

JUNE 5, 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 (via Zoom) 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 30, 2023 Minutes, as written. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

Road and Bridge Report:

- Chrisman provided a quote to the commission regarding the railcars in the amount of \$23,335.

***Evenson moved to approve the purchase of a railcar in the amount of \$23,335. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

- The construction company that is slated to make repairs on Tadpole Creek Bridge has filed an extension with the state.
- Commissioner Ben Fox informed fellow commissioners that he had been contacted by a resident wanting to have tipping fees waived for a demolition of a building; following this conversation, Fox recommended said person to contact Road and Bridge regarding such.

***Evenson moved to waive tipping fees for the garage located at 640 West 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

- Following a brief phone conversation with KDOT, Chrisman noted that the start date for the Tadpole Creek Bridge was originally July rather than June, 2023. The project is hopefully slated to start before August 31, 2023.
- A brief conversation ensued regarding repairs needed for Reece Road
- Madison City Mayor Paul Dean informed Chrisman about some chip and seal in need of repair near Madison.
- Ballard informed Darrel of other repairs needed in the county.
- Questions were posed regarding Virgil Bridge; Darrel noted crews are working towards that area.

***Evenson moved to approve special payables in the amount of \$23,951.10. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

County Clerk Kathy Robison asked commissioners if raises for employees should be factored in to the upcoming budget discussions. Commissioners noted they had not held a discussion regarding such and will do so at a later time. Questions were posed regarding insurance percentages also; it was noted those numbers are generally available around July. Commissioners were asked to take into consideration the health claims account is now around \$95,000.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson provided commissioners with statistics pertaining to the Unbound Gravel bicyclists that recently passed through Greenwood County, noting there were not any critical injuries as Greenwood County EMS were able to be on several locations to provide assistance.

County Counselor Paul Dean informed commissioners that he will likely not be available next week due to a jury trial that may begin.

***Evenson moved to approve a fifteen-minute executive session for personnel evaluation. Obourn seconded. Meeting to resume at 9:55 a.m. Motion carried 5-0. No decisions were made.***

***Evenson moved to approve hiring Clint Hanson as a full-time Sheriff Deputy at a pay rate of \$17 per hour. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

***Ballard moved to approve a fifteen-minute executive session for personnel evaluation. Evenson seconded. Meeting to reconvene at 10:16 a.m. Motion carried 5-0. No decisions were made.***

Levi Vinson inquired about mapping/chip and seal around Fall River Lake Roads. Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman is looking into the matter.

***Evenson moved to approve a five-minute executive session with Noxious Weed Director Jennifer West regarding non-elected personnel. Obourn seconded. Meeting to reconvene at 10:35 a.m. Motion carried 5-0. No decisions were made.***

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**Ballard moved to approve Levi Vinson donating 15 hours of his sick leave to another county employee. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioners agreed to take a five-minute break.

Commissioner Fox did not rejoin the meeting.

Ballard voiced his opinion that a new microphone system is needed for the Meeting Room. Commissioners tasked Ben Fox with finding a better system.

Commissioners were provided with bids for new metal roofing for the courthouse. It was noted that Leiser Construction may be interested in removing the old chiller from the courthouse premises. Maintenance Supervisor Greg Rawlings is tasked with looking into this matter.

After speaking with Rawlings regarding annual generator maintenance; Commissioner Ballard voiced his opinion that contracting out for the maintenance of generators is not necessary.

**Evenson moved to approve the metal roof bid for the courthouse from Leiser Construction in the amount of \$87,250. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Evenson moved to adjourn at 11:03 a.m. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 4-0.**

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