

Commissioner Meeting
October 17, 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 October 11, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported crews have been working on washouts and there is still quite a bit of damage that needs to be repaired from recent storms. He said that water has receded from Ladd Bridge; some bridges in the south end of the county still have three-foot drop-offs; reported that crews had cleaned out a logjam from 220th & H Rd. from where the tornado had started, some of the logs were massive, 6 to 8 feet in diameter; Lowe reported that the appeal letters to FEMA in response to their denials from the flood damage had been sent in last Wednesday. County Emergency Director, Levi Vinson, said he had spoken with Kansas Department of Emergency Management, KDEM, and had been advised to remove one claim from the appeals, to improve the odds of getting the other claims approved. This particular claim is the one that has been discussed previously regarding the Google Earth map, and FEMA stating that the bridge in question had previous damage based on an aerial photo, but the aerial photo does not show underneath the bridge. The commissioners agreed that removing the \$6400 claim would be in the best interest of getting the other claims reversed. Vinson said the county had turned in their claim estimates from the September 2-12 storm event waiting to see if the US president would declare the entire country, allowing the county's damages to be FEMA reimbursed. President has 60 days to declare, although Vinson is skeptical that the damages will meet the national threshold to be a National disaster. Vinson said that KDEM reported that Greenwood County is becoming a model in organization.

Commissioner Conard made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for personnel with Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the session. An additional 5 minutes was added to the session.

No decision was made.

Brandi Starr asked for permission to put up a tree and decorate the courthouse lawn for Winterfest this year, held on December 3rd. There will be a parade, a shop at home promotion, and a cowboy ball as part of the festivities. Commissioners gave their support for the event.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$103.59. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve a Notice to the Township board for Tri-Corner. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Conard said he was contacted last week about the process in obtaining a 911 address for a location that did not previously have a home on it. There was some discussion on whose responsibility it should be. County Counselor, Paul Dean, commented that the Appraiser's Office contracts with R & S Digital for the county mapping and he thought it went along with 911 addressing. Commissioner Conard suggested the Sheriff's Office, EMS and the Appraiser's Office get together and talk about it to decide the best way to assign 911 addresses because they would be the departments using them the most. Dean mentioned that no matter who assigns the address, the information would need to be sent to R & S Digital to be coordinated into the county's mapping. County Appraiser, Jami Clark was asked to join the meeting to discuss it with her. She explained that since Sheriff Samuels took over he is now using R & S Digital, as well, so the addresses could all be the same. Clark commented that she thought it would make more sense and be more efficient to have people get their 911 addresses from the Appraiser's Office and was willing to handle it as long as people know it's not an immediate response and could take 48 hours to have an address for someone. Clark added that she didn't think there were very many places in the county that didn't have 911 addresses.

Commissioner Conard made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for legal with Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

At 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

October 24th - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

Brian Hind, Chairman

Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Cole Conard, Member

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk