

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.

Fox moved to approve June 12, 2023 Minutes, as written. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge Report:

Fox moved to approve hiring Robert Beatty as a full-time Road and Bridge employee at a pay-rate of \$15.50 per hour. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

- A brief discussion ensued regarding the purchase of a skid steer needed for Road and Bridge at an estimated price of \$105,000. Commissioners would like Chrisman to look into a possible lease option.
- County contracted engineer Michael Maris is slated to start permitting on the Hazel Russell Bridge soon.
- It was mentioned that some signs within the county are in need of replacement.
- Approaches are being torn out on R Road, north of 240th Street today.

Commissioner Fox moved to approve special payables in the amount of \$258.20. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Connie Mitchell, with the Eureka Public Library, attended the meeting to discuss a county-wide bookmark contest; Mitchell requested that commissioners serve as judges for the artwork submissions. Commissioners agreed to judge the contest.

Zach Teter attended the meeting seeking a donation from the county in the amount of \$1,200 to utilize toward a bounce-house during the fair.

Obourn moved to approve donating \$1,200 to be utilized for the cost of bounce houses during the fair. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Fox mentioned that the Greenwood County website is not secure and is in need of revamping. Fox then introduced Taylor Hunt via Zoom. Hunt offers website services and could be a potential hire to revamp the County website. Hunt is slated to submit a quote for services.

Evenson moved to adjourn at 09:37 a.m. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

BUDGET HEARINGS FOLLOWED ADJOURNMENT

EMS Director Brian Mongeau mentioned an ambulance in his fleet is in need of new breaks and has plans of purchasing such.

Emergency Preparedness Director Levi Vinson presented commissioners with his proposed budget for 2024 in the amount of \$107,525; noting an increase of \$4,604 due to COLA raises and merit raises. Following questions posed by commissioners, Vinson noted he has asked in previous years for a Maintenance Fund to be added for drone upkeep in the amount of \$5,000, although he did not budget for the fund this year.

Noxious Weed Director Jennifer West presented commissioners with the 2024 proposed budget for Noxious Weed, noting an increase of \$29,634 compared to 2023 budget. West also presented the proposed budget for Household Hazardous Waste, which did not differ from 2023.

Eureka City Administrator Lucas Mullin proposed a \$10,000 budget for Economic Development. Mullin mentioned a special City meeting that will take place next Monday at 5 p.m. and would like to extend an invite to commissioners.

Luke Westerman provided the budget proposal for the 4H Foundation/Fair in the amount of \$14,250.

Westerman then mentioned a new rescue truck in the estimated amount of \$400,000; noting the city of Eureka would possibly pay half and Greenwood County would pay half.

GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 19, 2023

Ben Sims proposed the 2024 Extension Budget in the amount of \$125,000.

County Attorney Jill Gillett presented her 2024 proposed budget in the amount of \$271,940.

Road and Bridge employee Jennifer Watts presented the 2024 budget for Road and Bridge at a 10% increase in the amount of \$226,630.30 more than 2023 budget.

Recycling proposed budget for 2024 is \$41,725.20.

Special Bridge budget increased by 10%.

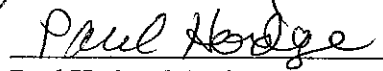
Solid Waste proposed budget for 2024 increased by 10%.



Roy Ballard, Chairman



Ben Fox, Vice Chairman




Paul Hodge, Member

Malcolm Obourn, Member



Preston Evenson, Member

ATTEST: 

Kathy Robison, County Clerk