

Commissioner Meeting
February 29, 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, Shannon Gant, Deputy Clerk, and Paul Dean, County Counselor.

There were no commission meeting minutes.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported that crews have been cutting trees at 270th and EE, and 200th; Lowe has been checking with APAC and C-CAM regarding chip/ seal; he went to Iola recently and attended a preconstruction meeting regarding Esslinger Bridge and King Construction was also present and will begin staking the area on March 14; Lowe reported the ice machine at the Road and Bridge Department needs replaced and he has an estimate in the amount of \$3000.

Cole Anderson and Danny Whiteman from Bettis Asphalt updated commissioners on the US 400 project, which is getting ready to begin in April. They will have an asphalt plant on site and wanted to know if commissioners were interested in having them do any smaller jobs in the county while they were on location as it would save on transportation costs. Commissioners will review projects in the county and get back with them.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$86,129.19. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$137,014.37. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve abatements in the amount of \$6078.90. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sheriff Bitler reported that the jail will now be serving the inmates meals from the same company that the school district gets their meals from. Commissioner Conard expressed his concerns about setting a precedent when Steve Smith was recently rehired as the county Undersheriff. Bitler explained that he had gone to Smith and asked him to return because he needed help. Conard replied that his concern was that Smith had been paid for his benefits and now he has been rehired. There was more discussion about what Smith's pay was going to be and what types of benefits he would have when County Counselor, Paul Dean, informed the commissioners that Sheriff Bitler has the right to hire and fire anyone due to the fact that he's an elected official. Dean also quoted the statute.

Hugh Zavadi, Court Administrator, and Tammy Evenson, with District Court attended the meeting to discuss the issues with our current Internet provider Mediacom and the possible fiber optic options. Zavadi said he was not opposed to trying a different provider if they knew the customer service was better and that it was a reliable company. He said he would need to go back and look at the budget.

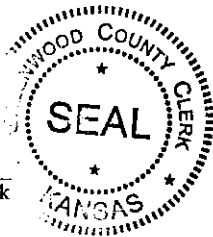
Brian Mongeau, EMS director, reported that he will be submitting a press release to the newspapers for the EMT classes that he would like to offer soon. He will look into a grant for the education and talk to the commissioners about paying for the whole amount of the class which used to run between \$1500-\$1800 per student. It is a nine-month course through Flint Hills Technical College.

At 10:17 a.m. Commissioner Hind made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

March 7th- Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk



Brian Hind
Brian Hind, Chairman

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Cole Conard
Cole Conard, Member