

GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

May 1, 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 April 24th, 2023 Minutes as written. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge Report:

- An agreement for Tadpole Creek Bridge inspection was provided to the commission.
- Chrisman received a phone call from KDEM; they would like to set up a meeting to discuss the plans for the Hazel Russell Bridge. Commissioners encouraged Chrisman to price the project for the County to complete it, as they do not have high expectations for KDEM to move forward.
- There are culverts in the county in need of emergency repair.

Fox moved to approve payables in the amount of \$138,771.92. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Hodge moved to approve special payables in the amount of \$2,772.86. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Hodge moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$140,357.53. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Ben Sims, with the Extension Office, attended the meeting to provide commissioners with a monthly update regarding activities the Extension Office has been involved with.

Gene Sprague attended the meeting to ask commissioners to designate the months of June, July and August of 2023 to honor veterans. County Counselor Paul Dean is slated to write a Proclamation to designate June, July and August, 2023, to veterans.

Karen McIlvain, Ron Rader's attorney in the M Road and 40th dispute, attended the meeting to further discuss the matter. Commissioners made the decision last week that all gates on 40th and M Roads are to remain open. McIlvain argued that Rader has a gate on personal property and should not be forced to leave that particular gate open. County Counselor Paul Dean interjected, informing commissioners that an executive session is needed.

Obourn moved to approve a ten minute executive session with County Counselor Paul Dean to discuss legal matters pertaining to road issues. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 9:40 a.m. Commissioners unanimously agreed that the road is where the road is and Rader is permitted to leave the gate closed on his personal property.

Commissioner Ballard suggested neither party attend another meeting pertaining to this matter, as they are finished with this dispute.

Darrel Chrisman would like County Counselor Paul Dean to send a letter to Salt Springs Township Board informing them of the dimensions of the culvert needed at Y25 and 36 Roads. Commissioners encouraged Chrisman to contact Township Board members to inform them of such.

A Greenwood County resident attended the meeting to inquire if gravel purchased by the township can be placed on personal property. Commissioners and County Counselor Paul Dean agreed that it may look inappropriate.

Commissioner Fox informed fellow commissioners that he has been looking at alternatives to Mediacom internet such as Kwikcom and Velocity; noting that Velocity can provide faster internet speeds. Fox is slated to look into the matter further.

Hodge moved to adjourn at 9:56 a.m. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

May 1, 2023

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