

Commissioner Meeting
February 1, 2016

Chairman Brian Hind called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Cole Conard, and Kathy Robison, County Clerk. Paul Dean, County Counselor arrived at 9:17 a.m.

There was no commission meeting minutes to approve.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, gave his report, which included crews repaired roads; installed a 30 foot tinhorn west of Eureka, off of US 54; hauled rock and installed a culvert at Halverson School House for the fire barn; Lowe said they are getting ready to replace a Box Bridge at 195th and H Rd. that is falling apart, he is hopeful they can do the work in house, however the concrete is old and he may need to hire an outside contractor to help.

Bruce Boettcher, with BG Consultants, Inc., told commissioners that only one firm, Reece Construction Company, submitted a bid in the amount of \$252,834.43, which came in over the original estimate from BG for \$200,000. Boettcher said the increase was largely due to the price of steel, the fact that there was only one bid, and the demand of these types of projects with the state has gone up. The one lane wooden bridge, southwest of Neal, is being replaced with a two lane steel stringer structure. The project has been awarded a grant from KDOT with a maximum grant award amount of \$120,000 and the county paying a 10% match. The commissioners expressed their frustration that the bridge bid came in at over \$50,000 more than the original engineering estimate. Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve the bid for the Neal Bridge in the amount of \$252,834.43. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Boettcher also presented a bid to engineer a bridge project near the Norwegian Church, which has also been awarded grant funding. The commissioners reviewed the material, but said they would like to talk to other engineers for the project before making a decision.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$86,098.80. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$294,484.93. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed the fee reports.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the fourth-quarter financial report. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve abatements in the amount of \$2498.30. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve adds in the amount of \$1903.32. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Hind called three counties that he felt were comparable to Greenwood County in terms of population and valuation to find out what they pay their Sheriff. After considerable discussion on the subject the consensus of the board was that deputies in the county need an increase in pay as well as the Sheriff. Commissioners are interested in the thoughts of the public and are asking people to get in touch with them to get feedback before they decide on the salary increases.

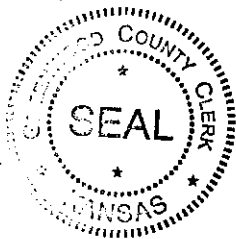
Donna Olson, Treasurer; Marcia Ramsey, Register of Deeds; and Jami Clark, Appraiser talked to the commissioners about internet issues with internet provider Mediacom. The Department Heads reported not only is information extremely slow to process, causing delays as customers stand waiting; the emails are being delivered with pages missing from them. Department Heads asked about fiber-optic, which has been discussed in the past. Commissioner Fox said that they had another company ready to install it to the courthouse but the monthly bill was going to be close to \$1000 per month, where they are paying \$250 per month currently. Commissioner Fox told the Department Heads that this was the first he had heard about the problems and asked them to make sure and inform him so he can address the issue with the company representatives himself.

At 10:53 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

February 8th - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk



Brian Hind
Brian Hind, Chairman

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Cole Conard
Cole Conard, Member