

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 Deputy County Clerk Deann McCaffree.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Obourn moved to approve September 11, 2023 minutes as written. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Fox moved to approve September 18, 2023 minutes as written. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge report:

- Crews have begun repairs to Short Bridge
- Ballard mentioned a bridge near 250th in need of repair
- The bridge on 140th is slated to be open by Wednesday of this week
- Interim Director John Schouten noted a county dump truck that was in the shop for repair is finished and needs to be picked up in Wichita
- Schouten provided 2 bids to the commission; one for the Snell crossing (JE 23-28) and one for the crossing located at 250th Street and DD Road. (JE 23-29)
- Schouten noted plans to travel to Wichita in the near future to look at a vehicle to possible add to the Road and Bridge fleet

Commissioner Evenson moved to approve Everitt Concrete to repair the Snell crossing in the amount of \$36,500 and the crossing near 250th Street and DD road in the amount of \$18,900. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Evenson moved to approve special payables in the amount of \$2,945.50. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

EMS Director Brian Mongeau informed commissioners that a quote (JE 23-30) was provided to replace the engine on one of the vehicles in his fleet; noting that he is not comfortable with the cost of those repairs as the vehicle in question will likely be out of service in the near future. Following a brief discussion regarding repair versus waiting on a new vehicle; commissioners made the decision to go ahead with the engine replacement.

Evenson moved to approve engine replacement on an EMS vehicle in the estimated amount of \$13,600. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Health Department Director Vicki Lindsay asked for Veteran's Day holiday be moved to November 9th and the November 23rd 'holiday' be moved to November 22nd, as those holidays fall on Fridays and the Health department would not get an extra day off due to the office being closed on Fridays. Commissioners made the unanimous decision to move those 'holidays' for the Health Department to allow for an additional day off those weeks.

Maintenance Director Greg Rawlings provided commissioners with an estimate to paint the gazebo (JE 23-31) located on the courthouse lawn. The Eureka Junior/Senior High School would like to paint the Gazebo as a community service.

Evenson moved to approve the purchase of paint for the gazebo in the estimated amount of \$365 or more if need be. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Fall River Lake resident June Bailey attended the meeting and posed questions regarding the road mapping project that Emergency Director Levi Vinson has been working on. Commissioners noted that the county is waiting on a response from the Corps of Engineers. Following a brief discussion regarding ditching and repairs needed to Y50 Road as when it rains, water is going up to and sometimes in to nearby houses, commissioners noted they would look into moving the road in question back to its original location.

County Treasurer Donna Olson asked commissioners what can be done regarding returned checks that were discussed at a previous meeting. County Counselor Paul Dean noted that he will work on a resolution to resolve the matter.

Commissioner Paul Hodge recommended to Greg Rawlings to contact the new hardware store in town for parts and supplies. Rawlings is slated to look into the matter.

Ballard moved to approve a five-minute break. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 10:04 a.m.

Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive session to discuss legal matters. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 10:15 a.m. No decisions were made.

Evenson moved to approve a fifteen-minute executive session for personnel evaluation to include Interim Road and Bridge Supervisor John Schouten. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 10:33 a.m. No decisions were made.

Obourn moved to approve a five-minute executive session to discuss legal matters with county counselor Paul Dean. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 10:38 a.m. No decisions were made.

Evenson moved to adjourn. Hodge 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