

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 County Clerk Deann McCaffree.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hodge moved to approve July 29, 2024 minutes. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Obourn moved to approve August 7, 2024 special meeting minutes. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

EMS Director, Brian Mongeau informed commissioners that the ambulance being sent to be remounted had issues while responding to a call. Mongeau informed commissioners that for the truck to be fixed, the cab would need to be removed. It was recommended to have Road and Bridge tow the vehicle to Osage Ambulance for remount, and once remounted the old engine and chassis be taken to John North Ford for repair. Commissioners gave the okay to make arrangements with Road and Bridge.

Road and Bridge report:

Road and Bridge supervisor, Allen Greenwood informed commissioners that the skid steer was fine. The head had never been calibrated, an app was downloaded and the issue taken care of. Greenwood informed commissioners that the wrong teeth had been received for the skid steer, and they are working on ordering new ones.

Greenwood shared with commissioners work on the Short Bridge could be moved back to mid-September.

Greenwood informed Commissioners that engineer Michael Maris will communicate with the Corp of Engineers on the county's behalf, for things the county has been waiting to hear back on.

Hodge questioned Greenwood on whether a trailer had been found to purchase. Greenwood shared he had recommendations from other entities, they favored quarter frame over full frame trailers. Ballard disagreed and said a full frame would be the better option. Evenson requested a warranty and extended warranty be looked into. Greenwood would continue to look into things.

Fox moved to approve a five-minute executive session with Road and Bridge supervisor, Allen Greenwood regarding employee performance. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Reconvened at 9:31. No decisions.

Fox moved to approve Noxious Weed would now be under Road and Bridge and Jennifer West would go from salary to hourly at the same pay rate. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Evenson moved to approve special payables in the amount of \$2,140.08. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Aaron Wertenberger from Twin Valley Broadband services (formerly SKT) shared information with the commissioners about the broadband services they offer and grants available. Wertenberger informed commissioners they intend to apply for the Kansas Office of Broadband Development's grant and Broadband Equity, Access, and Development grant funds, for use in unserved and underserved areas. Wertenberger was hopeful for support from the commissioners as they apply for grants to serve the area and bring dependable service to rural areas with fixed wireless installation. (JE24-82)

County Counselor, Paul Dean presented a corrected Resolution for alleys/road closure in Reece.

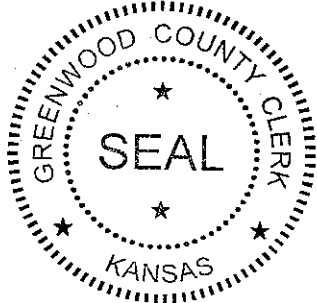
Fox moved to approve corrected Resolution 24-03. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Obourn abstained due to owning property in the area.

Fox moved to approve a five-minute executive session with Maintenance Supervisor Greg Rawlings for personnel. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Reconvened at 10:07. No decisions.

Evenson suggested department heads submit pay scales, from entry level to department head. So that each department has set amounts in place for wages and raises. Evenson also suggested the departments make a list of equipment, age, wear and when it might need replaced.

Dean discussed preparing a resolution to make 60th road from G-J a minimum maintenance road. Commissioners agreed it needs done.

Evenson moved to adjourn at 10:25. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.



ATTEST: *Deann McCaffree*
Deann McCaffree, 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
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