

Commissioner Meeting
October 24, 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 hotpatched holes east of Hamilton; cleaning bridges, working at Ladd Bridge; have two mowers going at the same time; crews are putting in the snorkel on the tinhorn that had been previously discussed; they are working on a bridge today at R 50 that had washed out, located south of 75th.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management Director, gave an update regarding the FEMA claims turned in from May 2015. At this time, the claims have been denied, even though previously commissioners had been told they would be receiving approximately \$200,000. Vinson said those initial figures were estimates and the actual figures will be significantly lower. For example, Vinson said FEMA estimated \$49,000 for road projects and the actual figure ended up being \$33,497. Vinson also updated the commissioners on "RS" roads, which he explained are high-traffic, county roads and the county will not be able to collect funding for them, as determined by KDOT. The May 2015 requests are still under appeal. Vinson also reported that for the September 2-12, 2016 storms, the state met its threshold and the disaster declaration was signed last week by President Obama. Vinson said he believes this process will be a lot smoother with this storm than the previous one due to increased documentation and organization by Road and Bridge.

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.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 15 minute executive session for personnel with Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor and Levi Vinson, Emergency Management Director. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 10 minutes was added to the executive session. An additional 5 minutes was added to the executive session.

After returning from executive session, commissioners announced that Noxious Weed Director Dalton Evanson would be stepping down and returning to a tier 1 full-time Road and Bridge employee at the rate of pay of \$12.35 per hour. They also announced that Levi Vinson would become a full-time Greenwood County employee. Vinson is now the part-time Noxious Weed Director and he will start at the tier 1 rate of \$12.35 per hour until his certifications are completed, these wages will be in addition to his emergency management director salary which makes the other part of this part-time job. He will continue to work as the county's FEMA deputy, but will no longer receive a separate wage for those duties. Starting 10-25-2016.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$93,405.84. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve payables dated 10/24/ 2016 in the amount of \$1366.91. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve payables dated 10/28/ 2016 in the amount of \$113,417.42. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve a Notice to the Township Board for The Little Barn by the River. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve the courthouse spending \$50 for Halloween candy for trick or treat Main Street. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve the 2017 pay schedule. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After reviewing the 2017 County calendar, Commissioner Conard said the county observes every federal holiday with the exception of Martin Luther King Jr. day, instead they observed the day after Thanksgiving. Commissioner Conard commented he thought it would be easier for constituents to remember if the courthouse was closed the same days as the banks and post office. After some discussion Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the 2017 County calendar, with no changes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. Commissioner Conard voted no.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage license for Tri-Corner. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 10:12a.m. Commissioner Hind made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

October 31st-- Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

Brian Hind, Chairman

Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Cole Conard, Member

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk