

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.

Hodge moved to approve April 1st, 2024 minutes as written. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge report:

- Kassie Lazar with road and bridge, presented an agreement with KDOT for east of 99 to be approved and signed by the commissioners. (JE 24-35)

Obourn moved to approve the agreement with KDOT. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

- Road and Bridge Supervisor Allen Greenwood presented Bechtle Bridge/Culvert Inspection Report to commissioners done by Michael Maris of E.E.S. (JE 24-36)

Roger Bechtle attended the meeting to discuss with the commissioners his concerns about Bechtle bridge regarding the weight of the traffic across the bridge. Greenwood states Michael Maris would be available April 15th, 2024 to address more about the bridge.

Road and Bridge report continued:

- Meet with Evergy regarding a pole that was close to the road. Evergy has agreed to place a guard rail beside the pole.
- Update on the Hazel Russell bridge permit.
- Discussion on wood top bridge on 365th road between CC and DD that had caught fire and is currently closed
- Commissioner Hodge brought attention to an issue regarding a road west of K road by Piedmont shared with Elk County and the township.

Obourn moved to approve special payables in the amount of \$1545.86. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Kansas State Representative Duane Droge informed Commissioners of a House Bill that had passed regarding horse racing.

Health Department Director, Vicki Lindsey informed commissioners of new hire Kate Lear at \$30 an hour. Her start day was set for April 8th, 2024.

Fox moved to approve new hire Kate Lear at \$30.00 an hour. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

County Treasurer, Donna Olson inquired about the time for courthouse ALICE training. Courthouse to close at 1 pm.

Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive session to discuss legal matters with County Counselor Paul Dean. Evenson seconded. Motion carries 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 10:02. No decisions were made.

Fox moved to approve a ten-minute break. Obourn seconded. Motion carries 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 10:15.

Fox moved to approve five-minute executive session to discuss legal matters with Paul Dean. Evenson seconded. Motion carries 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 10:20. No decisions were made.

Hodge moved to approve fifteen-minute executive session to discuss legal matters regarding roads with County Counselor Paul Dean, Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson, and Road and Bridge

Director Allen Greenwood. Obourn seconded. Motion carries 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 10:35. No decisions were made.

Ballard moved to adjourn at 10:40. Evenson 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