

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 22nd, 2024 minutes as written. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge report:

- Emergency Management Director, Levi Vinson informed commissioner that repairs had begun on 110 Road and L Road and is expected to be closed from July 29 through August 12th, 2024.
- Hodge discussed bids for J Road and 60th St. Ballard stated they had not agreed to the project. Hodge noted that commissioners had agreed to a low water crossing. Hodge and Obourn agreed to review records regarding the agreement.
- Fox noted that sealed bids needed to be accepted for projects. Dean was going to check on the amount needed for sealed bids.

Ballard moved to approve repairs on the west side of the bridge at H rd. and 250th rd. in the amount of \$23,375.00. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Obourn moved to approve Special Payables in the amount of \$439.78. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

EMS Director Brian Mongeau presented figures from Osage Ambulance for the Ambulance remount. Option #1 \$145,876.00 (includes \$1,500.00 trade allowance for chassis.) Option #2 \$147,376.00 plus \$927.00 freight charge (customer to keep old chassis) for a total of \$148,303.00. (JE24-76)

Fox motioned to approve the ambulance remount in the amount of \$148,303.00. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Evenson motioned to approve the reappointment of Nancy Mock for the Cowley County Housing Commission. Obourn seconded. Motion carried. 5-0.

Evenson motioned to approve the reappointment of Linda Snyder to the Ten County Aging Board of Directors, Inc. Obourn seconded. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Director, Levi Vinson discussed documents presented and approved during commissioner meetings. And the importance of them being given to the clerk's office for journal entry, to be included in records.

County Clerk Deann McCaffree notified commissioners the road petition filed regarding 32nd St. Fall River has been withdrawn. (JE24-77)

Vinson discussed open roads that are gated, and closing the roads or taking the gates down. Dean informed commissioners that they could move to close said roads. A list of roads is to be compiled.

Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive session with County Counselor Paul Dean for legal. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting Reconvened at 9:50. No Decisions.

Obourn moved to approve publishing the 2025 budget. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Evenson questioned whether or not solar panels are allowed in the county. Dean stated he did not believe there was anything prohibiting them. Putting the panels up would require going through zoning.

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Vinson discussed 125th St, stating there were conflicting maps regarding who maintained the road. It was suggested giving the parts of the road with cattleguards to the township and the county take a small section to the county line.

Vinson discussed closure of 80th road near Climax or giving the roads to the township. Vinson mentioned the Corp of Engineers owned land nearby that is maintained by Kansas department of Wildlife and Parks. It was decided to start the process to give two sections of road to the township.

Evenson moved to adjourn at 10:25. Hodge 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 C. Ballard
Roy Ballard, Member

Preston Evenson
Preston Evenson, Member