

Commissioner Meeting
May 16, 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 May 2, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve May 9, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported that crews have been screening and fixing potholes; receiving calls on River Road & 220th; getting vehicles ready for the sale; normal blading; called out for the storm on Friday; tree cutting; discussed that he is still trying to get numbers for chip/seal project; talked about ditching when it gets dry. Commissioner Hind asked what they are doing today. Lowe said checking out Neal and checking out signs. Lowe said it was too wet to grade.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management Director, discussed the storm Friday and gave a brief report regarding some of the issues. Vinson said most of the damage was tree-related. Vinson also relayed that Westar had called the Sheriff's Office at 1:00 a.m. and requested a deputy because they didn't feel it was safe. The deputies felt KDOT should be contacted to provide traffic barriers. When dispatch called the KDOT District supervisor, they were told no, they would not come. Vinson called KDEM, Kansas Department of Emergency Management, who called KDOT, as well as the Highway Patrol. Westar ended up making arrangements to contract with their own piloting car system for traffic control. There was some discussion about possible budget cuts, and other possible ways to handle the situation.

Commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Abatements in the amount of \$807.38. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Courthouse toll-free number had been given to a marketing firm by A T & T, during the new phone transition, the commissioners decided to get a new toll-free number.

A letter of support for LaHarpe Communications, Inc., to bring broadband internet services to Neal was presented to the commissioners for their approval. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve signing the letter of support for LaHarpe Communication, Inc. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners discussed the chip/seal project again. They all agreed, they thought the county should do the project themselves. Road and Bridge Supervisor, Roger Lowe was going to make some calls to get more information. County Counselor, Paul Dean, said that Elk County is looking at using a synthetic oil for their chip/seal projects that is quite a bit cheaper. Commissioner Hind asked Lowe to call some of the other asphalt companies to see if they have time to do any projects before giving up on the idea.

Historical Society President, Mike Pitko, brought in a list of Historical Sites in Greenwood County. The bridge that was discussed last week was on the list, added in 1985.

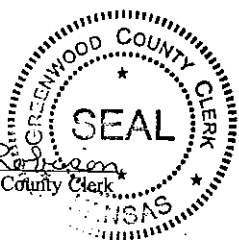
The commissioners discussed the idea further of demolishing houses that are on the tax sale if they meet specific criteria, instead of reselling them. Commissioner Conard said he thought the county should waive the tipping fee at the landfill, and haul the debris off as well. "We can't let this all fall on the cities because we're the one forcing them to do this," he said. Commissioners discussed where the funding might come from and if they would need to add more in next year's budget for the plan.

At 9:55a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hind seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

May 23rd- 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