

APRIL 10, 2023

Chairman Roy Ballard called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Preston Evenson, Malcolm Obourn, County Counselor Paul Dean and County Clerk Kathy Robison.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Commissioner Hodge moved to approve April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Minutes as written. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

Road and Bridge Report:

- Darrel has spoken with Drew Ramsey regarding a bridge project located on 185<sup>th</sup>. The amount of this project totals \$56,875.
- Questions were posed regarding the cost of a back hoe contractor versus using the County's back hoe. Commissioners supported utilizing county equipment.
- It was noted that 75% of costs could be covered for mitigated projects via FEMA.
- The survey for the bridge project on 255<sup>th</sup>, west of Hamilton, has been completed.

***Fox moved to approve the cost of \$56,875 for the bridge project located on 185<sup>th</sup> Street. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. (This does not include contracting a backhoe)***

***Commissioner Fox moved to approve special payables in the amount of \$5,521.20. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

Greenwood County resident Kelly Jones attended the meeting to inform commissioners of a demolition project located at 418 N. Sycamore in Eureka, Jones then asked the commission to waive the tipping fees for said project.

***Obourn moved to approve waiving the County tipping fees for Jones' demolition project. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

Reyna Brandt attended the meeting to ask commissioners about banners on Main Street. Brandt would like the County to donate \$500 towards banners and signage for Eureka City.

***Commissioner Fox moved to approve donating \$500 towards banners and signage. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

It was noted that Tim Leiser, who is tasked with the cleaning project in Neal, could not find a local place to take metal; therefore, Leiser will haul the metal to Emporia. Questions were then posed regarding if Road and Bridge will absorb the costs of tire disposal for the Neal cleaning project. County Counselor Paul Dean stated that he believes the quote covered the costs of tire disposal. Darrel is slated to look into the matter further.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson informed commissioners that the new mass notification system went live last week. Vinson also provided an update regarding the mapping project he's been working on, noting that several Township boards have reached out to provide input regarding minimum maintenance roads. Vinson would like to meet with said Townships to discuss these roads.

Commissioners voiced no opposition to this proposal.

A brief discussion ensued regarding public walkways/bicycle paths. A meeting to discuss the safety of people walking/bicycling on all public roadways in Kansas is slated for April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Commissioners posed questions regarding the necessity to attend this meeting. Vinson noted Greenwood County could provide statistics/data to the entity hosting the meeting rather than attending.

***Obourn moved to approve a ten-minute executive session to afford discussion for Mediacom internet usage. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 10:07 a.m. No decisions were made.***

***Fox moved to approve a five-minute executive session to afford discussion regarding contract clarification, to include county counselor Paul Dean. Meeting to reconvene at 10:13 a.m. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. No decisions were made.***

***Fox moved to approve county counselor Paul Dean writing a letter of support for Covenant Housing at Grand Villa. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

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Evenson posed question regarding the property tax sale. Paul Dean informed commissioners of the steps taken to accomplish these sales. Commissioners voiced support in holding these tax sales annually.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau informed commissioners that his department does not have connectivity issues with Mediacom, but noted the bill has increased dramatically. Fox stated they will be looking into other options.

*Hodge moved to adjourn at 10:23 a.m. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson  
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

Roy Ballard  
Roy Ballard, Chairman

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Malcolm Obourn  
Malcolm Obourn, Member

Preston Evenson  
Preston Evenson, Member