

Commissioner Meeting
December 12, 2016

Chairman Brian Hind called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Vice Chairman Ben Fox, Cole Conard, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and Paul Dean, County Counselor.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve December 5, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor and Rhonda Ward, Office Professional gave the Road and Bridge Report: Lowe reported they will be putting tin horns in at 290th & GG; hauling rock and blading; reported that all of the items sold on Purplewave are gone; one heater in the shop has a fan motor and blade that isn't working. Lowe submitted a bid from Cornett, Commissioners told them to get another quote from other vendors in the County; Lowe mentioned they had three bids for the core drilling relating to the Norwegian Church Bridge, Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve the bid from Terracon, out of Wichita, in the amount of \$5,900. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Lowe and Ward reported that two pieces of equipment had recently been damaged, but are fixed and operational again. Both repair jobs were covered under insurance minus the \$500 deductible on each. Commissioner Hind asked Lowe and Ward what they thought their budget looked like at this time. Ward said she really hasn't had time to look at it. Hind said he didn't think they would have any money left and they are supposed to carryover \$270,000. Hind also mentioned that the FEMA funding would have helped with the 2016 budget. Commissioner Conard referred to the several floods and tornado that didn't help the budget. The commissioners noted a significant cash balance left in the department, but were unsure if that money could be transferred to the department's line items. The auditor will be visiting the county this week.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a special payable dated 12-06-16 in the amount of \$65.00. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve payables dated 12-12-16 in the amount of \$6,427.69. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Levi Vinson, Noxious Weed Director, told the commissioners he was contacted and told he had to officially be nominated for the County Weed Supervisor position. The nomination will be sent to the appropriate weed region directors for approval. Commissioner Hind nominated Levi Vinson for Greenwood County Weed Director. Commissioner Fox seconded it. The motion carried.

Kathy Robison, County Clerk told the commissioners that the Kansas League of Municipalities Membership/subscription used to be \$350 and this time it was \$800. Robison said that other counties have dropped their membership due to the cost. The commissioners decided to not renew.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve a Notice to the Township Board for a CMB License for Tripco. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. Commissioner Conard abstained.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve a Notice to the Township Board for a CMB License for Kerosene. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve a Notice to the Township Board for a CMB License for Tri-Corner. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve a Notice to the Township Board for a CMB License for Jim & Lila's Café. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ambulance Director, Brian Mongeau, was present and discussed his budget briefly with the commissioners and his budget looks good. Ambulance Department ended November with over \$188,000 left in budget authority and Mongeau doesn't anticipate spending more than \$40,000 in December. Mongeau also updated the commissioners on the expenses paid on the tower, when the lightning strike occurred earlier this year. The county should receive a check for \$63,000 which will go into the general fund. Mongeau would like to transfer \$50,000 into the Equipment Reserve Fund next year. Commissioner Hind said it looked like he would be able to purchase the next ambulance without having to borrow money if he keeps up this rate.

Undersheriff Randy Cox discussed the budget authority at the end of November for the Sheriff's Department was \$320,000. Cox mentioned they just received their fuel bill from the county for the last 6 months and it was \$10,000, but they have been using their fuel cards more because gas is cheaper right now at stations than at the county barn. The Sheriff's Department is working on getting their own Casey's cards. Cox also reported that they still haven't spent the \$10,000 they have in Capital Outlay. Cox reported that the Sheriff's Department have had some turnover recently, Just hired a full-time Deputy and need a new Jail Administrator.

Ambulance Director, Brian Mongeau, requested that the county review and try to fix the GPS system issues that affect many township roads. He reported that many outside agencies come into the county to assist with searches or for accidents, and they are unable to assist without the help of a Greenwood County Official directing them because the other agencies' GPS systems do not provide accurate information. Undersheriff Cox was going to start the process by figuring out which GPS systems are being used.

The commissioners discussed the Noxious Weed Department budget with Levi Vinson, Noxious Weed Director. Vinson told them he does have an invoice from Clean Harbor he's waiting on still.

In regard to Levi Vinson, Emergency Management Director's Report: Commissioner Hind asked Vinson about FEMA funding. Vinson reported that he was told by a representative from FEMA they are 99% sure that Greenwood County will receive funding for one of the appeals from the May 2015 storms, and we should receive the check in 2-3 weeks, totaling more than \$8,000. Vinson was told the other ones are still pending. Vinson reported that the Sheriff's Department bought him tires.

Ambulance Director, Brian Mongeau, reported they are having problems with a 2013 Chevy Ambulance. The Chevy is smelling of antifreeze and the garage has not been able to locate the source. After checking with other counties, it appears, this is common with this particular GM, and other counties have had to replace the engine. Mongeau said County Counselor Dean may have to get involved.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management Director, said he has a negative balance in his budget, and just received his fuel invoice from the last 6 months. The commissioners said to pay the bill out of the Road and Bridge Department Fund.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for personnel with Undersheriff Randy Cox and Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After returning from executive session, Undersheriff Cox reported that the county's K-9, Balko, is 8 years old, and nearing the end of his service life. Balko has a recertification training soon and should he pass, will still be utilized by the county for another year. However, the department has another officer that has dog handling experience and they are looking at a replacement dog to take Balko's position, when the time comes. Balko's current handler, Sgt. Jason Myers, would like to keep Balko when he is retired and out of service.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to appoint Cindy Pelky, of rural Hamilton, to serve on the Greenwood County Hospital Board, for a 4 year term, as Renell Schroeder's replacement. Schroeder's served on the board for 14 years, but according to hospital bylaws the term limit is set for a total of 12 years. The commissioners extended Shroeder's service to finish out the term that she was already serving. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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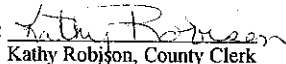
No decision was made.

At 10:50a.m. Commissioner Hind made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.


Calendar:


December 19th - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:


Kathy Robison, County Clerk


Brian Hind, Chairman


Ben Fox, Vice Chairman


Cole Conard, Member