

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, County Counselor Paul Dean and County Clerk Deann McCaffree.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Obourn moved to approve amended November 18th, 2024 minutes as written. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Ballard moved to approve December 2nd, 2024 minutes as written. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Road and Bridge Report:

- Road and Bridge Supervisor, Allen Greenwood informed commissioner he had met with FEMA they will be doing site inspections on bridges December 12th, 2024.
- Greenwood noted deconstruction proposal was being submitted for the bridge at U Rd. and 100th.
- The east approach for the bridge at 250th and J Rd. is complete.

Obourn moved to approve special payables in the amount of \$13,771.64. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Obourn moved to approve payables in the amount of \$301,845.40. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Obourn moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$187,101.70. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Greenwood County Treasurer, Donna Olson informed commissioner's employee Staci Crumrine has completed her training.

Fox moved to approve a pay increase for treasurer's office employee Staci Crumrine to \$16.00 hour. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 4-0. (JE24-105)

EMS Director Brian Mongeau informed commissioner the newly remounted EMS truck would be delivered December 11th, 2024 and he would like bring it to the next commissioner meeting. Mongeau noted the chassis was being repaired, the fuel injector had failed and ruined a cylinder, this would be covered under the warranty. Plans are to sell the truck when repairs are completed.

Eureka City Administrator, Joel Laws shared with commissioner the 1% sales tax passed, and city sales tax would continue to be 9.5%. He also noted he would like to meet with the county in the future regarding a cost share grant for road repair.

Laws extended an invitation to commissioners for the 100th birthday of Memorial Hall, December 9th, 2024.

Emergency Management Director, Levi Vinson was asked for an update on the mapping project. Vinson stated mapping was complete and a list of roads and designation has been made. Vinson reminded commissioners there could be backlash from citizens after letters are received regarding changes. Greenwood noted the survey process for intersections that may be removed has begun. Commissioners discussed implementing the updated map the beginning of 2025, and that there would be a signage expense. It was also noted resolutions would need to be made for some of the new signs.

Hodge questioned Engineer, Michael Maris on what could be done to fix State Street bridge, Maris stated testing would need to be done first to know the issues and noted because the bridge is a low water crossing it would be difficult to get a grant to construct an elevated bridge.

Fox moved to approve a 15-minute executive session for legal with Road and Bridge Supervisor, Allen Greenwood and Engineer, Michael Maris. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Reconvened at 9:48. No decisions.

Fox moved to approve five-minute executive session with Health Department Director, Vicki Lindsey for personnel. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Reconvened at 9:54. No decisions.

Fox moved to approve fifteen-minute executive session for with Health Department Director, Vicki Lindsey. Obourn seconded. Motion carried. Reconvened at 10:01. No decisions.

Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive session with Health Department Director, Vicki Lindsey and employee, Madison Morris. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Reconvened at 10:24. No decisions.

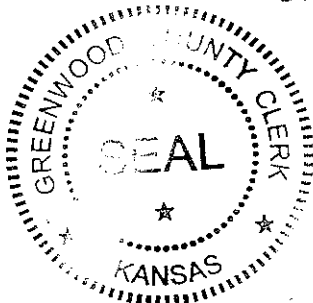
Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive for legal with County Counselor, Paul Dean, Road and Bridge Supervisor, Allen Greenwood and Emergency Management Director, Levi Vinson. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Reconvened at 10:38. No decisions.

Fox moved to approve a five-minute executive session for legal with County Counselor, Paul Dean. Obourn seconded. motion carried 4-0. Reconvened at 10:45. No decisions.

Vinson approached commissioners regarding who would handle the Zoom for coramissioner meetings. Getting new microphones was also discussed. It was decided to use Zoom, payment would come out of the general fund. Commissioners were in favor of Zoom being handled by Vinson and McCaffree. *Ballard moved to adjourn at 10:58. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 4-0.*

ATTEST:

Deann McCaffree, County Clerk



Ben Fox, Chairman

Malcolm Obourn, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge, Member

Roy Ballard, Member

Preston Evenson, Member