

Commissioner Meeting
January 5, 2015

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

No Minutes to approve.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve GAAP Resolution 15-01. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Before approving payroll expenses, Commissioner Conard asked why the approved raises for 2015 went into effect prior to January 1. County Clerk, Kathy Robison, explained that the handbook states that the first paycheck of the year should reflect the increase. Since the first paycheck of the year reflects the last weeks of December, the raises take effect prior to January each year. Commissioner Conard suggested that the commissioners review that policy for next year.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$98,729.65. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$ 251,809.06. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve abatements in the amount of \$ 2,274.36. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve adds in the amount of \$18.86. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Larry Sharp, a representative of KCAMP, updated the commissioners on the County's loss ratios for the last five years which averaged 37%. The average was brought down significantly due to 2013's 4% loss ratio. Something unusual that KCAMP noticed in 2014 was that they paid out more property claims than liability claims. When asked about the biggest cause of liability to counties, Sharp accredited equipment operation and stressed the importance of training and risk-management policies. Sharp also reminded commissioners that the county has a \$2,000.00 risk-avoidance grant that can be used in any way to reduce litigation and claims.

Commissioner Conard made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel with Roger Lowe, Road & Bridge Supervisor and Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Conard made a motion for a five minute executive session for Courthouse Security with Vic Delpine, Building Maintenance Supervisor; Sheriff Rusty Bitler; and Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After returning from executive session, Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve CBS of Manhattan to construct a doorway on the east side of the Sheriff's office in the amount of \$ 2,664.67. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hind reported he had recently been asked about using vouchers to run the Noxious Weed Department rather than hiring a Noxious Weed Director. Hind stated he didn't think that would be the most efficient option. Commissioner Fox said he had heard about counties using vouchers and the retailers jacking the prices up. Hind said he hasn't been able to find any instances where counties actually rely on vouchers instead of a Noxious Weed Director. County Counselor Paul Dean reminded commissioners that the county has to have someone employed with a public applicator's license or else the county cannot do any type of chemical application. The commissioners agreed that they would continue to search for a Noxious Weed Director.

At 10:22 A.M. Commissioner Conard made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

January 12th-- Next Commission Meeting -- 9:00 a.m



ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Chairman

Cole Conard
Cole Conard, Vice Chairman

Brian Hind
Brian Hind, Member