

FEBRUARY 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 February 21st, 2023 Minutes as written. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge Report:

- Crews are slated to start a ditch project on J Road.
- A bridge located at 220th and M Road has been rip rapped.
- A tractor is still under repair in Wichita.
- Plans are underway to finish repair to roads near North Rock Ridge.
- G & W Foods in Eureka would like Road and Bridge to dispose of their cardboard as the company that disposed of the cardboard previously is no longer available. Commissioners voiced no opposition.

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

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson notified commissioners that a company by the name of GENESIS provided a quote for Greenwood County's mass communication system. Currently the County is using a CODE RED system that will expire in April, 2023. Vinson voiced his opinion that he GENESIS system is a better option for the price.

Fox moved to approve the utilization of the GENESIS mass communication system in the annual amount of \$2,677 with a five-year contract. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Vinson noted that he picked up the response vehicle from Wichita that was recently upfitted; noting the final cost of the upfit in the amount of \$13,664.52.

Fox moved to approve the cost of the upfit to the new Emergency Management vehicle in the amount of \$13,664.52. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Vinson would like commissioners to be more involved with the disaster action plan to find a solution for some of the problems identified. Evenson volunteered. After questions posed regarding the mapping for county roads, Vinson noted the project is underway but would like more research completed before presenting a map to the Commission.

EMS Director Brian Mongeau provided commissioners with an update regarding transfers as staffing was becoming an issue. The solution presented was an incentive be paid to those willing to transfer patients. Mongeau informed Commissioners that this solution seems to be working well. A brief discussion ensued regarding the Ambulance Assistant Program; no decisions were made regarding this matter.

County resident CA Floyd attended the meeting to inform commissioners that he has discovered that the road opened a quarter mile east of the intersection at 40th and L Road; noting that there is no documentation showing the first quarter mile of said road was ever open. Floyd has been in contact with an attorney to help resolve the matter.

Fox moved to approve a five-minute executive decision with Levi Vinson to discuss personnel. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 9:56 a.m. No decisions were made.

Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive session with Darrel Chrisman and John Schouten to discuss personnel. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 10:10 a.m. No decisions were made.

County Counselor Paul Dean recommended that commissioners journals be digitally scanned and organized by section, township, range.

After questions posed regarding if townships will be consulted before finalizing county maps, the commission made the decision that townships will not be consulted.

Ballard noted that the county is in need of a mower tractor.

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Evenson informed Darrel Chrisman that Tadpole Creek Bridge is in need of a 'Bridge Out' sign, also west on 80th street needs a sign. Chrisman stated that the signs have been placed several times and seem to continue to disappear. Evenson would like to see the date written on the back of the sign and a picture taken of the new sign. Chrisman is working with the Sheriff's department regarding stolen signs.

Ballard would like to see four to five traffic cones in Levi Vinson's Emergency vehicle.

Evenson moved to adjourn at 10:25 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