

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elected officials -Sheriff, Heath Samuels, Register of Deeds, Sheila Smith, Commissioner Judd Everitt and Commissioner Ron Mast were given the Oath of Office.

McCaffree was given Oath of Office by Judge Phyllis Webster prior to the meeting.

Evenson presented former Register of Deeds, Marsha Ramsey with a plaque for her years of service with Greenwood County.

***Ballard moved to approve Mac Obourn as Chairman of the board. Everitt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

***Obourn moved to approve Preston Evenson as Vice- Chairman of the board. Everitt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

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

***Evenson moved to approve December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 minutes. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

***Ballard moved to approve January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 minutes as written. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

Road and Bridge report:

- Greenwood presented merit raises for approval, Obourn noted an executive session would be held to address merit and COLA raises. Greenwood stated he was working on a tier system for pay.
- Ballard suggested Greenwood have his grader drivers talk with townships about R/S roads and issues on said roads.
- Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant, Kassadie Lazar informed commissioners the annual Township meeting would take place at Memorial Hall, March 19, 2025, at 6pm.

***Ballard moved to approve special payables in the amount of \$1,366.69. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

***Obourn moved to approve a five-minute executive session for personnel. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Reconvened at 9:25. No decisions.***

***Evenson moved to approve a 3% COLA raise and merit raises for hourly employees. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

McCaffree presented two recommendation letters for Bachelor Township Clerk, Issac Whitehead and Eric Bitler. (JE25-02, JE25-03)

***Evenson moved to approve Eric Bitler as Bachelor Township Clerk. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 4-1.***

***Ballard moved to approve Troy Fisher as Eureka Township Treasurer. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. (JE25-04)***

***Evenson moved to approve Barney Nordmeyer as Salem Township Treasurer. Everitt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

***Evenson moved to approve Mark Hendrickson as South Salem Township Trustee. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

***Evenson moved to approve Jeff Zimmers as Spring Creek Township Clerk. Obourn seconded. Motion carried 5-0. (JE25-05)***

***Obourn moved to approve a fifteen-minute executive session with Health Department Administrator, Vicki Lindsay and Health Department RN, Jayme Lewis for personnel. Ballard seconded. Reconvened at 9:57. No decisions.***

**Obourn moved to approve a five-minute executive session with Health Department Administrator, Vicki Lindsay and Health Department RN, Jayme Lewis for personnel. Ballard seconded. Reconvened at 9:58. No decisions.**

Health Department Administrator, Vicki Lindsay proposed moving Registered Nurse, Jayme Lewis from R.N. to Health Department Administrator/ nurse effective January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. With Lindsay stepping down to Health Department registered nurse, with no pay rate change at this time.

**Mast moved to approve Jayme Lewis as Health Department Administrator/ nurse and Vicki Lindsay as a Health Department nurse. Everitt Seconded. Motion carried 4-1. With Evenson voting no.**

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau presented approval for part time, new hire Andrew Westerman. Commissioners discussed increasing starting wages to \$15.00 and in house classes to hopefully increase active EMT's. Discussion was also had regarding transports for the hospital.

**Evenson moved to approve part-time EMT, Andrew Westerman at a rate of \$13.86 an hour. Everitt seconded. Motion carried 4-1. With Ballard voting no.**

Resident Ron Rader discussed concerns regarding M Rd. north of 30<sup>th</sup>, and stated he would like the road closed. County Counselor Paul Dean noted this item would be going to court and did not need discussed in commission meeting.

**Obourn moved to approve a five-minute executive session for legal regarding roads with County counselor, Paul Dean and Emergency Management supervisor, Levi Vinson. Everitt seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Reconvened at 10:35. No decisions.**

**Ballard moved to approve a five-minute executive session for legal. Everitt seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Reconvened at 10:42. No Decisions.**

**Everitt moved to adjourn. Evenson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.**

ATTEST:

Deann McCaffree, County Clerk

Malcolm Obourn

Preston Evenson

Roy Ballard

Ron Mast

Judd Everitt