

Commissioners Held Routine Weekly Meeting

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A routine weekly meeting was held by the Greenwood County Commissioners on Monday, June 9, where they discussed regular business items, as well as hearing nine budget presentations.

During the weekly Road and Bridge report, Administrative Assistant Kassadie Lazar noted that the environmentalist had inspected the bridge at U Road and 100th Street and shared that no bats were found. Lazar stated the environmentalist is drafting her report and the bridge process should resume soon. Commissioners also reviewed a letter submitted by county residents noting an intersection sign at Highway 99 and 110th Street needed attention. Brief discussion on various equipment items was held.

A local disaster declaration was presented by Levi Vinson with Emergency Management. The declaration referenced June 3-10 as days the county was impacted due to flooding conditions. Vinson noted that in order to receive FEMA funding, the county must approve the resolution, as well as

the state receiving a minimum of \$4.2 billion worth of damages. The commission approve Resolution EM 25-01, as presented.

In new business, Commissioner Judd Everitt shared that a solution was in the works for the Friendship Meals program as contractor Everfull noted financial shortfalls. During the program for elderly budget presentation, county representative for the South Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging (SCKAAA), Linda Snyder shared that they (SCKAAA) had been working on a plan for several months. It is hoped that residents do not see a disruption in service; however, Snyder noted with planning the lapse should be minimal.

The commission also heard budget presentations from the Health Department, Family Life Center, Ambulance, County Attorney, Appraiser, Fire and Emergency Management. Department heads primarily referenced increases pertaining to the 3% COLA, 2% Merit and 10% for insurance increases as recommended by the commission. Commissioner Preston Evenson shared that during the discussion with Darren Theel, with Theel Insurance and Financial Services last

week, it was recommended the commission plan for a 20% increase with insurance costs.

During the noxious weed budget discussion, the commission discussed the hours currently offered by the department. Currently, chemicals can be purchased from 7-10 a.m.; however, the commission noted that the morning hours would be best to spray chemicals and limits the county based on the hours. Discussion was held regarding moving the hours of operation to 2-5 p.m. No decisions were made as the meeting had adjourned for budget discussion.

Greenwood County Attorney Jill Gillett requested that staff members be granted bereavement leave to attend the funeral services for former county attorney employee Ramona Carpenter. The commission plans to revisit the discussion during their next weekly meeting.

The June 2 meeting minutes, special payables totaling \$18,384.41, regular payables totaling \$184,939.98 and payroll totaling \$153,702.72 were approved as presented.

The next weekly meeting is slated for Monday, June 16, at 9 a.m.

THE HEARTLAND MINUTE - “FLAVOR MEETS FUNCTION”

By ALISHA FISHER
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Throughout history, herbs and spices have been treasured not only for their rarity but also for their ability to enhance flavor and mask unpleasant tastes. Today, we enjoy easy access to a wide variety of herbs and spices, which are commonly used in both cooking and health practices. Although the terms “herb” and “spice” are often used interchangeably, they refer to different parts of a plant. Herbs come from the edible, green or leafy parts, while spices are derived from other plant parts like buds, bark, roots, berries, or seeds.

For centuries, herbs and spices have played an important role in promoting health. Herbs are often used medicinally to help manage chronic and acute conditions, including cardiovascular disease, prostate issues, depression, inflammation, and to support immune health. Research shows that spices are potent sources of naturally occurring compounds that help protect cells from damage. Many of the benefits attributed to herbs

and spices are related to their “anti” properties, such as antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, antibacterial, antifungal, and antiemetic effects.

Antioxidants in herbs and spices help protect the body from cell damage, reduce the risk of chronic diseases, and promote healthy aging. Anti-inflammatory compounds can help reduce inflammation in the body, which is linked to conditions like joint pain, Type 2 Diabetes, Alzheimer’s disease, and some cancers. The spice turmeric contains curcumin, which has been shown to help alleviate pain and swelling associated with certain types of arthritis. Some herbs and spices also contain antibacterial, antimicrobial, and antifungal properties, which help inhibit the growth of harmful bacteria and other substances that can spoil food. Clove, oregano, thyme, cinnamon, and cumin are especially effective in preventing foodborne spoilage. Ginger, peppermint, and chamomile are known as antiemetics, meaning they help prevent nausea and vomiting.

When cooking with herbs, the form you use affects the quanti-

ty needed. 1 tablespoon of fresh, finely chopped herbs equals 1 teaspoon of crumbled dried herbs, which equals ¼ to ½ teaspoon of ground herbs. When using cayenne pepper or garlic powder, start with 1/8 teaspoon as their flavor intensifies during cooking. If doubling a recipe, do not double the herbs and spices.

Increase the amount by 50 percent and add more if needed. Whole spices can stay fresh for up to 2 years, while ground spices typically retain their potency for about 6 months. Most fresh spices have a bright, rich color and strong aroma. Red spices such as paprika and red pepper can be refrigerated to help preserve their color and flavor longer.

Information comes from Kansas State University Publications.

For more information about Family and Community Wellness, 4-H Youth Development, or K-State Research and Extension, contact the office at 620-583-7455, email alisha32@ksu.edu, or stop by the office. Visit K-State Research and Extension- Greenwood County Facebook page and www.greenwood.k-state.edu for more up-to-date information on programming.

LEGALS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GREENWOOD COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of LINDA McCORMACK, Deceased.

(Petition pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

Case No. GW2025-PR-000010

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF PROBATE

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on May 30, 2025, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, was filed in this Court by Greg McCormack, an heir, devisee and legatee, and Executor named in the “Last Will and Testament of Linda McCormack,” deceased, dated February 24, 2021, requesting that the instrument attached thereto be admitted to probate and record as the Last Will and Testament of the decedent; Letters Testamentary under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act be issued to Executor to serve without bond.

You are further advised under the provisions of the Kansas Simplified Estates Act the Court need not supervise administration of the Estate, and no notice of any action of the Executor or other proceedings in the administration will be given, except for notice of final settlement of decedent’s estate.

You are further advised if written objections to simplified administration are filed with the Court, the Court may order that supervised administration ensue.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before July 3, 2025, at 11:00am in the District Court, in Greenwood County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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THE DEADLINE TO FILE AS A CANDIDATE HAS PASSED

By MARCIE HARRISON
The Madison News

The filing deadline to run for open elected positions was June 2nd.

According to Greenwood County Clerk Deann McCaffree, incumbents Dallas Luthi, Jennifer Watts and Ty Gaines had

filed to run for re-election. There is still one school board seat open in which someone still has time to run as a write-in before the General Election on November 4th, 2025.

McCaffree also noted that no one had filed to run for the open seats on The City of Madison Council.





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