

Commissioner Meeting
August 22, 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 August 15, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, said crews have been grading and patching roads. Lowe presented a bid from APAC for chip/seal, covering approximately 6.8 miles, in the amount of \$191,665.22. The bid is lower than an initial bid from APAC, but the commissioners asked Lowe to contact another company who placed a lower bid earlier this year. Lowe said with everything going on, the county employees will no longer be able to chip and seal the roads this year.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a full-time employee verification for Road and Bridge for Thane Bruce in the amount of \$12.35 per hour. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bruce Boettcher, B & G Consultants, was present to discuss the current landfill situation. Since the July 7th tornado there has been debris piling up at the landfill. Commissioners have discussed purchasing or leasing a trash compactor, as the current one the landfill has no longer works properly. Boettcher, with B & G said that a compactor would help, but encouraged the commissioner to consider expansion options because the C & D landfill design space is starting to "fill up". The landfill currently sits on 240 acres, but only 20-30 acres have been permitted for C & D materials. Boettcher suggested expanding vertically, which would cost between \$20-30,000. To have a new site permitted and designed, Boettcher estimated between \$50-100,000. Commissioner Hind would like to have a KDHE representative either come talk to them or phone in via conference call.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for personnel with Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor and Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the executive session.

No decision was made.

A request for a payrate change for two Sheriff Department employees was presented to the commissioners. Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve a pay increase for Buffy Kuhn and Lawrence M. Lazar, Sheriff's Office, to \$13.15 per hour. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sheriff Heath Samuels and Undersheriff Randy Cox expressed concerns with their personnel portion of the approved 2017 budget. The Sheriff's Department normally figures the budget, as if each employee uses the family plan, and the Department is fully staffed at the time of budget, it helps them budget for possible turnovers and new hires. This year the budget was figured with the actual breakdown of the Sheriff's Office (ex: single plan, family, employee/spouse, etc), and was only based on 21 employees instead of their full capacity, which is 24. The Sheriff's Department is very concerned about not having enough in their payroll budget to last the whole year. Undersheriff Cox said they can make it work but wanted to bring it to the commissioners' attention.

Plint Hills Community Health Center requested a letter of endorsement from the commissioners for approving to do daycare licensing in Greenwood County. The commissioners decided to leave the responsibility with the Greenwood County Health Department.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute personnel with Kathy Robison, County Clerk; Deann Bankson, Payroll Clerk/Deputy Clerk; and Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel with Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the executive session.

No decision was made.

The commissioners approved for Emergency Management Director, Levi Vinson, to attend the Kansas Emergency Managers Conference in Junction City in September. Vinson will be presenting at one of the break-out sessions about his experience with the Eureka tornado. The cost is \$200 for the conference and \$279 for the hotel.

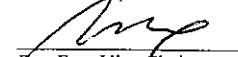
At 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Hind made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

August 29th - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.




Brian Hind, Chairman



Ben Fox, Vice Chairman



Cole Conard, Member

ATTEST: 
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

