

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

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hodge moved to approve December 9th, 2024 minutes as written. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge Report:

- Emergency Management Director, Levi Vinson informed commissioners that the request for funds from FEMA in the amount of \$1,140,493.00 was denied for the Hazel Russel bridge (U rd. and 100th St.). Deferred maintenance being the reason. Vinson noted FEMA would pay \$104,355.00 for gravel loss. (JE24-106)
- Vinson noted a deconstruction plan was being submitted for the bridge at U Rd. and 100th.

Obourn moved to approve a cereal malt beverage license for Troll King L.L.C. to move forward. Ballard seconded. motion carried 5-0.

Ballard moved to approve a cereal malt beverage license for Pete's of Erie to move forward. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Hodge moved to approve special payables in the amount of \$1,101.02. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Obourn moved to approve amended payroll in the amount of \$187,020.96. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Health Department Director, Vicki Lindsey discussed changing Health department employee Madison Morris's title to Computer Professional.

Ballard moved to approve moving Madison Morris from hourly to salary, no rate change. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0. (JE24-107)

Lindsey informed commissioners she had filled the Registered Nurse position and Jayme Lewis would start January 2, 2025.

Obourn moved to approve full time Registered Nurse, Jayme Lewis at a rate of \$32.00 hour. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0. (JE24-108)

Obourn moved to approve proceeding with the mapping project. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

McCaffree informed commissioners three bids were received for the year end dinner. TNT Catering with a bid of \$16.00 per plate. Teresa Gulick with a bid of \$18.00 per plate. Hamptons2 LLC with a bid of \$35.00 per plate.

Fox moved to approve TNT caterings bid of \$16.00 per plate for the year end dinner. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Membership for the Kansas Natural Resource Coalition was revisited, Obourn defined how they help local, state and federal government.

Obourn moved to approve membership and membership dues for the Kansas Natural Resource Coalition in the amount of \$5,000.00. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0. (JE24-112)

Sheriff, Heath Samuels informed commissioners of a year-end expense. The sheriff's department would be updating the dispatch computer and software, cost would be \$6448.66.

Obourn moved to approve proceeding with the purchase of dispatch server software. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Samuels noted the sheriff's department is looking to purchase a vehicle before the end of the year.

Fox informed fellow commissioners he had given the go ahead for U and 100th Rd. bridge to be fixed. Vinson noted the state had inspected the bridge and informed the county it would need to be closed. As repairs were made to the bridge the state allowed it to stay open.

Obourn moved to approve a five-minute executive session with Treasurer, Donna Olson for personnel. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Reconvened at 9:49. No decisions.

Road and Bridge Supervisor, Allen Greenwood informed commissioner he would be meeting with engineer Michael Maris on December 17th, 2024 regarding the bridge at U rd. and 100th St.

Obourn moved to approve a five-minute break. Ballard seconded. motion carried 5-0. Reconvened at 10:06.

Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive session for legal. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Reconvened at 10:18. No decisions.

Lindsev informed commissioners she had hired a temporary part-time biller for the Health Department.

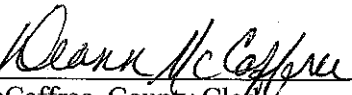
Obourn moved to hire part-time Health Department biller, Beverly Signer at \$20.00 hr. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0. (JE24-113)


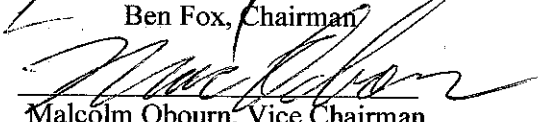
Commissioners decided to hold the final commission meeting of the year, on December 31, 2024 at 9am.

Evenson stated he did not believe Greenwood needed to be at every commissioner meeting. Commissioners did encourage Greenwood to attend if he has something important or if a matter needed discussed.

Fox moved to approve a five-minute executive session for legal. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Reconvened at 10:37. No decisions.

Evenson moved to adjourn at 10:37. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ATTEST: 
Deann McCaffree, County Clerk


Ben Fox, Chairman

Malcolm Obourn, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge, Member

Roy Ballard, Member

Preston Evenson, Member