

January 31, 2017

The Graham County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday January 31, 2017 opening to regular session with the flag salute. All Commissioners and the County Clerk were present. Minutes of the January 24, 2017 were read. Commissioner Nelson made motion to approve minutes. Commissioner Hofstetter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Hospital

Melissa Atkins, Graham County Hospital Administrator, had discussion on the insurance for the Hospital, Melissa reported the insurance had increased 25%. Commissioners advised Colleen Hardiek was on the agenda for today and they would visit with her about the increase for the Hospital. An architect had visited with the Hospital about the possibility of a new clinic. Commissioners questioned why they are looking at building another clinic. Melissa explained accessibility for handicap is detrimental at the clinic, room sizes are small, and privacy is a problem. If the Hospital was to provide cardiac rehab, a physician needs to be in the building for that service. Different scenarios was discussed with the architect. The Hospital and Clinic is looking at different vendors for a software program. CPSI is currently who the Hospital is using and they are looking at combining the Clinic and Hospital software.

Miscellaneous

James Foster, Kansas Department of Commerce, presented a resolution authorizing participation in the rural opportunity zone student loan repayment program. Commissioners advised they are in the program for the students already enrolled in the program but they are not taking on any new students. County Attorney Jill Elliott will review and revise the resolution to meet the county's needs.

Mental Health

High Plains Mental Health, Walter Hill, JoAnne Wilhelm, Chris Dinkel and Bonnie Fountain, discussed the funding needed for Mental Health and the outreach office that is in Hill City.

Miscellaneous

Colleen Hardiek, Winn Hill Insurance, presented quotes for insurance at the Fairgrounds. Removing the Rodeo Committee office/beer garden, south side ticket office/concession stand, cook shack, north small ticket office was one option with a savings of \$506.00. Changing 7 buildings to ACV coverage and removing them from the blanket policy will save \$171.00. Colleen will present these options to the fair board. The Community Center and the Hospital insurance was also discussed. ISO regulations on ratings for buildings over 10,000sq ft. is the reason for the Hospital Insurance increase.

Accounts Payable vouchers and checks were approved and signed.

Commissioners discussed AFA Scholarship Program. No action taken.

Commissioner Hofstetter made motion to approve Resolution #2017-05, A Resolution to Waive the Annual Requirement of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and Fixed Asset Accounting. Commissioner Nelson Seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Nelson made motion to approve 5 refund orders #2017000007, 8,10,11,12 with valuation of 6372 and tax dollars of \$1041.68. Commissioner Hofstetter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Road & Bridge

Wayne Pfeifer, Road & Bridge Supervisor, reported he had received several employee applications. Commissioners discussed putting a cap on the number of employees at Road & Bridge at 25 employees. Wayne discussed rebuilding one of the scrapers that is no longer in operation. Commissioners approved rebuilding scraper at \$50,000.00 instead of purchasing a new scraper at \$500,000.00. Right of way on N road and 320th Ave. was discussed. Commissioners advised they would take a look at this road.

Community Center

Commissioners reviewed bids for new lights in the Community Center. Russell's Renovation bid-\$4,880.00 and Elliott Plumbing, \$4630.00. Commissioner Nelson made motion to approve low bid from Elliott Plumbing. Commissioner Hofstetter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Jana Irby, County Clerk

Todd Toll, Chairman