

GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

JANUARY 19TH, 2026

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Commission Chair Preston Evenson, called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Roy Ballard, Ron Mast, Judd Everitt, Mac Obourn, County Counselor Paul Dean, and County Clerk Deann McCaffree.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Obourn moved to approve January 12th, 2026 minutes as written. Mast seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge:

- Written report was provided for the commissioners.

Claims:

Obourn moved to approve Special Payables for January 19, 2026 in the amount of \$5,303.91. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mast moved to approve Regular Payables for January 23, 2026 in the amount of \$429,278.09. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Ballard moved to approve Payroll for January 23, 2026 in the amount of \$163,491.15. Mast seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

- County Commissioner Judd Everitt addressed the merit and COLA pay raise that was addressed in the Eureka Herald. County Clerk Deann McCaffree explained that department heads calculate and turn in the amount to payroll. McCaffree said there were two different formulas used to calculate the raises and it was late in the payroll process when these were approved. Therefore, there was not time to double check all calculations. McCaffree asked that merits not be done at the end of the year. Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson presented how the new tiered pay scale will work and that it should take away the need for merit raises at the end of the year. Vinson said that when someone moves up the tier is when they would get a raise and that could be anytime in the year not just at the end of the year. Vinson also addressed COLA raises and that the county is paying employees an average salary compared to other counties of the same size. Vinson showed the commissioners how much payroll would go up in the next 10 years if the COLA at 3% is given every year. The commissioners said they will re-address this after the pay scale is completed.
- Maintenance Supervisor Greg Rawling presented a Greenwood County Courthouse Weather Delay or Cancellation Policy to the commissioners.

Everitt motioned to approve the Greenwood County Courthouse Weather Delay or Cancellation Policy. Obourn seconded. Motion approved. 5-0.

Ballard motioned to pay courthouse employees in the event the courthouse is closed due to inclement weather. Mast seconded. Motion carried 3-1. Evenson voted no and Obourn abstained.

- Maintenance Supervisor Greg Rawlings presented a bid for a new sound system for the commission room. Rawlings said he was looking to replace the microphones that currently run on batteries with microphones that will be plugged into an outlet. Rawlings had a bid for \$1500. After discussion Rawlings was directed to obtain other bids and present at the next meeting.

Executive sessions:

Obourn motioned for a 10-minute legal executive session for personnel with County Counselor Paul Dean and Treasurer Stacie Pearse. Mast seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Return at 9:58 a.m. No decisions.

At 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Chair Preston Evenson called for a moment of silence for Greenwood County Fallen Sheriff Matt Samuels.

New Business Cont.

- Fire Chief Glen Collinge addressed the commissioners regarding on of the Severy trucks (2007 Ford F550 6.5 diesel) needing a motor repaired. Collinge was advised by the commissioners to have the motor repaired or replaced.

Executive sessions cont.:

Obourn motioned for a 10-minute legal executive session with County Counselor Paul Dean. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Return at 10:19 a.m. No decisions.

Obourn motioned for a 5-minute legal executive session with County Counselor Paul Dean, Sheriff Heath Samuels, and County Clerk Deann McCaffree. Ballard seconded. Motion carried. Return at 10:26 a.m. No decisions.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- Department Heads to meet and discuss pay scale on January 19, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Calendar:

- *Next meeting January 26, 2026 at 9 a.m.*

Ballard moved to adjourn at 10:29 a.m. Mast seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ATTEST:

Deann McCaffree, County Clerk



Preston Evenson
Preston Evenson- Chairman

Judd Everitt
Judd Everitt- Vice-Chairman

Roy Ballard
Roy Ballard

Ron Mast
Ron Mast

Malcolm Obourn
Malcolm Obourn