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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.

Greenwood County Health Department Director Vicki Lindsey address the Commissioners. The Health Department has received a \$73,014.07 grant for a mental health worker. The Health Department has also applied for a \$5,000.00 grant which will go for the purchase of infant car seats and fire alarms.

Road and Bridge report:

- Interim Road Supervisor, John Schouten, reported that work is starting on DD250th bridge and is scheduled to start this week.
- Commissioner Evanson about cattle guards on a site south of Neal.
- Schouten discussed tree trimming and removal. The purchase of a brush saw or clippers for an
 excavator was under consideration. The Road and Bridge Department and Noxious Weed
 Department will work together on this issue.
- Schouten discussed getting oil for the pothole patching machine.

Payables in the amount of \$197,399.05 was approved with Mac Obourn making the motion and Ben Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Payroll in the amount of \$133,477.72 was approved with Ben Fox making the motion and Preston Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Francis Chaplin addressed the commissioners regarding the 60th street bridge. Chaplin discussed the plans for a low water crossing and issues of flooding and ask the Commissioner to close this portion of the road. Jason Nichols, Otter Creek Township Trustee, commented that he was not in favor of road closures. Paul Hodge ask that Michael Marus review the crossing and let the commissioner know what he would recommend to do with the crossing.

Brian Mongeau EMS/Ambulance Director explained to the commissioner a generator that has been error code. Mongeau sad that the generator first start giving the code when it was still in warranty. It is now no longer under warranty and the issue had not been fixed. He received a bill for \$1,841.47 and is working with the installer to a portion of the charge.

Shawna Griffitts talked to the commissioners about the Trunk-or-Treat event and ask for a county donation. Commissioner Obourn made a motion for \$150.00 donation and Commissioner Evenson seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5-0.

Commissioner and community members in attendance gave personal donation towards the Trunk-or-Treat.

Levi Vinson reported that the Bridge at U road and 100th Street is still under review by FEMA. Commissioners discussed ideas on how to replace the bridge.

Salt Springs Township Treasurer Tina Kastning told the commissioners that an audit has been completed on the township books. Tina is talking to the auditor, who conducted the audit, about coming to a township meeting to explain the findings. Kastning extended an invitation to the commissioners to attend that meeting and will get back with them as soon as she has a date.

Commissioner Evenson made a motion for a 15-minute executive session for legal discussion pertaining to roads in the county, Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5-0. The meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m. with no decisions made.

Commissioner Obourn made a motion for a 5-minute break, Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting convened at 10:40 a.m.

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Commissioner Evenson made a motion for a 10-minute executive session with non-election personal, John Schouten, Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5-0. The meeting reconvened at 10:55 a.m. with no decision made.

At 11:07 A.M., Commissioner Evenson motioned to adjourn commission meeting. Commissioner

Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Malcolm Obourn, Member