

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 Hodge moved to approve December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Minutes as written. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

***Hodge moved to appoint Roy Ballard as the Commission Chairman. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

***Commissioner Obourn moved to appoint Ben Fox as Commission Vice Chairman. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

***Fox moved to approve retaining the Eureka Herald and the Madison News as the official Newspapers of Greenwood County. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

***Evenson moved to approve utilizing the same banks as the previous year. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

Road and Bridge Report:

- The project near Fall River is nearly complete.
- Chrisman provided a rough estimate of \$2,300 to repair a county vehicle in need of transmission repair.
- A wood-top bridge near Neal has been repaired.
- The bridge near Piedmont has been inspected and has been deemed structurally sound.
- The State of Kansas will inspect 184 bridges this year.
- Signage near Christian Hills bridge needs removed.
- Chrisman received a request from KDEM regarding needing more reports to make a determination on the Hazel Russel Bridge.

***Fox moved to approve the GAAP Resolution for 2023. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

***Fox moved to approve payables in the amount of \$276,703.08. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

***Hodge moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$141,448.58. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

County resident Frank McCollum voiced concerns regarding Greenwood County building a new jail. Commissioners informed McCollum the discussion had been held previously and was also published in the Newspaper. County Counselor Paul Dean noted that the Commission has discussed in open meeting how to raise funds to utilize towards a new jail, referring to charging a fee for fingerprinting/booking, which was also published in the newspaper.

County resident Jeff Pittman asked if Road 36 is an open Road. Sheriff Samuels noted the matter is still in court proceedings.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson informed commissioners he has received an invoice in the amount of \$3,553.78 for reprogramming of the 800 radios; noting previous approval had been reached for an amount of \$4,268.78. The new vehicle Vinson was approved to purchase which was not slated to arrive until June, has arrived. The vehicle being replaced will be auctioned.

***Fox moved to approve the purchase of the 2023 truck in the amount of \$48,500. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Those funds are slated to come from Emergency Management Equipment Reserve Fund.***

County Fire Chief Glen Collinge provided a quote for a transmission for a Madison tanker in the amount of \$3,650; and a quote for labor to install said transmission in the amount of \$2,500 from Hoyt's in Emporia.

***Evenson moved to approve the purchase of a transmission and labor costs in the estimated amount of \$6,150. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

County Clerk Kathy Robison noted that the County Trailblazer will need replacement soon due to mechanical issues. Commissioners will look into the matter further.

*Fox moved to approve a five-minute executive session with Fire Chief Glen Collinge to afford discussion for personnel. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 9:46 a.m.*

*Fox moved to approve the discontinuation of Doug Williams' advisory position as of January 14<sup>th</sup>. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

Noxious Weed Director Jennifer West provided commissioners with a management report and financial reports for 2023. Ballard suggested not treating Johnson grass except near bends and bridges. West is slated to publish a job opening for a part-time position.

*Fox moved to approve the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2022 and the 2023 Management Plan. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

A brief discussion ensued regarding noxious weeds within Greenwood County and how to go about eradicating said weeds.

*Fox moved to adjourn at 10:00 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