

Chairman Ben Fox called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Roy Ballard, 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 Obourn made a motion to approve the minutes of December 29, 2023, Commissioner Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

***Commissioner Evenson made a motion to approve the minutes of January 8, 2024, Commissioner Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

Treasurers report was reviewed by the Commissioners

Road and Bridge report:

- Road Supervisor, John Schouten reported that this week the department will be working on equipment in the shop during the inclement weather.
- Reviewed the auction sale totaling \$54,745.00.
- Bridge on 90<sup>th</sup> road was discussed.

Presentation of Payables and Payroll:

- Commissioner Evenson made a motion to approve Special Payables in the amount of \$200,969.38. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

- Jennifer West, Noxious Weed presented to the commissioners the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication progress report 2023 and the 2024 Management Plan.
- ***Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the Annual Report & 2024 Management Plan. Commissioner Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0. (JE 24-9)***
- ***Commissioner Evenson made a motion to approve the County Counselor annual pay to \$30,896.28. Commissioner Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0. (JE 24-10)***
- Commissioners received a thank you card from National Field Trails.

Presentation of Payables and Payroll:

- Commissioner Evenson made a motion to approve Special Payables in the amount of \$200,969.38. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. (Payout Date: January 17, 2024)

Report of County Officer, Boards and Standing Committees:

- Brian Mongeau, EMS Ambulance Director reported to the commissioners that the unit is having problems with two ambulances.
- The Department has a total of five ambulances. Three located in Eureka and one each in Madsion and Severy.
- ***Commissioner Evenson made a motion to add an additional ambulance to the purchase previous purchase order. Commissioner Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***
- ***Commissioner Evenson made a motion for Brian to get a purchase bid for the 2023 Tahoe. Commission Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

Executive Session:

- ***At 9:55 am. Commissioner Evenson made a motion for a 15- minute Executive session with Levi Vinson, Director of Emergency Management and County Counselor, Paul Dean in***

*attendance on legal consultation. Commissioner Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Commission meeting reconvened at 10:10 am with no decisions.*

- Levi Vinson, Emergency Management Director reported that the Damage Assessment training is set for January 29, 2024 from 11:00am to 12:30pm. Departments included, Road and Bridge and Appraisers Office along with Emergency Management. The training will take place in the meeting room.
- Levi and Sheriff, Heath Samuels revisited with the commissioners the emergency services communication.
- Five-year plan for new technology radio system. New radios are approximately \$8,000-\$12,000.00 per 800 system.
- *Commissioner Evenson made a motion to preauthorize the purchase of used radios up to \$2000.00 per unit. Commissioner Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*
- Heath Samuels, Sheriff presented the Contract Services with the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office and Crosswinds Counseling from January 2024- January 2026.
- *Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the Contract Services with the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office and Crosswinds Counseling from January 2024- January 2026. Commissioner Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. (JE 24-11)*

At 11:07 am Commissioner Evenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson  
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Chairman

Malcolm Obourn  
Malcolm Obourn, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Roy Ballard  
Roy Ballard, Member

Preston Evenson  
Preston Evenson, Member

(JE 24-9,10,11)