Commissioner Meeting
October 12, 2015

Chairman Cole Conard called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, and Kathy Robison, County Clerk. Brian Hind arrived at 9:12 a.m. Paul Dean, County Counselor arrived at 9:13 a.m.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve October 5, 2015 minutes.Commissioner Conard seconded the motion.The motion carried.

There was no Road and Bridge Report this week.

The commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Payroll in the amount of $84,112.84.Commissioner Conard seconded the motion.The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Payables in the amount of $91,860.40.Commissioner Conard seconded the motion.The motion carried.

Commissioner Conard said that he had been approached by the mayor of Fall River and their Fire Department wants to be dispatched to accidents in their area in the future. Sheriff, Rusty Bitler and EMS Director, Brian Mongeau said they had spoken with the Fire Department and are working on protocols for responding.Commissioner Conard also asked what it would take to have an ambulance stationed in Fall River.Mongeau was in favor of possibly stationing a response vehicle equipped with various medical supplies and equipment in Fall River instead of a $150,000 ambulance.Mongeau said they would need two licensed individuals through the Kansas Board of EMS, either as an EMR, EMT, AEMT or Paramedic.Mongeau plans to visit with those interested and learn more about what the city wants and needs in terms of EMS.Mongeau also added that Fall River does already have two AED's, one with the City of Fall River and one with the City Lake Fire Department.

County Clerk, Kathy Robison, reported that Harley Schlotterbeck, County Auditor, had completed the 2014 audit and said that it showed no problems.

Sheriff Bitler and Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson asked commissioners about a vehicle transfer from the Sheriff's Office to the Emergency Management Department.The Sheriff's Department has a 2009 Chevy pickup with 187,000 miles they agreed to transfer to Vinson's Department for $3,500.Commissioner Hind made a motion to approve the transfer of the vehicle from the Sheriff's Office to the Emergency Management Department in the amount of $3,500.The funds will come out of the County Equipment Reserve Fund.Commissioner Fox seconded the motion.The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox took a ride in the Appraiser's Office vehicle on a dusty road to check out the dust leak issue in the vehicle.Commissioner Fox agreed there was a dust leak problem and the check engine light came on, as well.After some discussion, the commissioners decided to sell the two older vehicles that were used for general county use, a car and a van, and replace them with this SUV.Clark will get the old SUV repaired before it is put into general county use (This is the blazer with approximately 78,000 miles).The consensus was that the SUV would be fine to use on the highway with no issues.It was decided to keep the other blazer that has approximately 40,000 miles as an Appraiser's Office vehicle due to the low mileage.County Appraiser, Jami Clark, had quotes from Clint Bowyer in Emporia.First Choice: If a 2015 Jeep Patriot Sport 4X4 model is available, it will be cheaper, at $20,553.95.If they are unable to locate one, Second Choice: a 2016 will be $22,563.95.Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the purchase of a jeep (try to get First Choice) from Clint Bowyer in Emporia.Commissioner Hind seconded the motion.The motion carried.The funds for the vehicle are to come out of the Appraiser's Capital Outlay Budget.

Commissioner Conard reported that they received a letter from the state division of property valuation, reporting that the Greenwood County Appraiser's Office is in substantial compliance with state statutes. "It appears they've passed with flying colors," he added.

Commissioner Hind asked Emergency Management Director, Levi Vinson, how the progress was going with FEMA damage reimbursement.Vinson explained that his involvement was with the initial damage assessments and management but not with the reimbursement process unless he calls each different agency to track the amount of money we are rewarded.Commissioner Hind also inquired about the meeting guidelines for the county's Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).Vinson said the committee is supposed to meet once a year, but that is not a requirement.Due to turnover in various county positions, the group has not met in two years.Vinson said the main concern of LEPC is supposed to be the reported hazardous material within the county.Commissioner Hind is concerned that the county could be penalized if an emergency were to happen and it was discovered that the LEPC had not met in several years so the commissioners asked Vinson to organize a meeting at least once a year, even if only a few people show up.

Commissioner Conard made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for legal with Sheriff, Rusty Bitler and Undersheriff, Steve Smith.Commissioner Fox seconded the motion.The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Conard made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for legal with Kathy Robison, County Clerk and Paul Dean; County Counselor.Commissioner Fox seconded the motion.The motion carried.

No decision was made.

County Attorney, Joe Lee, told commissioners that the Kansas Attorney General's Office has opened up their division to handle appeals on criminal cases for a $1,000 yearly fee.One case typically costs the county at least $1,000.County Counselor, Paul Dean said, "There's no reason why the county should not do this." Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve and sign the contract with

the Kansas Attorney General's Office in the amount of $1,000.Commissioner Hind seconded the motion.The motion carried.The annual fee will be examined each year.

Commissioner Conard made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for legal with Joe Lee.Commissioner Fox seconded the motion.The motion carried.

No decision was made.

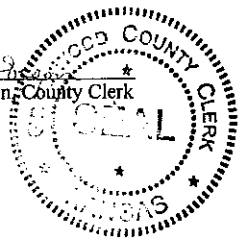
At 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

October 19th– Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

Cole Conard, Chairman

Brian Hind, Vice Chairman

Ben Fox, Member

ATTEST: Kathy Robison, County Clerk