

Commissioner Meeting
May 23, 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.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve May 16, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported they have been blading in the Virgil area; Lowe said a part-time blader recently quit so he is looking for someone else; crews have been doing normal blading and hauling rock; they do not have the new mower yet, they are expecting it June 4th; he has someone mowing the cemetery roads with the boom mower.

Mark from APAC came to the meeting to discuss the bid for chip/seal projects in the county. The commissioners told him they were not willing to pay \$40,000 per mile when last year it was \$21,000. The APAC rep said the cost increase was because the projects were all spread so far apart around the county so far. Commissioner Hind said they were all spread out last year as well and it wasn't so exorbitantly high. The APAC rep said he would go back and look at the bid again. Commissioner Hind asked about at least doing about 2.5 miles around Madison when APAC is in town already doing some street projects this summer. They said they would work with the county to see what they could do.

Commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$85,695.70. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$142,897.89. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jason Myers, Greenwood County Sheriff's Officer, is a certified instructor for A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) program. Myers asked the commissioners to consider the training for all courthouse employees. It would entail closing the courthouse for business on a weekday afternoon, as the training can last several hours. The program provides examples for real, effective ways to stop an active shooter. Myers has implemented the training for Eureka USD 389, and has plans to take it to the Madison and Hamilton districts as well. Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve the A.L.I.C.E. training for the courthouse employees and closing the courthouse for a half day. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Doug Williams, Fire Chief, asked permission to purchase tires for some fire trucks. Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the purchase of tires for Salem, in the amount of \$3,200. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. The commissioners approved the purchase of tires for several other trucks, as the budget allows. Williams also told commissioners about a training class offered by Midwest Search and Rescue. The class is 12 hours and could be brought to Greenwood County to prepare fire volunteers to respond after a tornado disaster. The commissioners were in support of hosting the class and asked Williams to collect information on the cost and schedule.

There was another issue with KDOT, reported this week, so a meeting with Commissioner Hind, Sheriff Bitler, and Emergency Management Director Vinson has been set up for later today at 1:00 p.m. with Wayne Goodmunson, KDOT Area Supervisor to discuss the issues.

Commissioner Hind proposed August 26th for the Southeast Kansas Counties meeting that will be held at the Hamilton School. Commissioner Hind is waiting confirmation from the Hamilton Superintendent.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for legal. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.


Commissioner Fox reported that KS Fiber Network is getting closer to bringing fiber internet to Eureka. They have received a commitment from several other businesses in town. Sheriff Rusty Bitler said that AT&T plans to bring fiber to the Sheriff's Office in October in order to start the Next Gen 911 program. Bitler was not sure if the fiber service offered by AT&T could also be used for the courthouse but said he would gather more information.

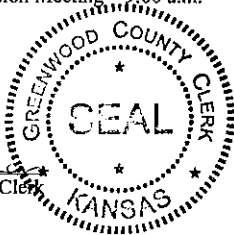
The county's microloan program was recently audited and there were no red flags reported. The county is being encouraged to make more business loans, however, Commissioner Hind, commented that the interest rate is 8.25% to use the program and the bank is 4.00% for that type of loan.

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

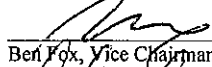
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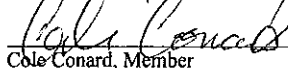
May 30th - Office Closed - Memorial Day.
May 31st - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: 
Kathy Robison, County Clerk




Brian Hind, Chairman


Ben Fox, Vice Chairman


Cole Conard, Member