

GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 13, 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 6th, 2023 Minutes as written. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge Report:

- Gravel has been hauled to Lion's Park
- Crews worked on ditching on 110th Street, south of 54 Highway
- County truck #7 is in the shop due to wiring issues
- Chrisman shared a list of bridges in need of repair, including the following;
 - a) R Road and 220th Street
 - b) 210th Street and EE Road
 - c) X Road and 380th Street
 - d) 250th Street and H Road
 - e) 180th Street and L Road
 - f) 280th and Highway 99
- County contracted engineer Michael Maris was unable to attend today's meeting but anticipates to attend next week's meeting to review/discuss the ongoing bridge project at U Road and 100th Street.

Commissioners discussed the results of the road viewing last week involving M Road, north of 60th Street to Tadpole Creek. Three residents of Greenwood County spoke in favor of keeping the road in question open.

Although no motion was made or seconded, commissioners unanimously agreed that M Road, north of 60th Street to Tadpole Creek, will remain open.

Pertaining to the ongoing road dispute between Floyd and Rader; under the advice of legal counsel, ranch manager CA Floyd formally withdrew his petition to close the road in question. Floyd noted the dispute seems to be a civil matter, rather than a county issue.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson provided commissioners with a mapping update. Vinson asked for time to research the matter in depth, prior to publishing a 'County Road' map. Vinson noted that in regards to the Rock Ridge Cove area, his findings were that the roads in question, that residents claimed were the responsibility of the county to upkeep, are in fact, the responsibility of the county. A Resolution made in 1997 states that Greenwood County will take responsibility of upkeep of said roads. Vinson then informed commissioners that Greenwood County does assume responsibility for some roads that go through cities within Greenwood County. Vinson proposed that the County proceed how it has done in the past regarding municipal boundaries. Commissioners voiced no opposition to allowing Vinson the necessary time for more in-depth research before publishing a map of county roads.

A brief discussion regarding the responsibility of culverts in front of businesses was held. After some research, County Counselor Paul Dean shared that the county will install the culvert and the property owner is responsible for the cost of the culvert.

Commissioners discussed Resolution 97R-3 regarding the Rock Ridge Cove area that residents have disputed in the past. The conclusion to uphold said Resolution was made. Greenwood County will assume responsibility of the roads stated in Resolution 97 R-3.

Vinson informed commissioners that the State of Kansas division of Emergency Management purchased licensing of Orion Damage Assessment. Entities must now submit all FEMA projects through this online system; therefore training is required. Vinson is making arrangements to begin training and will reach out to necessary parties, such as townships, in regards to usage of this program.

Maintenance Supervisor Greg Rawlings provided an update regarding the ongoing flooring project in the Greenwood County Courthouse. Following an inquiry for hard surface flooring in the County Attorney's Office, Rawlings noted the switch would be a costly one, as delivery for carpeting is scheduled for this afternoon. County Counselor Paul Dean informed Rawlings that the Attorney's Office may be willing to

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pay cancellation and restocking fees to obtain hard surface flooring. Rawlings is tasked with providing a dollar amount for cancellation and restocking fees.

Rawlings then shared that there were not any bids turned in for the windows that were replaced in the courthouse; therefore, he will retain possession of old windows.

Regarding a discussion held at a previous meeting for the replacement of the County-owned Trail Blazer, Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau offered his 2010 vehicle with 84,000 miles; noting that he was not in need of a replacement but this could be an option. Ballard stated that although the Trail Blazer had experienced mechanical issues, those who utilize the vehicle, including but not limited to, employees of the County Clerk's office, Appraisers office, EMS, Treasurers office and Register of Deeds office, can use their personal cellphones if the vehicle were to breakdown.

Hodge moved to adjourn at 10:12 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 Obour
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