. This has been going on since 2012 and hospital representatives reported that during this time there was very little revenue coming in, sometimes none. CEO McKenzie said they used the revenue from Eureka and Howard Clinics to pay for necessities;

payroll, patient care and ER services. Attorney Forbes told commissioners they are asking for the same amount in mill levy they received last year. There was some discussion about, Athena, the current software provider, the hospital is using. The hospital is negotiating with them, to pay the back payments from the clinic revenue, at a settlement amount. There was further discussion about the settlement and the hospital's choice to stay with Athena. Commissioner Fox told the group, "As I'm sure you're all aware, we're all under the state's one percent budget cap this year for our 2018 budget and our one percent has already been blown on our Blue Cross/Blue Shield premiums for next year." He continued, "I don't think we really have much place to go. And last year, because of the three mills we gave the hospital, our employees got a ten cent an hour raise. I wanted a quarter, but that was shot down because we had a three mill levy increase for the hospital. I guess what I'm saying is it depends on how our budget ends up but you may not get a full three points on the mill levy, because that may have to go somewhere for us to continue to operate."

Commissioners noted that there is a substantial increase for county employees on their insurance and they took a big hit last year as well.

Commissioner Hind also added that their frustration was compounded by the lack of interest that the hospital showed in establishing a clinic in Madison, but they will continue to operate one in Howard, in Elk County. Commissioner Hind suggested they approach Elk County to receive some tax proceeds from them, since they practice within their county. He cautioned them to have their financial information together before they go.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 7 minute break. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners reconvened.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$108,999.31. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$206,256.90. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the 2nd Quarter Financial Report. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed the Fee Reports.

The commissioners viewed a Certificate of Liability from Wells Trucking Service, Inc.

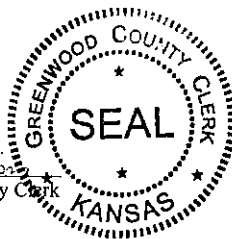
At 11:52 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

July 24th - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00a.m.

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

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk



Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Chairman

Paul Hodge
Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

Brian Hind
Brian Hind, Member