

Commissioner Meeting
June 6, 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, and Kathy Robison, County Clerk. Paul Dean, County Counselor was not present.

There were no commission meeting minutes to approve.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, discussed the chip/seal project. They received a bid from Vance Brother's in the amount of \$289,758, much less than the one from APAC in the amount of \$587,859.72. After much discussion, it was decided that they would like the Road and Bridge Department to get the chips and utilize the equipment they have, possibly talk to the city and borrow some equipment from them if necessary, the commissioners would like the Road and Bridge Department to do a project around Eureka first, maybe on North Lake road to see how it goes, if it doesn't go well, they can cut their losses and do something different next year; the commissioners told Lowe they would like him to get the road damages fixed first from the recent storms; Commissioner Conard would like to set a project date for chip/seal on July 5th; Lowe presented two bids to repair Curry Bridge, one was from Everitt Concrete in the amount of \$4800 and the other bid was from Seimears Construction in the amount of \$5140; Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the bid from Everitt Concrete in the amount of \$4800 to repair Curry Bridge. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Bruce Boettcher, with B and G Consultants sent a letter regarding the Neal Bridge estimating the start date of the project to be June 20th; Commissioner Fox mentioned to Lowe that he received a message over the weekend about a low water crossing north of 210th on DD Road, the person was attempting to take a swather across the bridge and slid off into the creek due to the approaches being washed out, the commissioners asked Lowe to get the crossing repaired.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve a temporary/part-time employee verification for Nancy Ledesma, for the Health Department, as a Clerk, in the amount of \$10.50 per hour. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$83,402.54. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$97,479.13. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management Director, presented commissioners with a disaster declaration for Greenwood County due to recent storms. Vinson explained the state opened up the damage assessment for storms that occurred between the dates of May 22nd through May 31st and by commissioners signing the declaration it was the first step in allocating possible FEMA money. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve signing Resolution 16 - 03 (the disaster declaration). Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried. The due date for this declaration to be turned in is June 8th.

Sheriff Rusty Bitler told commissioners that his last day as Sheriff would be June 24th and that he would be submitting a letter of resignation to the Republican Committee so they could appoint a new Sheriff to finish out his term. Sheriff Bitler took a job with the Kansas Highway Patrol. Also Undersheriff Steve Smith is retiring from the Sheriff's Department June 10th. Sheriff Bitler will be appointing an Undersheriff temporarily at next Monday's Commission meeting.

Sheriff Bitler and Emergency Management Director, Levi Vinson, both reported that things were working very smoothly with KDOT since their meeting last week. Sheriff Bitler said that at the fatality accident on Saturday he made a phone call to KDOT and they responded immediately. They were very helpful.

Ambulance Director, Brian Mongeau, asked commissioners for some guidelines and budget planning due to the anticipated budget issues pertaining to the tax lid. The commissioners held a discussion on the cap, explaining that public safety is exempted from the requirement to hold a special election if the mill levy is going to be raised over a specific percentage of the inflation rate. That would include Sheriff, Ambulance and Fire. However County Clerk, Kathy Robison, explained to the commissioners they would have to work on the budget early if they are anticipating holding a special election because it would be held by mail and ballots would need to be mailed out by July 1st, and there are publication requirements that would have to be done ahead of that in addition to other requirements that would make timing an issue.

The commissioners took a break from 10:10 AM to 10:25 AM

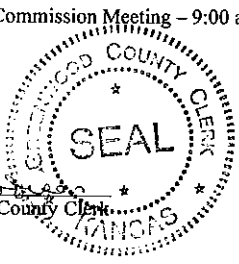
Linda Snyder and Nancy Mock presented their projected 2017 budget for the Board of Senior Services. They requested ~~\$89,880~~ an increase of \$1108 from 2016. Part of their proposed budget includes purchasing a new vehicle for the Fall River transportation services. Snyder also mentioned the micro loan program is still available through the county for start-up business loans. She will put information together in a future letter to the editor to explain it further.

At 10:37a.m. Commissioner Conard made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

June 13th - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk



Brian Hind
Brian Hind, Chairman
Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman
Cole Conard
Cole Conard, Member