

Chairman Ben Fox called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Roy Ballard, Paul Hodge, Mac Obourn, Preston Evenson, County Counselor Paul Dean, and Deputy County Clerk Deann McCaffree.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Obourn moved to approve May 13th, 2024 minutes as written. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge report:

- Road and Bridge Supervisor, Allen Greenwood updated on the clean-up progress informing that road and bridge is no longer using contractors.
- Commissioners were informed of the FEMA issue regarding the approaches to the bridges.
- Discussed a possible lease agreement program for road graders that would cost \$49,790. Greenwood further explained the program regarding the trade in process.
- Drew Ramsey discussed a bid for a bridge on L and 110 road.

Hodge moved to approve the repair of L and 110 bridge in the amount of \$15,750. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Emergency Management Director, Levi Vinson discussed the FEMA pre-hazard mitigation grant with the commissioners explaining the grant can only be applied for once a year for up to 60 bridges. The grant would require the county to pay for 15% of the expenses. Vinson informed the commissioners the deadline to apply for the grant was June 30th.

The Salt Springs Township Clerk, Sherri Shaffer asked the commissioners about who they should contact about a road that needs repaired.

Hodge moved to approve a five-minute executive session with Road and Bridge supervisor, Allen Greenwood regarding legal discussion. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 9:59. No decisions were made.

Fox moved to approve a five-minute executive session with Road and Bridge supervisor, Allen Greenwood for employee evaluation. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 10:05. No decisions were made.

Deputy County Clerk, Deann McCaffree presented a request from the library regarding putting in a sidewalk from the building.

Ty Wheeler, with Kansas Legal, presented his 2024 budget request in the amount of \$4,500.00.

Vinson discussed with the commission updates that were made on the MOU regarding the storm sirens.

Obourn moved to approve a three-minute break. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Obourn moved to approve an expense for \$3,000.00 for Road and Bridge. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Fox moved to approve a fifteen-minute executive session with Health Department Director, Vicki Lindsey and Mary Hancock regarding personnel. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 10:40. No decisions were made.

Fox moved to approve a pay increase for Valerie Morris from \$16.68 to \$17.18. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 4-1 with Evenson opposing.

Fox moved to approve a pay increase for Madison Morris from \$14.45 to \$16.00. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 4-1 with Evenson opposing.

Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive session with County Treasurer, Donna Olson regarding personnel. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 10:52. No decisions were made.

Ballard moved to adjourn at 10:52. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

BUDGET HEARINGS FOLLOWED ADJOURNMENT

Keila Sherman, with the Conservation District, presented a budget request in the amount of 25,000.00

Zoe, with the Family Life Center, requested a budget in the amount of \$6,000.00.

Noxious Weed Director, Jennifer West, presented their 2025 budget. West also presented proposed budget for Household Hazardous Waste. Neither budget changed from 2024.

County Appraiser, Shawna Griffitts, proposed a budget for 2025 that is lower than the previous year.

Discussion lead into county employee pay.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Chairman

Malcolm Obourn
Malcolm Obourn, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge
Paul Hodge, Member

Roy Ballard
Roy Ballard, Member

Preston Evenson
Preston Evenson, Member