

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, Mac Obourn, Preston Evenson, County Counselor Paul Dean and County Clerk Kathy Robison.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Fox moved to approve July 24, 2023 Minutes as written. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

Road and Bridge report:

- Debris in Hamilton has been removed
- A grader is in need of repair due to a blown freon line
- A brief discussion regarding bridge inspections took place
- Questions were posed regarding looking for a mower to pull behind the John Deere, Darrel noted that Road and Bridge employees are looking into the matter.
- The chipper is in need of repair, commissioners would like Darrel to look into chipper repair
- The 7<sup>th</sup> Street bridge may need to be shutdown for nearly a week for repair
- Darrel noted that a production meeting regarding Tadpole Creek Bridge project has been scheduled.

*Fox moved to approve the cost of \$5,900 for repair to R Road bridge and \$4,200 for repair to State Street. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. JE 23-16, JE 23-17*

*Evenson moved to approve the bid from TNT Catering in the amount \$18 per person for the township dinner. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0. JE 23-18*

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson provided commissioners with an update regarding the Hazel Russel Bridge that was submitted to FEMA; noting that the largest hurdles have been overcome.

*Evenson moved to approve hiring Edward Williams as a part-time employee for Noxious Weed at a pay rate of \$13 per hour. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

Appraiser employee Dawn Larcom informed commissioners that she had spoken with Advantage regarding the IBM upgrades needed for the courthouse; noting that Advantage is not IBM business partners. Larcom noted that the upgrade would cost \$33,102, which includes 3 years of hardware/software maintenance. After questions were posed regarding whether or not the \$33,102 is prorated for this year, Larcom stated she would look into the matter and present her findings at the next commission meeting.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau informed commissioners that he received an ambulance back from the shop for repair, but has unfortunately already sent it back to the shop for repairs via tow truck, as it will only reach 55 miles per hour. Mongeau then noted that he will soon be advertising for a full-time open position.

*Evenson moved to approve a twenty-minute executive session with Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman to discuss personnel evaluation. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:20 a.m. No decisions were made.*

*Ballard moved to approve the following raise; Miles Bidwell - .50 per hour raise, Martin Bates - .50 per hour raise and John Schouten - \$1.00 per hour raise; Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

Sheriff Heath Samuels informed County Counselor Paul Dean that he had received tow bill invoices for the cleanup project in Neal and would like to know how to receive reimbursements, if any, if needed. It was noted that those invoices should be paid from the county general fund. Samuels then reported employee status changes for the following; Jared Helkenberg is no longer employed with Greenwood County. Mike Miles will move from full-time to part-time.

*Evenson moved to approve charging \$45 per day to house Kansas Department of Corrections inmates temporarily. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

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*Obourn moved to approve the tow invoices be paid from the courthouse general fund for the vehicles towed away from the Neal cleaning project. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

A brief discussion was held regarding the cost of a credit check for Greenwood County in the amount of \$14,000 in regards to the GWCH improvements that were discussed at a previous meeting. County Counselor Paul Dean, hospital CEO Sandy Dickerson and County Clerk Kathy Robison are slated to meet with representatives to discuss this matter further.

*Commissioner Fox moved to adjourn at 10:37 a.m. Obourn 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