

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 Deann McCaffree.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Obourn moved to approve August 12, 2024 minutes. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.  
Obourn moved to approve August 19, 2024 minutes. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

Road and Bridge report:

Road and Bridge Supervisor, Allen Greenwood updated commissioners on Short bridge, it will be closed starting September 3, 2024, and is hoped to be completed mid-February of 2025.

Greenwood informed commissioners they had begun patching and crack sealing on Lake Road.

Greenwood presented bids from Foley and CAT for teeth for the skid steer. (JE24-83)

Commissioners discussed Road and Bridge working 8-hour days, Greenwood stated 10-hour days were needed.

Hodge inquired about putting in a bridge at the State Street low water bridge. Commissioners asked Greenwood to speak with Engineer Michael Maris regarding the bridge.

Greenwood informed Commissioners he had contacted two surveyors regarding the curves at intersection corners that had been discussed being removed. Greenwood had received one quote from GeoTech and noted the cost would not exceed \$2500. Ballard stated he did not think surveys were needed. Emergency Management Director, Levi Vinson noted that surveys would be wise when deeding land back to owners. Register of Deeds, Marsha Ramsey agreed the surveys were needed.

***Evenson moved to approve surveying five road curves. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 4-1. Ballard voting no.***

***Ballard moved to approve purchasing teeth from CAT, for equipment in the amount of \$3,960.00. Evenson Seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

***Fox moved to approve a five-minute executive session with Road and Bridge supervisor, Allen Greenwood for legal. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0. No decisions. Reconvened at 9:35.***

***Ballard moved to approve Special Payables in the amount of \$380.75. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

Sait Springs Clerk, Sherri Schaffer, discussed inconsistencies and questionable things regarding the 2023 budget year and other issues she and the township treasurer encountered when they took over for the Township. Dean recommended Schaffer turn things over to law enforcement if there was no success when asking for a refund for unfinished work from the accountant originally used. Fox suggested Schaffer contact Intuit regarding issues with the township computer. County Counselor, Paul Dean suggested the township seek legal advice regarding workman's compensation being allowed to lapse.

Resident Ron Mayes voiced his thoughts regarding the possible taxes for 2025.

***Fox moved to approve a five-minute executive session with Maintenance Supervisor, Greg Rawlings for personnel. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0. No decisions. Reconvened at 9:56.***

***Ballard moved to approve to 4-10 hr. days for maintenance and janitorial position, at Gregs discretion. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

Sheriff, Heath Samuels updated commissioners on work being done by Crosswinds Counseling and Wellness to lessen repeat offenders in the jail. Samuels noted the possibility to become an Innovator County, and would be able mentor other counties.

***Evenson moved Greenwood County, become an Innovator County. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

Vinson updated commissioners on current mapping project, noting there are 79 roads needing a resolution, 15 roads that are open with gates across them, and several not taxed properly. Vinson also noted there are open roads that are thought to be closed and need added to the map. Commissioners reached a consensus that open roads with gates needed a letter sent, requesting the gate be removed or the owner would need to file a petition to close the road.

**Obourn moved to approve a five-minute break. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Reconvened at 10:24.**

Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing:

Commissioners discussed the 2025 Budget and the Revenue Neutral Rate. It was noted mills for 2025 will exceed the neutral rate. A roll call vote was taken, with all commissioners in agreement of exceeding the RNR.

**Fox moved to approve levying the property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate for 2025. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0. (JE24-84, JE24-85)**

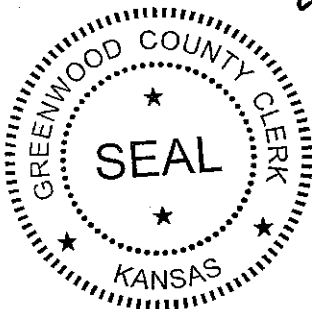
Budget Hearing:

**Ballard moved to approve the Greenwood County 2025 Budget. Evenson Seconded. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Evenson moved to adjourn. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.**

ATTEST:

*Deann McCaffree*  
Deann McCaffree, 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