

Commissioner Meeting
November 7, 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.

No commission meeting minutes.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported crews have been retrieving rock and cutting trees; and the fuel tanks out at Road and Bridge have been painted by inmates. Lowe also presented a new bid from GSA Auto Choice for a GM 4WD pickup in the amount of \$27,076.08. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the bid from GSA in the amount of \$27,076.08 for the Road and Bridge Department and to take the funds from the Road and Bridge Equipment Reserve account. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Preparedness/Noxious Weed Director, reported that two pickups for the Weed Department are currently not being utilized and he would like to sell them as he believes they are unnecessary. One of the trucks only has 13,000 miles on it and County Appraiser Jami Clark has expressed interest in purchasing it for her department. The commissioners asked Vinson to hold off on selling the vehicles until he is settled into his new position and they will reconsider next year.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Preparedness/Noxious Weed Director reported that Clean Harbors will be at Road and Bridge soon to pick up the Household Hazardous Waste that has been collecting and the removal will cost around \$10,000-\$15,000. Two representatives of the Kansas Department of Emergency Management (KDEM) attended the meeting with Vinson, prior to their 10 a.m. meeting to begin discussing the September 2-12 disaster claims. Vinson reminded commissioners that all appeals from the May 2015 storm decisions have been sent to Topeka and FEMA has 60 days to respond after receiving them.

The totals for the county's Purple Wave auction held last month were announced and the total collected was \$18,830 for various vehicles and equipment primarily from the Road and Bridge Department. This amount excludes the Sheriff's Department totals. Commissioner Conard expressed his disappointment with several of the items selling for less than he expected. Commissioner Hind said the two courthouse vehicles surprised him, as well, but that he believed the other items sold well. Sheriff Heath Samuels reported that the Sheriff's office brought in \$29,700 from the auction, with the sale of eight vehicles and he was pleased with the outcome.

Jami Clark, County Appraiser, talked to the commissioners about attending the upcoming KAC meeting and the commissioners approved it.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$89,000.79. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$93,272.32. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's report.

Commissioners approved the VA representative using the commission room on the first and third Thursdays of each month to allow for internet access.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Resolution 16-08 (GW County Cost Share Program for the Demolition/Removal of Dilapidated Houses. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Counselor, Paul Dean, asked that a request for road repairs at Q50 Rd be added to the agenda. Upon further discussion and research, it was discovered that Q50 Rd is a township road not county so the township will need to be responsible for the repairs.

The commissioners revisited the discussion regarding Nancy and Jerry Brown and land access to their property, located in the southeast corner of the county in Salt Springs Township. The Browns had reported last week that they were landlocked and using a trail on their neighbors' land but later discovered it had been a Township Road that was believed to be closed. However, when they researched it, they were unable to find any documentation relating to a road closure. A surveyor determined that the road was closed in 1885. The commissioners and County Counselor, Paul Dean, determined that the situation should be handled as a private easement issue between the involved parties.

Commissioner Conard relayed concerns his constituents have regarding the proposed consolidation of Severy, Fredonia and Woodson County Coops. After several informational meetings Severy Coop members learned that dividends they had planned on receiving at age 67 to help with retirement will not be paid out until their death. Conard said there was a great deal of hostility and members of Severy, Fredonia and Woodson County Coops will vote on the merger November 29. Each Coop will need a 2/3 majority vote for the merger to pass.

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

Calendar:

November 14th- Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.



ATTEST: Kathy Robinson
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

Brian Hind
Brian Hind, Chairman

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Cole Conard
Cole Conard, Member