

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

There were no Commission Meeting Minutes.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, was asked by Commissioner Hind about the FEMA funds, Lowe said Ward, Road and Bridge Office Professional was still working on them. Commissioner Hind told him that he better start helping her because it needs to be done. Lowe reported that he had Judd Everitt go to Snell Bridge with him and he discussed the options that they had come up with. Lowe also called Seimears Construction and asked them to look at the Bridge and give an estimate; Lowe reported that they have been working on trimming trees and working on roads; Commissioner Hind asked where they were with the Chip/Seal project, Lowe reported they are still getting everything ready.

The commissioner reviewed a weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve abatements in the amount of \$654.80. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$87,186.08. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$154,492.13. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve to close out the contract on the CDBG Grant with SCKEDD for the Rural Water District #1 Grant. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve an employee verification for Clay Crisswell, as a part-time paramedic, in the amount of \$14.25 an hour. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind reported that he had spoken with the county's health insurance company (BCBS) and the state is requiring the county to raise the insurance cap, or the limit for the portion the county is responsible for, in response to the rate increases. "I do think, looking in the future, when this comes up for renewal we're going to have to do something else," said Hind. The county is in the first year of the three year contract. The cost to the county to raise their portion will be approximately \$50,000.

Commissioner Conard remarked, "Somehow it's occurring to me that the hospital board we appointed doesn't have authority over anything," he continued, "I want to give them more authority. They've clearly demonstrated that they're not the ones making those decisions." Conard asked, County Counselor, Paul Dean if they, as commissioners, were able to change that. Dean replied, "We can talk to them, but our authority is to appoint." After more discussion, it was felt that the hospital board already has the authority to preside over the hiring and firing if they choose to structure it that way.

The commissioners approved to move forward with the Purple Wave online auction service for the retired equipment in each department previously discussed at last weeks meeting.

Undersheriff Randy Cox and Sheriff Heath Samuels went over the new camera security system proposal for the courthouse, including the sheriff's office and jail. The current system is no longer upgradable or repairable and is basically 15 years old. The last quote they received for a camera system was going to cost over \$100,000. Commissioner Fox can order one wholesale, and sell it to the county at cost, in the amount of \$29,381.76 and has offered to help with the installation for no charge, which will save the county some money. Samuels added that they are going to install outside cameras as well, and develop a safe exchange zone in front of the Sheriff's Office for child custody exchanges and social media transactions. Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve the purchase of a new camera security system for the courthouse, including the sheriff's office and jail in the amount of \$29,381.76. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. Commissioner Fox abstained from the vote. Half of the funds are to come out of the Courthouse Equipment Reserve and the other half is to come out of the Sheriff Department Equipment Reserve.

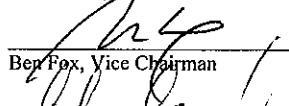
At 9:48 a.m. Commissioner Hind made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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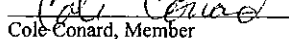
August 8th - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.



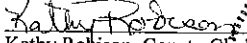
Brian Hind, Chairman



Ben Fox, Vice Chairman



Cole Conard, Member

ATTEST: 
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

