

GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
MARCH 27, 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 Fox moved to approve March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Minutes as written. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

Road and Bridge Report:

- The Tadpole Creek Bridge project went out for letting on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, with a grand total of \$445,344, of which the county pays \$99,000.
- The bridge located west of Madison on 255<sup>th</sup> and U Road is being surveyed.
- Evenson noted he has received calls regarding road signs that are down and would like the matter addressed.
- Road and Bridge is down a grader operator, after questions posed by commissioners it was revealed that Road and Bridge is short-handed by at least 3 full-time positions.
- Ditching near 290<sup>th</sup> and Q Road will be underway soon.

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

Representatives from the City of Eureka and the Fair Association attended the meeting to discuss other options for a Community Center for Greenwood County. The Eureka Downs building will be utilized for the fair. A proposal was provided that four entities be involved the lease for the Community Center; those four entities include 4-H, Fair Association, Eureka City and Greenwood County. Representatives noted they are looking into grants to bring this facility up to code to be able to utilize this building for community activities. Representatives would like Greenwood County Commission to be onboard with the proposal to be on this board and involved in the proposal. It was mentioned that the Extension Office could also move to this facility. After questions posed by commissioners, it was noted that the monthly costs would be split 50/50 between the City of Eureka and Greenwood County.

Maintenance supervisor Greg Rawlings provided commissioners with flooring estimates for the County Attorney's Office to have hard surfaced flooring rather than carpet. The estimates provided were between \$8030.19 and \$9,360.

***Fox moved to approve moving forward with the carpet already purchased. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

***Fox moved to approve hiring Sheri Mundhenke for a part-time position in the Attorney's Office at a pay-rate of \$12 per hour. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

Jeff Pittman attended the meeting to discuss speed limit signs discussed at a previous meeting. Sheriff Heath Samuels informed commissioners they would need to pass a resolution to change the speed limit in the area in question to a suggested 30 miles per hour. A description of sign placement will be necessary before commissioners can approve this request.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson provided an update for the mapping project that he has been working on. Vinson noted he has been in contact with a representative from the Corps of Engineers and is slated to hold a meeting with said representative to possibly shed more light on the mapping project. A brief discussion ensued regarding road signs needed in the Fall River Lake area. Commissioner Ballard noted that the Noxious Weed Department is in charge of weeds and Road and Bridge Department is in charge of trees and if those departments would work together to get the job done it would be more proficient but Ballard feels there needed to be a designation of jobs so those jobs would be completed.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau noted that last week was a busy week for his department. Last Wednesday EMS employees went to Hamilton High School for a career fair. Mongeau noted that several departments including EMS, Sheriff and Emergency Management went to Madison High School to put on a mock DUI crash for those high school students preparing for their upcoming prom.

Commissioners agreed to take a five-minute break, although no motion made or seconded.

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*Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive session with Paul Dean to afford discussion for legal consultation regarding a contract. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 10:40 a.m. No decisions were made.*

County Clerk Kathy Robison is slated to gather information regarding the amount of funds Greenwood County has paid out for the Matt Samuels Community Building in the last several years.

Levi Vinson noted that he would like a committee together including at least one commissioner, Levi and Road and Bridge Director Darrel Chrisman to look into the roads map project to make decisions and present to the entire board, as Levi Vinson does not feel that he should make those decisions on his own.

*Fox moved to adjourn at 10:47 a.m. Evenson 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