

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.

*Evenson moved to approve June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 minutes. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

*Fox moved to approve June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 minutes. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

Road and Bridge report:

- Road and Bridge Supervisor, Allen Greenwood presented quotes on the leasing options for a grader. Citizens Bank through C.A.T. would have an interest rate of 5.45% and Kansas State Bank quoted 6.25%. Leasing two road graders was also discussed. The first grader would be available in September 2024, the second shortly after.

*Evenson moved to approve proceeding with the leasing of two graders. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 3-0.*

- Evenson asked for an update on the purchase of a new barrel trailer. Greenwood stated he would need to check the budget; the trailer would be \$60,000.
- Update on Cattleguards, the cost will be \$3,200.00 and will be completed soon.

*Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive session regarding personnel. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 9:32. No decisions were made.*

- Fox recommended moving Greenwood from an hourly wage \$25.68 to salary, \$70,000.00 a year. Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. (JE24-56)

*Fox moved to approve a pay increase from an hourly wage \$25.68 to a salary of \$70,000.00 a year. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

*Obourn moved to approve special payables in the amount of \$2,984.89. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

*Hodge moved to approve payables in the amount of \$230,413.86. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

*Evenson moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$147,399.39. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

Eureka City Administrator, Joel Laws and Airport Manager, Jerry Rushmore requested county equipment and labor assistance to remove fuel tanks and lines at the Lt. Williams M. Milliken Airport. In exchange for assistance the city offered to give the tanks to the county, commissioners stated they are not interested in the tanks. Commissioners gave a tentative yes to helping remove the tanks and lines. They also requested documentation from the state saying it's okay to proceed. (JE24-54, JE24-55)

County Appraiser, Shawna Griffiths requested a signature for the annual contract with McCully and Associates for services, in the amount of \$18,900. (JE24-57)

*Fox moved to approve continuing the contract with McCully and Associates. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

Crosswinds representative, Amanda Cunningham and Jade Frankhauser gave an update on local services and submitted a request for an appropriation increase of 3%.

Greenwood County Fire Chief, Glen Collinge informed commissioners that the tanker was taken to Atlas for repair. Cost for repairs is \$3,133.08.

*Fox moved to approve the repair cost for the tanker in the amount of \$3133.08. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

**Obourn moved to approve a five-minute break. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 10:15.**


Register of Deeds, Marsha Ramsey brought to discussion the salaries of elected officials and if salaries would stay the same for incoming elected officials. Commissioners stated that salaries would remain the same.

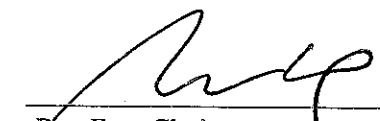
**Ballard moved to approve a ten-minute executive session with County Counselor Paul Dean, Road and Bridge Supervisor, Allen Greenwood, and Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson regarding legal. Hodge seconded. Motion Carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 10:31. No decisions.**

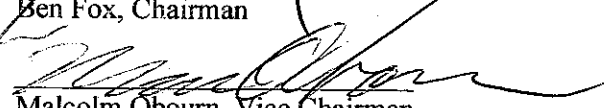
Vinson discussed minimum maintenance signs for 320<sup>th</sup> and W rd. to 99, 320<sup>th</sup> and V rd., 320<sup>th</sup> and 99, 310<sup>th</sup> and V to 99.

**Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive session regarding legal. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Reconvene at 10:53. Session extended ten minutes. Meeting to reconvene at 11:05. No decisions.**

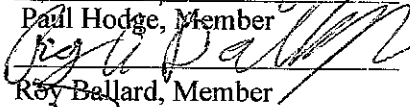
**Hodge moved to adjourn at 11:08. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.**

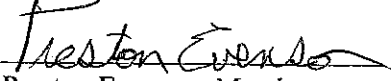
ATTEST:   
Deann McCaffree, Deputy County Clerk

  
Ben Fox, Chairman

  
Malcolm Obourn, Vice Chairman

  
Paul Hodge, Member

  
Roy Ballard, Member

  
Preston Evenson, Member