

Commissioner Meeting
July 18, 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 9:15 a.m.

City Administrator Ian Martell updated the commissioners on city clean up after the July 7th tornado. Martell discussed the program between the county and city regarding houses that were to be taken to the landfill and the county waiving fees. Martell said that those houses belonged to a special program and there were 14 homes in the city that were damaged and need to be torn down. Martell added that insurance will cover some of the cost, so they will wait and see what happens, but the others could possibly qualify for the program and waiver of fees. The commissioners said they would follow the city's lead. Martell also said that the city was going to take a Bobcat out to the landfill to help sort materials. Road and Bridge Clerk, Rhonda Ward, said the state had been lenient on the rules that are normally strict on content of landfill debris, which is helping the situation.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor, said he had been looking for a trash compactor for the landfill to lease or rent to help out with the massive piles of debris at the landfill. Lowe found a place that has two, one non-working that is used for parts and the other one works. Both together would cost \$30,000. The commissioners did not make any decisions. Lowe reported that the dozer in Wichita and the blade is down.

Commissioner Hind made a motion to appoint Levi Vinson, Emergency Management Director, to serve on the SEK Homeland Security Council for Greenwood County. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Several representatives from the Greenwood County Hospital, including Nancy McKenzie, CEO, attended to discuss the ongoing budget issues. McKenzie said they have made changes and are trying to save money as much as possible without cutting services. The commissioners discussed the salary budget for the hospital and how it compares to the county salary budget. Again McKenzie said they have to compete with wages in Butler and Sedgwick Counties. The commissioners discussed the comparisons with the other county hospitals from last week. Commissioner Conard stated he would be okay with giving the hospital 3 mills but with the stipulation that there would be a one year freeze on hiring and salary increases. "my theory is that I've got to force you to make some changes," he said. Several of the hospital group exclaimed that they would not be able to take care of patients if they could not rehire when a position becomes vacant. In the end it went to a vote with Commissioner Conard and Commissioner Fox voting to give the hospital 3 mills and Commissioner Hind voted "no".

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve July 5, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve July 11, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Clerk Kathy Robison gave the commissioners information regarding increases that will be coming next year for county insurance.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel with Lela Day, Health Department Administrator and Mary Harrison, Office Manager. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 10 minutes was added to the executive session.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Hind made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for personnel with Levi Vinson, Emergency Management Director. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

The commissioners took a 5 minute break.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$100,920.08. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Conard made a motion to approve payables (dated 7-22-2016) in the amount of \$98,410.46. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables (dated 7-18-2016) in the amount of \$5,899.02. Commissioner Conard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

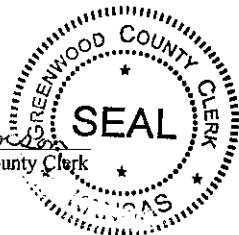
The commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

At 11:23a.m. Commissioner Hind made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

June 25th- Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: *Kathy Robison*
Kathy Robison, County Clerk



Brian Hind

Brian Hind, Chairman

Ben Fox

Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Cole Conard

Cole Conard, Member