

Commissioner Meeting  
July 25, 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, and Kathy Robison, County Clerk. Paul Dean, County Counselor arrived at 9:30 a.m.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve July 18, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, said he has still been looking for a trash compactor for the landfill and is interested in expanding the landfill due to the amount of debris collected from the storm; Lowe informed the commissioners about a High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) state program that would replace, add or remove road signs at no cost to the county, the commissioners were interested in pursuing the program; Lowe received an estimate on the cost to repair the grader that is down in the amount of \$23,635.06, the commissioners told him to get it repaired; the commissioners also spoke to Lowe about damages throughout the county from the tornado and the efforts to collect FEMA funds from last years' storms. Lowe reported that he was still gathering gravel tickets from last year's storm. Commissioner Hind urged Lowe to get the paperwork done that day since it was raining and he wouldn't be able to work on roads.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$962.50. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Susheel Kumar, Public Information Officer for the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), visited the commissioners and presented information about loans available to business, non-profit organizations, homeowners and renters affected by the July 7<sup>th</sup> tornado. SBA will have representatives at the courthouse until August 4<sup>th</sup> to answer questions and help individuals apply for the low-interest disaster loans. Although the SBA representatives will only be in town for another week, they will accept physical damage loan applications through September 19<sup>th</sup> and "Economic Injury" loan applications through April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Emergency Management Director, Levi Vinson, presented his 2017 budget proposal of \$30,050, an increase of \$14,500 from 2016. The increase includes an additional \$8,550 for personnel, \$2,000 for contractual expenses, \$3,050 for commodities, and \$1,500 for capital. Vinson said the proposed increase would cover vehicle expenses, a new computer and multi-function printer, expenses for attending additional meetings, a camera and a personal raise.

Jimi Burke, introduced herself as the New Business Office Director of the Greenwood County Hospital and invited the commissioners to visit her office and learn more about what they are doing to keep the hospital functioning.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve an employment verification for Kale Schankie, as a part-time Deputy at \$13.50 per hour. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners and several of the department heads discussed the details of the upcoming Southeast Kansas District meeting they will be hosting in September.

EMS Director, Brian Mongeau, reported that equipment for a new antenna has been ordered and he will be working with Mediacom to get everything installed, after lightning struck the Mediacom tower in May. Mongeau also reported that last week lightning struck their backup repeater, so they are currently using different backup equipment and are having trouble with reception in certain areas. The new equipment should resolve the issues. Mongeau also asked commissioners for permission to pursue a backup generator for the County Fire and EMS buildings. The commissioners approved the request.


Sheriff Heath Samuels presented information on a program that he is signing up for in the county jail, Kansas Legal-Based Jail Guidelines. Jail Administrators and other Sheriff's employees will be able to reference case law through an online system, in the jail. It will be funded through the inmate funds. A brief discussion was also held about the county's equipment auction. Sheriff Samuels suggested selling some of the larger items on the Purple Wave auction website, instead of public auction, he said more money is generated from Purple Wave, as it reaches a larger audience, and the sellers do not have to pay a fee to sell items as the fee is paid by the buyer. The commissioners said they would consider the auction site and discuss this topic next week.


Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for legal with Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

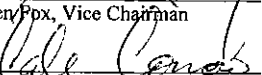
At 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Hind made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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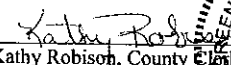
August 1st - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

  
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Brian Hind, Chairman

  
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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

  
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Cole Conard, Member

ATTEST:

  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

