

Commissioner Meeting
November 21, 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 arrived at 9:17 a.m.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve November 14, 2016 minutes and the Board of Canvass Minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported crews have been hauling chips; Zach Marshall cleaned out brush at Ladd Bridge but they still need to do some work at the east end of the bridge and above it; they are also doing some mowing, tree trimming, and cleaning brush around bridges; Lowe reported that he has been driving around with Levi Vinson, Emergency Management Director and FEMA representatives for several days; Lowe reported that he will be checking a bridge at the Dead End Ranch because of a tinhorn that may need replaced; the commissioners discussed several roads they had concerns about; Commissioner Hind asked Lowe to look at a bridge near Dr. Browning's property.

Commissioner Hind asked Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson where we were with FEMA funds. Vinson reported we are still waiting to hear about the appeals that have been sent in and we are still waiting to hear about what we will be getting on the debris removal project. Vinson reported that 17 sites have been written up so far. We may receive \$18,431 out of \$171,000 turned in. Vinson reported that he believes they will be in better shape with the September 2-12 event that they turned in to FEMA because it's a different group of FEMA representatives. Vinson also reported that there was a pile of utility poles south of the Weed Department. Westar had cut them in half and stored them there temporarily after the tornado in July. They came last week and hauled them away. Vinson reported that the paint cans have been hauled away and that he is working on an inventory system for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). Commissioner Hind told Roger to tell Rhonda to keep turning bills in to the Federal Funds Exchange and get it out of the State fund and put it in to the Special Bridge Capital (Line 142).

Commissioner Conard made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for legal with Levi Vinson, Emergency Management Director and Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$89,267.53. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$266,989.78. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jerry Brown, a resident of Greenwood County, who had recently attended the meeting to discuss a road closing issue was not in attendance today, as listed on the agenda, because Paul Dean, County Counselor had discussed the road issue with him before the meeting. Dean explained that if a Township Road has been unmaintained for 20 years it is deemed abandoned so if a person wants it to be an "open" road again that person would be responsible to get it in working condition again and maintain it.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for personnel. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the session.

No decision was made.

Benjamin Trout, a representative of EPM, a company that manufactures and installs heating and air-conditioning systems offered to do a free feasibility study of the courthouse and present his findings and suggestions at a later date. Trout requested the courthouse utility bills from Westar and Atmos for the past year. Commissioners approved the feasibility study 2-1, with Cole Conard voting no. Conard noted the study another company did a year ago and how expensive it was.

Vic Delpine, former Building Maintenance Supervisor, subbing for Jason Findley, reported on a recent oil analysis from the courthouse chiller unit. The analysis showed increased levels of acid, zinc and tin. The tin level indicates that bearings on the machine are being worn off. Since the bearings can no longer be manufactured, the maintenance company offered to come to the courthouse and talk about options to move forward. The current operating system was installed in 1956 and is the oldest operating chiller in the United States.

Undersheriff Randy Cox briefly reported on the chase and manhunt that occurred last week. Cox discussed the SUV that was damaged in the chase and reported that the office may end up losing money once insurance comes in and goes towards the purchase of a new vehicle. He is currently pricing trucks instead of SUVs as a potential cost saving measure. Discussion was held on ways to improve communication between the Sheriff's office and the public going forward, including Facebook updates and increase communication with local media outlets. Cox also reported that the office is experiencing a sharp increase in applications for full-time positions.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Resolution 16-09 (Resolution Regarding Emergency Management Manager). Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

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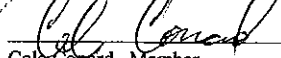
November 24th & 25th Courthouse Closed – In Observance of Thanksgiving Holiday
November 28th– Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.



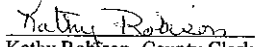
Brian Hind, Chairman



Ben Fox, Vice Chairman



Cole Conard, Member

ATTEST: 

Kathy Robjson, County Clerk