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.

Evenson moved to approve Special payables in the amount of \$7,528.96. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Ballard moved to approve Payables in the amount of \$241,664.94. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0

Hodge moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$148,934.32. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge report:

Salt Springs TWP Clerk Sherri Shaffer discussed BB Rd. & 57th Rd. and the need for maintenance of the road. Emergency Management Director, Levi Vinson noted this is a 50/50 road between Greenwood County and The Corp of Engineers and the last time it was chip and sealed was in 2001. Commissioners stated they would speak to Road and Bridge Supervisor, Allen Greenwood about repairing the road.

Commissioners revisited the topic of the low water crossing at 60th Rd. and repairing it. It was noted there are no past records approving work on said road. Flooding impacts the crossing and roadway, Vinson noted average usage is two vehicles a day.

Ballard moved that no improvements be made by the county to 60th road crossing, that it will be designated a minimum maintenance road and provide the township with the engineers plans. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 4-1. With the opposed being Hodge.

EMS Director, Brian Mongeau presented bids for insulating the Ambulance bay. Airtight Spray Foam insulation for \$13,065.00 or \$14,065.00 with minimum depth of 2" and Flinthills Foam Insulation for \$13,812.00. It was also recommended to place tin over the two skylights in the ambulance building for energy efficiency. (JE24-78, JE24-79)

Obourn moved to approve a five-minute break. Hodge seconded, Motion carried 5-0. Reconvened at 9:55.

Mongeau informed commissioners of a possible start date for insulation of August 26 and hoped to be completed in two days.

Evenson moved to hire Flinthills Foam in the amount of \$13,812.00 to insulate the EMS bay. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Greenwood County Sheriff Heath Samuels updated commissioners on body camera for deputies and cameras for cars. Samuels informed commissioners that grants would fund part of the cost and had plans to work with the City of Eureka and Greenwood County to help cover the cameras.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey informed commissioners that (COLA) Cost of Living had not been included in the estimated budget figure for 2025.

Commissioners appointed Deann McCaffree to the position of County Clerk.

Evenson moved to change County Clerk Deann McCaffree from hourly to salary. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Phil Jarrod with Jarrod, Gilmore, and Philips, presented the audit report for the 2023 fiscal year. Jarrod discussed a small violation; a publication of quarterly statements was not published in the 30-day requirement. Jarrod noted in provision of disclosures, Hidden Valley Repair is owned by a commissioner

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included in disclosures. He stated it is not uncommon in smaller counties. Jarrod suggested working on document reporting, some charges did not have adequate supporting documents.

The county will be revising their budget due to some departments not having 10% for insurance, 3% COLA and 2% merit in their budget. Fox noted better communication is needed. The budget is set to be published August 14th, 2024. A special meeting will be held August 7th, 2024 to finalize the budget for publication.

Fox moved to approve Resolution 24-5 designating two roads minimum maintenance. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0. (RS24-80)

Vinson discussed minimum maintenance roads, and the lack of records on them. Vinson questioned the best way to handle declaring them minimum maintenance so there is record. Dean recommended putting them all in one resolution. Vinson also informed commissioners that there are minimum maintenance roads with stop signs that need removed.

Vinson suggested surveys be done for some of the roads where unneeded triangle turns are. Obourn asked Vinson to get bids from surveyors, and they would revisit at another time.

Ballard moved to approve a five-minute executive session with County Counselor Paul Dean for personnel. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Reconvened at 11:24. No decisions.

Fox moved to approve a five-minute executive session with County Counselor Paul Dean regarding employee performance. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Reconvened at 11:31 No decisions.

Evenson moved to adjourn at 11:31. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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ATTEST: Man Mi Coffice
Deann McCaffree, County Clerk

Ben Fox, Chairman

Malcolnf Obourn, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge, Member

Roy Ballard, Member

Preston Evenson, Member