

Commissioner Meeting
May 31, 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 23, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported that he has a blade that is currently not working; discussed a township road that may just need gravel; crews have been removing trees off roads; they discussed the sign machine that needs a different needle so the Road and Bridge Department can make their own signs again; discussed the Reece Bridge; Roger turned in a bid from Vance Brothers, Inc; discussed that the El Dorado Recycling plant had been taking the recyclables free but now we are going to be charged \$25 per ton. Fredonia Recycling plant will still accept recyclables free. It was decided to haul it to Fredonia.

Commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

An agreement was sent to the commissioners "Southeast Kansasworks, Inc., Local Area V Chief Elected Officials Board Agreement". The commissioners decided to have Paul Dean review the agreement before making a decision.

Rob Runquist, CEO of Crosswinds Counseling and Wellness, formerly the Mental Health Center of East Central Kansas, spoke to the commissioners regarding the county's appropriation. Runquist gave an update on their finances and asked for the same amount as in the past. Runquist reported a \$100 million dollar loss the year before last that they were able to recover to the point where the last year, they showed a profit of over \$100,000. However, the governor just announced a 4% cut to Medicaid reimbursement rates, which amounts to a quarter of a million dollars. Runquist said they are working on that.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management Director, and Sheriff Rusty Bitler, recently met with KDOT, Kansas Department of Transportation officials last week to discuss some difficulties that had been reported during two recent emergency events where road blockage was an issue. Vinson reported that the meeting was productive and both parties now have a better understanding of each other's capabilities. He said part of the problem was communication and the criteria that was needed in order for KDOT to act. Vinson felt issues had been resolved.

Sheriff Rusty Bitler and Emergency Management Director, Levi Vinson, updated commissioners about the tower fire last week. The Sheriff's office equipment is still inoperable. They are functioning on fire towers, one for Central, South and North. Sheriff Bitler reported that it is working well. Vinson said that EMS communications was also damaged in the fire and they are operating off of a smaller backup tower. The range is not as far, but is sufficient for paging and communicating in Eureka. EMS will also utilize fire towers when they get out of range of Eureka. Sheriff Bitler said he has been in contact with the insurance company and it is in processing.

This weekend will be Eureka days and the Dirty Kanza will be coming through Eureka. Sheriff Bitler and Vinson have spoken with a KDOT and have the use of two light up signs for traffic control. The other two will come from Lyon County.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

After 45 years of service, County Auditor, Harley Schlotterbeck, sold a portion of his accounting firm to Jarred, Gilmore and Phillips, P.A. Schlotterbeck introduced Phillip Jarred, Accountant, if they wish to continue business with the firm that he sold. Jarred presented a Letter of Consignment that the commissioners decided to have Paul Dean, County Counselor, review before signing. Schlotterbeck will still be available for consult if needed.

Several Department Heads met with the commissioners regarding the upcoming SEK County meeting that will be held in Hamilton on August 26, 2016.

At 11:00a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

June 6th- 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