

December 6, 2016

The Graham County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday December 6, 2016 opening to regular session with the flag salute.

Chairman Davignon called the meeting to order with all members and the County Clerk present. Also in attendance was Jason Nelson. Minutes of the November 29, 2016 meeting were read. Commissioner Scott made motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Toll seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Hospital

Melissa Atkins, Graham County Hospital Administrator, reported they are looking at making changes in the future, updating the clinic, adding a cardiac rehab program are being considered. Finances are doing well for the Hospital. The Energy Efficient project met the projection for energy savings.

Road & Bridge

Commissioner Toll reported that he had attended the County Commission meeting in Norton County on Monday December 5. Discussion on County Road EE between 170th ave. and 200th ave. This section of the road is to be maintained by Norton County because of a road agreement between the counties. Commissioner Toll advised Norton County that Graham County would help with some of the materials for this road.

Dawson

Janice Perkowski, Dawson Place Administrator, presented a bid she had received for sidewalk and handicap ramp at the Dawson Place. Janice requested \$5275.00 to help with this project. Knights of Columbus donated \$2600.00 for this project. Commissioners advised they were interested in helping with this project but requested Janice to receive some more bids.

Appraiser

Melanie Rowlinson, Appraiser, reported the Ag values for 2017 have gone up. Melanie reported that statute states how agriculture is to be valued and oil value should be set in February. Melanie reported concerns about her vacation leave. Commissioners advised the handbook states after 6 months of continuous employment employees receive 1 day per month of vacation.

Miscellaneous

Commissioners reviewed correspondence from League of Municipalities. Commissioner Scott made motion to approve dues to Kansas League of Municipalities for \$850.00. Commissioner Toll seconded the motion. Commissioner Davignon voted Nay. Motion carried 2-1.

Commissioner Toll made motion to recess to executive session with Jana Irby, County Clerk, Jason Nelson, April Hofstetter, Commissioner Elects. and Cole Presley, Sheriff, for 15 minutes, under the Personnel Exception for an issue concerning the locks at the courthouse. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:47a.m.

Commissioner Scott made motion to approve 3% employee rate increase. Commissioner Davignon seconded the motion. Commissioner Toll voted Nay. Motion carried 2-1.

Commissioner Scott made motion to donate \$2500.00 to the Nutrition Center to be paid out of County General. Commissioner Toll seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Toll made motion to approve purchase of IN700 with 10 Lb. scale. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-0.

Emergency Services

Mickie Helberg, Emergency Services Director, reported the new ambulance for Hill City should arrive on December 15th. Mickie also presented a bid from Teel's Trucks. Commissioner Scott made motion to approve purchase of a 2008 Sterling from Teel's Trucks for \$25,000.00 to be taken out of the Fire Equipment Fund. Commissioner Toll seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

As there was no further business to discuss Commissioner Toll made motion to adjourn. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

