

JULY 3, 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, Mac Obourn, County Counselor Paul Dean and County Clerk Kathy Robison.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Evenson moved to approve June 26, 2023 Minutes, as written. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge Report:

- Tadpole Creek bridge construction is slated to begin this week
- Erosion north of Lamont was addressed
- The location to hold the annual township meeting was discussed

Evenson moved to approve utilizing the Braden Room at the concourse building as the location to hold the township meeting. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

- Chrisman informed commissioners that he went to look at a skid steer

Evenson moved to approve \$156,859 for a skid steer with a three-year warranty. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

- A brief discussion ensued regarding Reece Road repairs and the utilization of a building in Neal by the Road and Bridge Department; it was noted that Road and Bridge stores road barricades in the Neal building

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

Fox moved to approve amended payables in the amount of \$154,785.01. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Obourn moved to approve special payables in the amount of \$6,172.67. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Obourn moved to approve a quote from John North Ford for repair to an ambulance in the estimated amount of \$7,800. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Obourn moved to approve Sheila Koup as a regional board member of SEK Library board. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Reyna Brandt provided information regarding the Eureka Downs building; noting that 28 locks need to be replaced. Brandt informed commissioners that \$1,000 of the \$8,000 that Greenwood County allotted towards the Eureka Downs Building will be utilized to replace said locks.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson informed commissioners about First Net, which is a cellphone network that was established for first responders. Vinson informed commissioners of another option called Mega Go, a portable WIFI box that will boost cellphone service. The normal cost of a portable Mega Go is \$4,999 initially and \$40 each month. The cost of a box that is hard-wired to a vehicle is an estimated \$1,000. Vinson informed commissioners that the hard-wired option does not offer WIFI as it is only a booster; he will look into the cost of a portable unit and is slated to discuss the matter with commissioners at a later date.

Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive session with County Treasurer Donna Olson to discuss employee evaluations. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:17 a.m. No decisions were made.

Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive session with County Clerk Kathy Robison to discuss employee evaluations. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:24 a.m. No decisions were made.

Obourn moved to approve a five-minute break. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

JULY 3, 2023

Obourn moved to approve 3% merit raises for each employee in the Treasurer's office. Fox seconded. Motion carried 4-0. (Evenson abstained from voting in this decision due to a conflict of interest)

Fox moved to approve 3% merit raises for each employee in the County Clerk's office, pay-rate change to begin July 1, 2023. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Fox moved to adjourn. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

BUDGET HEARINGS FOLLOWED ADJOURNMENT

Angela McClure, with Family Life Center, presented their 2024 budget request.

Linda Snyder and Nancy Mock presented the 2024 proposed budget for Program for the Elderly in the amount of \$115,000, a slight increase from last year. It was noted that the Senior Center has applied for 2 buses for Greenwood County and would likely present a higher budget in 2025.

Mary Hancock, with the Greenwood County Health Department, presented the 2024 proposed budget in the amount of \$353,365.

Ty Wheeler, with Kansas Legal, presented his 2024 budget request in the amount of \$4,000.

Several representatives from the Greenwood County District Court system, including Judge David Ricke, were present to provide commissioners with the Court System's 2024 budget request. Judge Ricke noted that the district court utilizes Zoom for virtually all of their dockets. A new filing system for the district court was addressed.

County Clerk Kathy Robison presented her 2024 budget proposal. Robison noted that the current election equipment will not be certified by the State of Kansas in 2024, therefore, upgraded election equipment will be sought. Those costs will be absorbed by the election reserve fund.

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