

JUNE 26, 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, County Counselor Paul Dean and County Clerk Kathy Robison. Commissioner Malcolm Obourn was not present.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Fox moved to approve June 19, 2023 Minutes, as written. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.***

Road and Bridge Report:

- Crews are working on R Road
- Darrel reported that Tadpole Creek Bridge construction may begin earlier than previously anticipated
- Chrisman looked at a tractor and mower last week for potential purchase for Road and Bridge in the amounts of \$51,200 and \$18,500 respectively if the units were purchased together, if purchased separately the tractor would cost an estimated \$52,200. Following a brief discussion, Ballard noted that there are better options regarding the cost of a mower
- The wheel loader is experiencing issues and has been sent to Caterpillar for repair

***Commissioner Evenson moved to approve the purchase of a 4640 John Deer tractor in the amount of \$52,200 with the stipulation that Chrisman attempt to negotiate a more favorable price. Fox seconded. Motion carried 4-0.***

Commissioner Fox provided an update/proposal in the amount of \$1,620 to revamp the website.

***Fox moved to approve the cost of \$1,620 annually for Rocket Lab/Taylor Hunt to revamp the Greenwood County website page and provide technical support. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.***

***Evenson moved to approve payables in the amount of \$152,378.76. Fox seconded. Motion carried 4-0.***

***Fox moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$131,395.60. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.***

***Evenson moved to approve special payables in the amount of \$2,855.56. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 4-0.***

***Evenson moved to approve the appointment of Aiden Miller as Eureka Township Clerk. Fox seconded. Motion carried 4-0.***

***Fox moved to approve waiving tipping fees for Sam Vasta's property located at 601 East Second Street in Eureka. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.***

Emily Hansel, with the Greenwood County school supply drive, attended the meeting to ask commissioners to donate toward her cause. Commissioners will discuss the matter.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau informed commissioners that an ambulance broke down and has been towed to Emporia.

Rob Winfrey, with Insurance Planning Center, attended the meeting to ask for the opportunity to look into Greenwood County's employee benefits to see if Insurance Planning Center could offer better benefits. Commissioners voiced no opposition.

Representatives from Empower House Ministries attended the meeting to provide commissioners with an introduction to their organization which provides addiction recovery services for female addicts.

Salt Springs Township Treasurer, Tina Kastning, attended the meeting to provide commissioners with an update regarding Salt Springs Township.

***Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive session with EMS Director Brian Mongeau to discuss personnel evaluations. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:15 a.m. No decisions were made.***

GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

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Mongeau provided commissioners with pay-rate changes following personnel evaluations.

*Evenson moved to approve pay-rate changes for select employees in the Ambulance Department that will take effect July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. Fox seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

*Evenson moved to approve a ten-minute executive session with Appraiser's office employee Shawna Griffitts to discuss employee evaluations. Fox seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:27 a.m. No decisions were made.*

*Fox moved to approve a 3% raise for Appraiser's office employees Charity Hall, Monica Ashdown and Dawn Larcom. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

*Evenson moved to approve a ten-minute executive session with Fire Chief Glen Collinge for legal consultation. Fox seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:37 a.m. No decisions were made.*

*Fox moved to adjourn at 10:37 a.m. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

BUDGET HEARINGS FOLLOWED ADJOURNMENT

Keila Sherman with the Conservation District requested a budget in the amount of \$25,000; no change from 2023 budget request

Sheriff Heath Samuels presented the 2024 budget request

Fire Chief Glen Collinge presented the 2024 Fire budget; roughly a 12% increase from 2023

EMS Director Brian Mongeau presented the 2024 Ambulance budget request

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey requested a 2024 budget with an additional full-time employee

County Treasurer Donna Olson presenter the Treasurer and Motor Vehicle 2024 budget requests

Appraiser's office employee Shawna Griffitts presented the 2024 budget request

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