

JANUARY 16TH, 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 January 9th, 2023 Minutes as written. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge Report:

- Crews have begun repair on the low water crossing located on BB Road.
- Darrel has received a quote for repairs to the damaged well house near Vaughn's Acres.
- Darrel is slated to put a list together containing bridges that are in need of concrete approaches; of which, FEMA will cover 75% of the cost.

Chasity Zeckser with Crosswinds attended the meeting to follow-up on the status of the proclamation that was presented to commissioners in December of 2022. County Counselor Paul Dean noted that he would be ready to discuss the matter further at next weeks meeting.

Greenwood County resident Joe Spencer attended the meeting to thank the Commission and Road and Bridge crews for repair work done in Vaughn's Acres. Spencer noted there is one individual whose claims of owning a portion of a roadway located between two ponds near Vaughn's Acres has halted repair to said road; Spencer has attended the meeting to inform commissioners that the road in question is a public roadway and has been maintained by the township for many years. After some investigation, County Counselor Paul Dean stated that these roads are not platted, but have been established as public roadways; therefore, repair can continue on the roadways in question and the Sheriff's office can intervene if the situation calls for such intervention.

Maintenance Supervisor Greg Rawlings provided commissioners with an estimate to finish the carpet installation in the courthouse in the amount of \$18,857.78.

Fox moved to approve the continuation of carpet installation in the courthouse. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

A brief discussion ensued regarding a bar and grill that has opened in Madison. The establishment would like to sell food and alcohol; per state law, 30% of sales needs to be food sales. Commissioners are discussing the possible recension of this law in Greenwood County. This matter will be discussed further at a later date.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson expressed concerns with the mapping of county/townships roads; asking what the reference material will be for making a county map showing county/township roads. Paul Dean stated that all the roads designated 'County Roads' on the map should be open roads that are in the road record. Vinson will send a rough draft of the county map to be completed professionally.

Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive session to afford discussion for legal consultation regarding the county's authority over various department's budgets. Meeting to reconvene at 10:18 a.m. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0. No decisions were made.

Evenson stated he received a phone call regarding trash/building removal in Neal and posed questions as to where the county is in this process. Paul Dean noted the matter is still underway as the contractor being utilized for the cleanup has had other projects to finish before starting in Neal.

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

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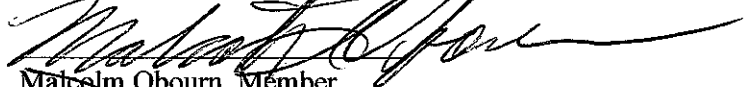
Roy Ballard, Chairman



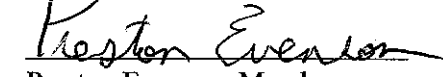
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman



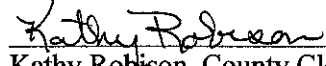
Paul Hodge, Member



Malcolm Obourn, Member



Preston Evenson, Member

ATTEST: 

Kathy Robinson, County Clerk