

APRIL 17, 2023

Chairman Roy Ballard called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Preston Evenson, Malcolm Obourn, County Counselor Paul Dean and County Clerk Kathy Robison.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox moved to approve April 10th, 2023 Minutes as written. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge Report:

- The cost for repair of a county grader totals an estimated \$48,870.
- Darrel provided price estimates for chip seal.
- Darrel reported having received a check from FEMA in the estimated amount of \$297,000 for gravel replacement on roads and brush removal in 2019.
- Repair on 220th and R Rd is on the list.

Fox moved to approve to proceed with grader repair in the amount of not more than \$55,000. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

- A brief discussion ensued regarding tire prices.
- It was noted that Road and Bridge is responsible for paying for fuel for mowing purposes in the tractors only.
- County Counselor Paul Dean is slated to contact the Corps of Engineers to set a date for a bridge closure date.

Fox moved to approve payables in the amount of \$270,821.41. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Evenson moved to approve an additional \$3,387.50 to the contractor hauling metal for the Neal cleaning project. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0. (The previous amount of \$20,500 was approved at a prior meeting)

Hodge moved to approve payroll in the amount \$129,198.98. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Representatives from Symphony in the Flint Hills attended the meeting to discuss having an event in Greenwood County. It was noted that correspondence with Emergency Management is a necessity. After a brief synopsis of what this event would entail, commissioners voiced no opposition to have this event in Greenwood County.

County Attorney Jill Gillett asked commissioners approval to purchase new desks.

Fox moved to approve the purchase of three desks in the amount of an estimated \$4,020 to come out of the County Diversion Fund. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Gillett noted her intent to donate \$500 to CASA to be taken out of the Diversion Fund. Commissioners voiced no opposition.

Fox moved to approve depositing \$12,287 received from Opioid Settlement Checks into the drug and alcohol account. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Fox moved to appoint Kate Tracy to assume the position of Otter Creek Township Treasurer, following the resignation of Sarah McCabe. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Maintenance Supervisor Greg Rawlings informed commissioners he received an offer in the amount of \$3,000 (with an additional \$75 card usage fee for a total amount of \$3,075) from Sunflower Electric Cooperative for freon left over from an old chiller that is no longer in use at the courthouse.

Obourn moved to approve selling the freon in the amount of \$3,075 to Sunflower Electric Cooperative. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Jeff Pittman attended the meeting to discuss signage near Rock Ridge, noting that the Corps of Engineers is going to place 20 mph speed limit signs at the bottom of the hill and inquired if the county can place 20 mph signs also. Commissioners informed Pittman that Sheriff Samuels recommended 30 mph signs and the commission will support this recommendation.

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Della Lind attended the meeting to discuss culverts on Road 36 and Road 38. Lind inquired as to whose responsibility those culverts were. After a brief discussion, the decision was made that the responsibility is that of the township.

Questions were posed regarding the expenditures of FEMA money. Levi Vinson noted that the monies received from FEMA is a reimbursement for damages, once money is received, it is put into the budget, it does not necessarily have to be spent on roads.

Ballard moved to approve a five-minute executive session with county counselor Paul Dean to discuss legal matters. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 10:50 a.m. No decisions were made.

Fox moved to approve a five-minute break. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened.

Ballard stated that entities do not need to purchase any on-road fuel. A brief discussion was held regarding the type of fuel the county should use. This matter will be looked into.

Obourn informed fellow commissioners of the people elected to the board for the Greenwood County Community Center.

Fox moved to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. 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