

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.

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

Road and Bridge report:

- Crews are 'pulling shoulders' around the county
- An overhead door is in need of repair new panels and cable; Interim Supervisor John Schouten provided an estimate in the amount of \$3,053.96. It was noted that this amount includes sales tax which the county would pay. (JE 23-24)

Evenson moved to approve door repair at Road and Bridge in the amount of \$3,053.96. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

- Schouten received two bids for repairs of a road grader; one to repair a single issue, the other to rebuild the engine.

Evenson moved to approve the rebuilt engine in the amount of \$82,120.96. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0. (JE 23-25)

- Schouten then provided commissioners with a project agreement on Short's Bridge. (JE 23-26)

Fox moved to approve the contract agreement for repairs to Short's Bridge. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Evenson moved to approve special payables in the amount of \$1,839.55. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Health Department Supervisor Vicki Lindsay attended the meeting to discuss billing. Lindsay would like the commission to authorize individual departments to be able to pay utility bills with credit cards to avoid late fees. Questions were posed to County Treasurer Donna Olson regarding if she would be comfortable writing a check for utilities and having those bills approved the following Monday. County counselor Paul Dean is slated to look into the matter.

Sheriff Heath Samuels informed commissioners that two of the 2023 Dodge Durango vehicles that Samuels was on a waiting list for, have arrived. Those vehicles carry a price tag of \$42,308 per vehicle. Samuels has plans to sell several other vehicles in the current fleet to recoup some of the cost of the new vehicles. Samuels then noted that he had to replace a tail light recently and that those costs could be added to the bill, with the new Dodge Durango vehicles; for a total amount of \$84,616.

Fox moved to approve the purchase of two, 2023 Dodge Durango vehicles and the cost of tail light repair/replacement in the amount of \$84,616. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Sheriff Samuels requested a fence viewing near P Road. Samuels stated that he has several complaints of cattle being out and would like the commission to address the matter. Samuels is tasked with informing the cattle owner leasing the property and the owner of the property that a fence viewing has been requested for September 18th following the commission meeting.

Salt Springs Township Trustee Jeff Pittman addressed the commission to inform them that neither he, nor his help has been paid. Pittman was looking for advice from the commission. Commissioners are not able to interfere in Township business as they are their own entity.

Emergency Manager Levi Vinson noted that he had spoken with a radio shop regarding some issues with radios. Vinson's opinion is that the repeater itself is the problem. Vinson also noted that the radio station has 6 handheld radios available for \$1,290 per radio; a lower cost than the newer radios being manufactured.

Obourn moved to approve the purchase of 6 radios at a price of \$1,290 per radio for a total of \$7,740; funds will come out of the General budget fund. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Slat Springs Township Treasurer, Tina Kastning, attended the meeting to ask commissioners why Jeff Pittman was in attendance. Commissioners informed Kastning, the same as Pittman; they are their own entity and they need to find a solution amongst themselves as the county has no authority in township matters.

Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive session for legal matters. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:45 a.m. No decisions were made.

Evenson moved to approve a five-minute executive session with Levi Vinson to discuss non-elected personnel. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Fox moved to approve adopting Bond Resolution 23-15. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0. (JE 23-27)

Fox mentioned funding from the State of Kansas that has not been received in several years; those funds are a 'dollar per dollar reduction of property tax'. Commissioners discussed speaking with State Representatives regarding the matter.

Commissioner Fox moved to adjourn. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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