

Commissioner Meeting
August 15, 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 9:07 a.m.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve August 8, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, presented two bids for a trash compactor. A used machine with 13,500 hours in the amount of \$65,000 and a new compactor leased for one year was \$82,000. Lowe was asked to inquire about leasing a compactor for a month to clean up tornado debris; Lowe also reported that a local company has offered to pay the additional expenses to keep the landfill open five days a week for one month to help with cleanup due to the tornado. Commissioners asked Lowe to see if there would be a City employee that could help two county employees operate the landfill during that time.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for personnel with Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, and Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$84,990.15. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$110,644.37. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Several department heads attended the meeting and discussed the upcoming SEK meeting.

Troy Shaw and Barbara Anderson presented commissioners with information on a program called Rural Opportunity Zone, (ROZ). This program is in conjunction with 77 Kansas counties in an effort to increase population in rural communities and offers student loan repayment up to \$15,000 for new residents and also income tax waivers for new residents coming from out of state. If the county cannot contribute funds to the program, private businesses can work with the state to sponsor individuals. The commissioners were in favor of the program but committed zero dollars to the project. The students have to be here for five years for \$15,000 off of their student loans. Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve Resolution 16 - 21 (ROZ). Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Kathy Robison, County Clerk, reported that a paging system would cost between \$1,500-\$1,800 to allow the Sheriff's Office to inform county office of emergencies within the Courthouse.

Kathy Robison, County Clerk, gave copies of the 2017 Budget that was emailed to her by the accountant. Commissioner Conard made a motion to accept the 2017 budget. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A budget hearing has been set for August 29th.

The commissioners took a 5 minute break.

Commissioner Fox stated that the Red Cross Preparedness event went well last weekend. Local volunteers, accompanied by Red Cross representatives canvassed the Eureka area to test smoke alarms and install new ones at no cost. The volunteers also provided information about tornado safety.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel with Jason Findley, Building Maintenance Supervisor. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Brian Mongeau, EMS Director, reported that all of the new equipment for the radio tower struck by lightning in May should be installed and running in the next week or two. Mongeau said that so far everything is working fine. Mongeau also discussed the EMT classes he has wanted to offer for interested volunteers throughout the county, that have been a topic for a while at various commission meetings. The commissioners agreed to allow Mongeau to offer the courses and the classes would be a mix of online course work and face-to-face. Mongeau hopes they will begin in October. The county has agreed to cover the cost of the class to encourage more interest and the total cost of the class and testing fees is \$17,400. Mongeau plans to apply for a state grant that would pay up to \$1,100 per student, which could greatly reduce the county's portion. Discussion was held about creating contracts for the individuals taking the class, guaranteeing a commitment to Greenwood County EMS for one year. Commissioner Hind believed a contract would deter people from taking the class. The commissioners did not make a decision about the contract, but asked Mongeau to move forward with setting up the class.

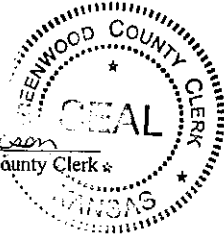
Road viewings for possible road closings were set for September 6th, following the weekly commission meeting on the Borst property (located in Reece), and the Mann property (located at H & 90th Rd, Eureka).

Paul Dean, County Counselor, discussed the lease agreement between Mediacom and Greenwood County that states the land that the old Mediacom tower sits on and the building used will be leased to Greenwood County for \$1,000 per year with an increase of 5% every 5th year. Mediacom has offered to give us the tower because they are no longer using it. Greenwood County currently uses the tower for the Fire North repeater. The commissioners asked that County Counselor Dean make sure Mediacom giving us the tower is included in the agreement.

At 11:10a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

August 22nd- 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