

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, Mac Obourn, County Counselor Paul Dean and County Clerk Kathy Robison. Commissioner Preston Evenson was not present.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Obourn moved to approve July 10, 2023 Minutes as written. Fox seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Road and Bridge report:

- Tadpole creek bridge has been completely torn out. Construction is slated to begin next week.
- Arrangements have been made to utilize the Madison Community building for the township meeting scheduled for August 16, 2023.
- Darrel has made arrangements with Hamilton City to assist in debris removal; commissioners questioned if the debris in question could be burned at a closer location rather than having to move it for disposal.
- Questions were posed regarding how crews haul the skid steer. Darrel noted that he has been utilizing the larger lowboy trailer.
- Commissioner Hodge posed questions regarding P Road repairs

Greenwood County Election Deputy Staci Crumrine presented commissioners with quotes from Election Source (JE 23-13) and Election Systems & Software (JE 23-14) for new election equipment; as the current equipment will not be certified by the State of Kansas in 2024. Commissioners would like more information regarding firmware/equipment before proceeding. Crumrine is slated to gather more information and discuss the matter at a later date.

Obourn moved to appoint Virginia Payne to the Zoning Board. Fox seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

County Appraiser employee Dawn Larcom informed commissioners that the AS400 utilized by many county offices is in need of an upgrade; Larcom provided a bid in the estimate of \$33,102. (JE 23-15) Fox proposed the possibility of speaking to Advantage regarding if they could cover support for now to afford time to save more money for an upgrade in the future.

Ron Boone and Lonnie Nichols spoke with commissioners regarding the Rocky Ford Cemetery in Pleasant Grove Township. Boone informed commissioners that a problem has arisen regarding records of ownership of the lots, as most of the owners they have found are no longer with us or living in Greenwood County. Boone is seeking legal assistance to aid in finding past or present owners. Commissioners voiced no opposition to Boone moving forward with his plans to attempt to locate owners. Commissioners encouraged Boone and Nichols to raise the cost of burial sites.

Hodge moved to approve a fifteen-minute executive session with Health Department Director Vicki Lindsay to discuss personnel evaluations. Fox seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:05 a.m. No decisions were made.

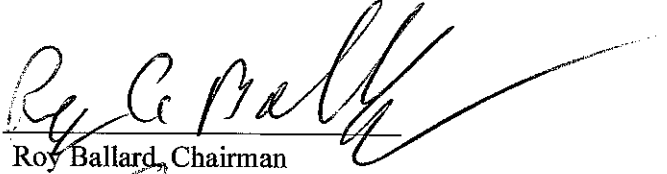
Commissioner Fox moved to approve 3% raises for Health Department employees. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Hodge posed questions to Extension employee Ben Sims regarding the lack of cleanliness/willingness to help clean the pens for the goat show or provide a dumpster on the Extension Council's part. There were also complaints regarding the usage of restrooms. Hodge would like to see improvement going forward. Sims noted there were some miscommunications between himself and the complainant; but assured commissioners going forward that improvements are being made and he will continue to make improvements; noting some of the complaints made were not in Sims' hands.

Greenwood County Clerk Kathy Robison informed commissioners that they need to make a decision regarding setting the mill levy rate. Commissioners agreed to set the mill levy rate at 95 mills for Greenwood County. Fire District mill levy rate was approved at 5 mills.

Commissioners agreed to set the Budget Hearing meeting on August 28th, 2023.

Commissioner Fox moved to adjourn at 10:38 a.m. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 4-0.



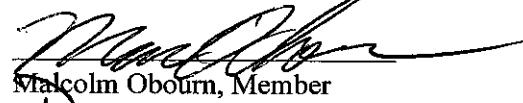
Roy Ballard, Chairman



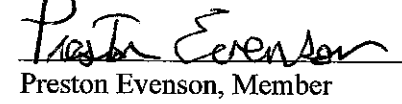
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman



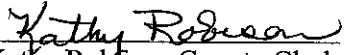
Paul Hodge, Member



Malcolm Obourn, Member



Preston Evenson, Member

ATTEST: 

Kathy Robison, County Clerk