

Commissioner Meeting
March 7, 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, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and Paul Dean, County Counselor.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve February 22, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve February 29, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road & Bridge Supervisor, gave various updates on projects to the commissioners; including chip and seal being done near Hamilton; hauling rock from a quarry in Gridley; cutting trees and clearing ditches throughout the county; Lowe reported that a stop sign has been knocked down several times at the intersection of 40th Street and X Road. Lowe discussed the purchase of a new ice machine for the Road & Bridge Department in the amount of \$2,864 from Cook's Refrigeration. He said in addition to the drivers using the machine, EMS, Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, Extension, and the Election Department use it as well for various county functions. Sheriff Bitler offered to pay a portion of the machine from his budget, as his department uses it. Commissioner Conard told Lowe he had done an "excellent job" on a culvert replacement and road repair near W50 in the southern part of the county.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the purchase of a new ice machine for the Road & Bridge Department from Cook's Refrigeration, in the amount of \$2,864. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road & Bridge Supervisor, and Rhonda Ward, Office Secretary, reported to the commissioners that they had received two checks from FEMA for last year's storm damage. The two checks, in the amounts of \$23,509.35 and \$5,670.00, were first of several, said Ward, with the biggest ones still coming. However, the checks were made out to the Noxious Weeds Department by mistake, but Ward sent an email to FEMA to have them corrected.

The commissioners approved Wednesday, March 30, as the date for the annual township meeting at the Matt Samuels Community Building. Check-in will begin at 6:30p.m. with dinner and a brief presentation to follow at 7:00p.m. Rhonda Ward, Road & Bridge, Office Secretary will be collecting bids for a catered chicken fried steak meal.

Donna Olson, Treasurer, reported that KDOT transferred the county's federal funds exchange money to the Road & Bridge Department, a total of \$254,927.60. Last month the county paid \$398,000.00 towards the Esslinger Bridge Project so the federal funds exchange money will serve as a partial reimbursement for that project.

Kathy Robison, County Clerk, reported that the AT & T phone bill, that reflects the departments that were unable to be on the new phone system installed in the courthouse, is still incorrect. A contract was signed a while back to change these phone lines from an old plexar system, that no longer exists, to a different type of line, which should lessen the cost. Commissioner Fox suggested splitting the bill up again, like she did last month, and they will continue to work to get it corrected. Commissioner Fox reiterated that once the phone bill is correct, the county will be saving money.

The commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an employee verification for Stephen Smith for Undersheriff in the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$17.85 per hour. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. Commissioner Conard voted "no".

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve an employee verification for Amy Bailey for Detention Officer in the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$10.25 per hour. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Larry Sharp of the Kansas County Association Multiline Pool (KCAMP) gave commissioners an annual update and reminded them of the \$2,000.00 risk avoidance grant set aside for the county to use each year.

Bruce Boettcher of B & G Consultants told commissioners that the Neal Bridge project may be starting sooner than June, as originally planned. He is hoping to organize a pre-construction meeting in April. Boettcher also relayed the water line projects in Severy and Howard will be starting on April 4.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel with Lela Day, Health Department Director. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. After Day exited the executive session an additional 5 minutes was added. An additional 5 minutes was added to the executive session.

No decision was made.

County departments reported that there are still internet issues in the courthouse and Commissioner Fox has talked to Mediacom several times. Mediacom had come to the courthouse to look at the internet. However, there are still major problems. The commissioners discussed KS Fiber Network internet services and decided to move forward,

but before, KS Fiber can begin installation, they will need to identify several other local entities who are interested in their services. Installation fee for the courthouse will be \$5,500.00. District Court has not determined how much of the installation fee they will be able to pay. The Monthly bill for the Courthouse and District Court will be \$325.00 each .

Commissioner Fox made a motion to install fiber optic to the courthouse, using KS Fiber Network, with an installation fee of \$5,500.00 and a monthly fee of \$325.00(Courthouse monthly portion). Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 10:40a.m. Commissioner Conard made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

March 14th- Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.



Brian Hind
Brian Hind, Chairman

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Cole Conard
Cole Conard, Member

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk