

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, Mac Obourn, Preston Evenson, County Counselor Paul Dean and County Clerk Kathy Robison.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fox moved to approve July 17, 2023 Minutes as written. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge report:

- Crews have finished cleaning debris at Piedmont
- Crews have begun cleaning debris in Hamilton
- A county grader is in Chanute for repair
- R Road project is finished and slated to be open in the near future
- Commissioner Hodge posed questions regarding the City of Eureka renting the sign machine; following a brief discussion, it was determined the best route going forward is to have county employees operate the machine for the city when need be.

Election Systems & Software representative Angie Frison attended the meeting to discuss the safety and security of their election equipment; as two bids for the purchase of new election equipment had been provided to commissioners at the previous meeting. Commissioner Fox posed questions regarding election equipment being connected to the internet; Frison confirmed the equipment is not connected to the internet per federal law.

Fox moved to approve the purchase of election equipment from ES&S in the amount of \$78,953.50; to be paid from election equipment reserve fund. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Evenson moved to approve payables in the amount of \$396,150.46. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Fox moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$138,361.73. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Evenson moved to approve special payables in the amount of \$1,970.82. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Greenwood County Hospital CEO Sandy Dickerson attended the meeting looking to proceed with the next steps in the facility's HVAC project. Dickerson is looking into public investment options to finance such a project; as such, she noted that a revenue tax bond is needed. Sandy went on to say that this could be achieved through Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, designating a portion of the 1% sales tax already collected for the hospital and obligating it to cover project payments. Following a brief discussion, county counselor Paul Dean noted that there would be a 30-day protest period following the publication of the notice, which would afford members of the public time to voice any concerns.

Fox moved to approve adopting the preliminary resolution of intent for the sales tax revenue bond for the GWCH HVAC project. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioners reviewed Treasurer's report. No decisions were made.

Paul Dean noted that representatives from Leiser Construction had contacted him regarding the roof project for the courthouse. Dean noted that Leiser would like to start the project this week or next. Commissioners voiced no opposition.

EMS Director Brian Mongeau informed commissioners that he would like to remount the box of an ambulance, which would be more cost effective. This project is estimated for completion in the fourth quarter of 2025. Mongeau informed commissioners he had moved forward with the project; commissioners voiced no opposition.

Obourn moved to approve a five-minute break. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

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Ballard moved to approve a five-minute executive session to discuss legal matters. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:14 a.m. No decisions were made.

Obourn moved to approve a five-minute executive session to discuss legal matters. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:20 a.m. No decisions were made.

Salt Springs township Trustee Jeff Pittman attended the meeting to discuss issues with residents of Vaughn Acres area not wanting the township to grade their roads. County counselor Paul Dean noted that if the roads in question are township roads than the township is responsible for maintaining those roads.

Commissioner Evenson moved to adjourn at 10:38 a.m. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, 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

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