

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 February 13th, 2023 Minutes as written. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge Report:

- John Schouten inquired about the logistics of repairing the Hazel Russel Bridge. It was noted they intend to use rail cars for said repair.
- Two county vehicles/equipment are under repair.
- Schouten informed commissioners that Road and Bridge had dumped two loads of rock at the landfill.
- Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson provided an update from FEMA regarding funds to repair the Hazel Russell Bridge. Correspondence between Vinson and FEMA noted structural damage before the natural disaster occurred. Vinson voiced his opinion that FEMA would not fund this project and the commission should explore different avenues to repair said bridge.

Commissioners reviewed Treasurer's report. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve payables in the amount of \$ 211,714.51. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Evenson moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$137,416.14. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Residents from Salt Springs Township attended the meeting to discuss roads in their township that they believe is the county's responsibility. Residents would like to see the county repair the roads before making said roads the responsibility of Salt Springs Township. County Counselor Paul Dean informed Salt Springs Township residents that the township should raise their tax levy to be able to afford necessary repairs to the roads. Commissioners made the decision to take the matter under advisement and contact the township with their decision.

Fall River Lake resident Mike Lolley attended the meeting to inquire about an ongoing land dispute at his daughters property. County Counselor Paul Dean informed Lolley that the matter in question is a civil matter and he should look into hiring an attorney as the commission can't get involved in civil matters.

Greenwood County resident Gayla Wheat attended the meeting to inform the commission that she received a change of polling place card for her husband's late wife and was concerned about the matter. Election Deputy Staci Crumrine noted she had been in contact with the State of Kansas regarding the mistake and was directed on how to correct the problem in the future.

Greenwood County Fire Chief Glen Collinge informed commissioners that a Salem fire truck is in need of tires and rims. Collinge provided an estimate for the rims in the amount of \$1,230 and the tires in the amount of \$2,160 for a total amount of \$3,390.

Fox moved to approve an expenditure of \$3,390 to be utilized on wheels and tires for a Salem Township fire truck. O'bourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

CA Floyd attended the meeting to discuss the ongoing road dispute between himself and Ron Rader. Floyd provided a possible solution of allowing the gates to remain and utilize a key pad locking system that would be provided to both landowners. Commissioners noted that the road is currently considered an open road. County Counselor Paul Dean noted that he would have a proposal drawn up this week and the two parties involved would need to come to an agreement.

Evenson moved to approve a five-minute executive session with Sheriff Heath Samuels to discuss personnel. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0. No decisions were made.

Hodge moved to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

FEBRUARY 21, 2023

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