

GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

APRIL 24, 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Minutes as written. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Fox moved to approve amended payables for April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 in the amount of \$294,708.90. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Evenson moved to approve Special payables in the amount of \$4,475.12. Commissioner Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.**

Road and Bridge Report:

- Crews are working on signage
- Crews are working on culvert repairs near 330<sup>th</sup> and T Road

**Fox moved to approve the invoice for Genasys in the amount of \$2,677. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioners reviewed March 2023 fee report.

County Counselor Paul Dean noted that the Greenwood County/Martindale road dispute is resolved and recommended that the commission assign the road in question to the Township. Dean is slated to provide a resolution at a later date regarding the matter.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau and Commissioner Fox will look into obtaining internet that is not through AT&T.

Commissioner Fox noted they need to spend the last of the ARPA money in the amount of \$451; Fox recommended giving the remaining amount to Rural water district #2, as they did not receive as much funds as other water districts.

**Fox moved to revise the award letter to Rural water district #2; increasing it by \$451. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.**

Mongeau noted that he is looking for a full-time employee as one of his employees are moving from full-time to part-time.

**Fox moved to approve a pull-behind compressor for the Road and Bridge Department in the amount of \$2,800. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.**

A discussion regarding the Garner/Rader Road dispute was held for a brief time before the courthouse lost power.

**Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting following the loss of electricity in the courthouse. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting will resume when electricity is restored.**

**Ballard moved to approve an executive session with department heads to discuss legal matters. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0. No decisions were made.**

Discussion regarding the Garner/Rader Road dispute continued; commissioners came to the conclusion that the roads in question, Road M and 40<sup>th</sup>, will remain an open road. Rader's attorney, Karen McIlvain noted that Road M is not passable and Rader would like the road to be closed. Ballard noted those roads are public and neither party can install gates across the road.

**Obourn moved to take a fifteen-minute break to afford time for County Counselor Paul Dean's presence. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.**

Meeting reconvened.

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*Obourn moved to approve the roads in question, Road M and 40<sup>th</sup>, remain open roads; and that the commission will deny any further petitions to said roads. Fox seconded. Motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Paul Hodge opposed.*

It was again noted that any gates/obstructions need to be removed on Roads M and 40<sup>th</sup>. The parties are tasked with getting their attorneys together and coming to an agreement.

*Fox moved to approve a fifteen-minute executive session regarding legal matter pertaining to Road issues. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. No decisions were made.*

*Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive decision to afford legal discussion for road disputes. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:55 a.m. No decisions were made.*

*Evenson moved to approve a letter being sent to Salt Springs Township to advise them of their responsibility to install a new culvert measuring 18x30, located at 36<sup>th</sup> and Y25 Road. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

CA Floyd asked about clarification regarding the Garner/Rader Road decision. Floyd informed commissioners that he is not able to get equipment through Rader's gates and would like those gates to be removed. Commissioners encouraged Floyd to speak with his attorney.

*Fox moved to approve \$100,000 of FEMA money rewarded to Road and Bridge be placed into Special Machinery and the remaining money in the amount of \$197,756.58 be placed into Road and Bridge. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

*Evenson moved to approve an executive session with Department Heads to discuss non-elected personnel. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened at 11:16 a.m. No decisions were made.*

*Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive session to discuss legal matters to discuss road matters. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened at 11:25 a.m. No decisions were made.*

*Evenson moved to adjourn at 11:27 a.m. Hodge 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