

GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 30, 2023

Vice Chairman Ben Fox called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Paul Hodge, Preston Evenson, Malcolm Obourn, County Counselor Paul Dean and County Clerk Kathy Robison.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hodge moved to approve May 22, 2023 Minutes, as written. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Road and Bridge Report:

- Crews are patching potholes and working on signage around the county
- Chrisman expects rail cars to be delivered this week; he is slated to find out when
- Road and Bridge crews are expected to utilize concrete provided by Eureka City for some bridge repairs within the county
- Repairs to Tadpole Bridge are slated to begin before November
- Boxes for repairs to the bridge located on 90th Road will arrive in five to six weeks

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

Obourn moved to approve special payables in the amount of \$3,047.99. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Evenson moved to approve payables in the amount of \$211,729.54. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Obourn moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$129,971.19. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Salt Springs Township board members Jeff Pittman and Tina Kastning attended the meeting for informational purposes. Their inquiry pertains to which board members should sign township checks. Commissioners agreed to defer the matter until County Counselor Paul Dean is available to interject.

Commissioner Fox noted that Velocity representatives provided an incorrect quote; the difference of which is an additional \$40.

Fox moved to approve Velocity at the amended amount of an additional \$40. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive session to discuss legal matters pertaining to the fence viewing that took place last week. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 4-0. No decisions were made. Meeting reconvened at 9:33 a.m.

Commissioners then addressed the parties involved with the fence viewing; informing both parties that per Kansas law, each resident assumes 50% of the costs associated with new/maintaining fence and water gaps. Commissioners came to the consensus that the fence/water gaps need to be repaired by December 31, 2023. County counselor Paul Dean will file an order with the Register of Deeds office regarding such.

Fox made a motion that both parties are responsible for 50% of all costs incurred pertaining to the fence in question; including, but not limited to, bulldozing fees, labor, materials. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Maintenance Supervisor Greg Rawlings provided commissioners with bids received pertaining to partial roof replacement of the courthouse. Rawlings noted that the roof vents are not adequate.

Commissioners revisited the Salt Springs Township Board members inquiry. Commissioners recommended that the Township Board take the necessary steps to conduct business as usual, as they are their own entity.

Sheriff Samuels informed commissioners that Detective Jason Myers will be the Undersheriff for Greenwood County.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey informed commissioners that the microphones are not working correctly and would like something done regarding this matter.

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Evenson moved to approve a five-minute executive session for legal consult with county counselor Paul Dean. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 4-0. No decisions were made. Meeting reconvened at 10:14 a.m.

Fox moved to approve a five-minute break. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:22 a.m.

Evenson moved to approve a ten-minute executive session to include Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson to afford discussion for legal matters pertaining to contracts with outside government agencies. Fox seconded. Motion carried 4-0. No decisions were made. Meeting reconvened at 10:37 a.m.

Evenson moved to approve a fifteen-minute executive session to afford discussion for personnel evaluation. Fox seconded. Motion carried 4-0. No decisions were made. Meeting reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

Evenson moved to adjourn at 10:53 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 Robinson, County Clerk