

JUNE 12, 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 Deputy County Clerk Deann McCaffree.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hodge moved to approve June 5, 2023 Minutes, as written. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge Report:

- Commissioners set the Township meeting date for Wednesday, August 16th @ 7 p.m. Location to be determined.
- Railcars are slated to arrive Tuesday, June 13
- Darrel received information that Greenwood County's share for additional repairs needed for Tadpole Creek Bridge is an estimated \$1,039.50
- Work is slated to begin on the bridge located on R Road and 220th soon
- Darrel is looking to obtain a round bottom trailer
- Commissioners spoke in favor of purchasing chips before prices increase
- Hodge mentioned there are repairs needed to roads near the Elk/Greenwood County line

Evenson moved to approve special payables in the amount of \$89,658.89. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0

Fox moved to approve payables in the amount of \$140,651.65. Preston seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Fox moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$145,108.80. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Evenson moved to approve waiving tipping fees for the City of Eureka for cleanup costs associated with addresses located 307 E. 3rd and 218 N. School Streets. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Maintenance Supervisor Greg Rawlings has been in contact with Leiser Construction regarding color choices for the roof at the Greenwood County Courthouse. Commissioners chose a color.

Emergency Management Supervisor Levi Vinson informed commissioners there is a map of bridges for Greenwood County on the Kansas Department of Emergency Management website, with the exception of low water bridges. It was noted that Greenwood County has 378 miles of gravel that the County maintains. Questions were posed regarding switching chip & seal roads to gravel. Vinson noted it was possible.

Vinson informed commissioners that the County's website is not secure as the certificate has expired. Fox voiced support in switching website companies and is slated to look into the matter.

EMS Director Brian Mongeau inquired about when to switch from Mediacom to Velocity to avoid an early termination fee. Mongeau will look into the matter.

Commissioners then discussed insurance rates and raises for the upcoming budget hearings. The consensus was made to allocate 5% for COLA raises, 2% for merit raises and 10% for insurance as a starting point.

Obourn moved to approve a five-minute break. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:42 a.m.

Obourn moved to approve a fifteen-minute executive session with Levi Vinson and County Counselor Paul Dean to discuss legal matters regarding roads. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened at 11:05. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Fox is slated to speak with Freedom Claims representative Scott Day to gather more information regarding insurance premium percentages.

Fox moved to adjourn at 11:03 a.m. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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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