## GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING OCTOBER 10, 2023

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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.

Road and Bridge report:

- Interim Road Supervisor, John Schouten, reported that Tadpole Creek bridge is complete and walkable for inspection.
- Road and Bridge will need to contact a contractor to rebuild fence that was damaged/removed during completion of the Tadpole Bridge project. Schouten is slated to look into this matter.
- Commissioner Hodge discussed Otter Creek bridge 60th & J road. Schouten to prepare a spec sheet for the bridge repairment.

Patsy Gardner talked to the commissioners about keeping the recycling program and that she feels the program should be expanded, not stopped. Commissioner Hodge discussed recycling, how to keep it working for the county and the cost of the recycling. Commissioner Ballard, said the program is costing us \$50,000 a year and that money can be used someplace else. Example being do you want a bridge for the \$50,000, are do you want recycling, stated Commissioner Ballard. No decisions were made on this issue

Commissioner Fox moved to approve special payables in the amount of 11,080.61. Commission Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Jason Nichols, Otter Creek Township Trustee, talked to the commissioners on the Bridge on 60<sup>th</sup> and J road that had been removed. And need to be replaced. Nichols said that the road was unitized by a number of area residents and they are needing it to be opened back up.

Lucas Herb-Mullin's, Eureka City Administer, sent an email to the commissioner requesting county tipping fees be waved on a house at 312 North Walnut, Eureka. The house has been being used for fire training and is now at a point it needs to be removed. Commissioner Fox made a motion to waive the county tipping fees. Commissioner Evenson seconded. Motion Carried 5-0.

Greg Owen addressed the commission, about a driveway issue with Scott McFadden. Paul Dean, County Counsel, stated that Owens would possibly have adverse possession but to talk an Attorney.

Tina Kastning (Treasurer), Tammy Talkington (Clerk) and Della Lind, address the commissioners about Salt Springs Township Board being out of control. Ask how to control the meeting, want to know what they can do. Paul Dean, County Counsel said they should use a code of conduct. And once again were advised that they are their own township government and all need to work together for the best of the Township.

Next Jeff Pittman Trustee, of Salt Springs Township, address the commission about the Trustee duties and questioned an Audit. The Salt Springs Township Board was told again that they need to work together.

Kathy Robison, County Clerk requested a 10-minute executive session on Legal issues. Commissioner Evenson made a motion for the 10-mintes executive session with Commissioners, County Counsel, and Kathy Robison for Legal Consultation. Commissioner Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 10:00 am. Meeting reconvened with no decisions made.

Kathy Robison, County Clerk requested an executive session with Commissioners and County Counsel on non-elected personal. Commissioner Evenson made the motion for a 5-minute executive session on non-elected personal. Commission Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 10:10 am. Meeting reconvened with no decisions made.

Kathy Robison, County Clerk presented the Commission with a pay grade change and pay increase for Douglas Davisson. Moving to Election Deputy at \$15.00 per hour starting October 8th.

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Commissioner Evenson made the motion to increase Douglas Davisson to Election Deputy at \$15 per hour. Commission Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Fox motion to move to a ten-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at10:22 a.m. No decisions were made.

Jeff Pittman, readdressed the commission with paper work showing his duties as Salt Springs Townships Trustee. Pittman was advised to work together as a township, for the best of the township.

Commissioner Obourn moved to approve a ten-minute executive session with David Knott to discuss non-elected personnel. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 10:55 a.m. No decisions were made.

John Schouten, advised the commissioner the county had won the bid on the Turnpike Truck for \$77,000. And that the bidding on the Poles were still going on.

Commissioner Evenson, told Schouten if he needed help with the spec sheet on Otter Creek bridge he would help. Evenson also talked to Schouten about Cold Patch.

At 11:14 A.M., Commissioner Evenson motioned to adjourn commission meeting. Commissioner Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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