

GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

FEBRUARY 17TH, 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 February 9th, 2026 minutes as written. Mast seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge:

- Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant Kassie Lazar presented a new hire for Noxious Weed, Devin Harris at \$16.92 per hour.

Obourn moved to approve Devin Harris for Noxious Weed at \$16.92 per hour. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

- Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant Kassie Lazar presented a new hire with a CDL for Road and Bridge, Shad Blackman at \$19.50 per hour.

Obourn moved to approve Shad Blackman for Road and Bridge at \$19.50 per hour. Everitt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

- Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant Kassie Lazar informed the commissioners that she has a KDOT agreement for 100 and U bridge. 95%/5% cost split with the county paying the preliminary engineer costs because it is not included. The commissioners signed the agreement.
- Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant Kassie Lazar informed the commissioners that Road and Bridge Supervisor Allen Greenwood would be at the next meeting to discuss grader #41 because the transmission went out of it. Lazar said the grader is only valued at \$25,000 with the transmission out of it. Lazar said a new transmission will cost \$54,000. Lazar said if everything is fixed the value will only be \$85,000. Lazar went on to say that it has 7700- hours on it so it will need a 10,000-hour service soon and that will cost \$25,000. Lazar said that CAT has a grader with no cross slope and the payment will be \$50,000 and the first payment will not be due until the end of 2027. Lazar said Greenwood will bring in the cost of the new grader on Monday.

Claims:

Obourn moved to approve Special Payables for February 17, 2026 in the amount of \$8,313.37. Mast seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Ballard moved to approve Regular Payables for February 20, 2026 in the amount of \$433,323.94. Everitt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Obourn moved to approve Payroll for February 20, 2026 in the amount of \$155,872.79. Mast seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

- City of Eureka Administrative Assistant Karen Simon spoke with the commissioners regarding the Kansas Rural Champion Grant. Simon said the city is applying for a grant that would pay someone 20 hours a week at \$20 per hour. Simon asked the commissioners for a letter of support.
- City of Eureka Administrative Assistant Karen Simon also spoke with the commissioners regarding another grant for T-Mobile's Hometown Grant program. Simon said this is a no match grant and they plan to use it to upgrade wiring at Memorial Hall. She asked for a letter of support for this grant as well.
- Greenwood County Treasure Stacie Pearse let the commissioners know that she hired Taylor Campos at \$16.00 per hour for Driver's License position. Staci Crumrine is moving over to the Treasurer's side as a floater.
- Greenwood County Appraiser Shawna Griffitts presented a building permit on P Rd. for signature. Commissioner Everitt signed the permit.

Old Business:

- Update on firetruck at Severy has been repaired and back in service.

- Commissioner Obourn opened discussion on 195th/B rd. (Allison) bridge. Commissioner Everitt said he went out with Road and Bridge Supervisor Allen Greenwood and looked at it. It was discussed to not do the approach and only do a full cap.

Executive sessions:

Evenson motioned for a 15-minute legal executive session for personnel complaint with County Counselor Paul Dean. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Return at 9:40 a.m. No decisions.

Calendar:

- *Next meeting February 23, 2026 at 9 a.m.*

Obourn moved to adjourn at 9:47 a.m. Everitt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ATTEST:

Deann McCaffree, County Clerk



Preston Evenson

Preston Evenson- Chairman

Judd Everitt

Judd Everitt- Vice-Chairman

Roy A Ballard

Roy Ballard

Ron Mast

Ron Mast

Malcolm Obourn

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