

Greenwood County Commission Held Routine Weekly Meeting

By ROBIN WUNDERLICH
The Eureka Herald

Greenwood County resident Frank McCollum addressed the commission regarding extending the dates of fireworks sales in Greenwood County. He noted legislation had extended the dates for temporary retailers from June 27-July 5 to June 20-July 7. McCollum noted that other counties in the area have extended their sales dates to match and wanted Greenwood County to do the same. County Counselor Paul Dean noted the county would follow those dates, but additional motions weren't necessary.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Allen Greenwood presented the commission with a weekly report, as well as a pay scale for employees. Greenwood expressed appreciation to the county for their patience as crews have been repairing roads following the recent flooding. He also noted the forecasted

weather for Tuesday of this week.

Greenwood County Attorney Jill Gillett addressed the commission regarding closing the attorney's office on Friday for staff members to attend a funeral. Gillett would like her two full-time employees to be paid for bereavement for the day. The county policy notes that bereavement is paid for family members. In this instance, the staff would be attending the funeral of a former co-worker, for whom one has served as her power of attorney. The commission noted that this would need to be handled as a case-by-case basis, and told Gillett, for this instance, to use her discretion. Gillett also provided a breakdown of cases filed over the years from 1985-2024.

Greenwood County resident Tammy Talkington asked the commission if a payment plan could be put in place regarding past due property taxes. Talkington explained she had sold property (an older pontoon boat and some outbuildings) in 2023 and early 2024 and failed to share that with the county appraiser. Talkington wasn't disputing the fees, but rather wanted to see if a payment plan could be utilized, as a hold had been put on her acquiring tags and taxes. The commission was going to look into the options and communicate those back with her.

The commission held a 15-minute executive session with Greenwood and County Counselor Dean for legal matters. No action was taken.

Following a five-minute executive session with Dean and County Clerk Deann McCaffree for personnel: personnel policy, the commission approved a 90-day evaluation moving McKenzie Butler to Deputy Clerk and increasing her hourly rate by \$2, to \$17/hour.

Levi Vinson, with Green-

wood County Emergency Management, shared updated figures regarding the threshold limits that must be met to qualify for federal funds. Vinson noted that the county threshold increased approximately \$3-4,000 and is now at \$28,395. The state minimum is now at \$5.5 million.

Following adjournment, the commission heard budget proposals from County Court, Greenwood County Conservation District, Clerk and Election, Register of Deeds, Historical Society, Road & Bridge, Landfill, Recycle, Treasurer, CASA and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). Dawn Rouse, Court Administrator, noted that she would like the commission's approval to raise the jury reimbursement from \$10 to \$15/day. Commission discussed raising it more as Butler County is currently at \$20 and Elk County is at \$30; however, Rouse noted they would first like to do the \$5 increase to insure

they can indeed absorb the increase without requesting additional funds.

A CMB license for Eureka Lakeside Treasures, a new business set to open soon at the former Eureka Lake Bait Shop, was approved.

Scott Day, with Day Insurance, shared health insurance projections for the 2026 budget, during a work

session after the meeting.

The commission approved the June 9 meeting minutes and special payables, totaling \$112,751.10; as presented.

Commissioner Roy Ballard was absent from the meeting.

The next meeting for the Greenwood County Commission is Monday, June 23, at 9 a.m.

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.
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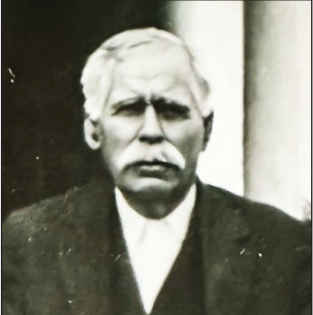
SOME FOLLOWUP ON JAMES THOMAS LINCOLN

By MARCIE HARRISON
The Madison News

Note: This is a follow up to a response that Bob Robison received after publishing his weekly history article about James Thomas Lincoln earlier this year. It's wonderful that someone reached out to Bob to give him more information AND it is also refreshing to know that people really do read the paper. Thank you, Bob, for all you do to bring Madison history to The Madison News, thank you Don ImMashe for reaching out to him, and thank you readers for following along.

Do you remember James Thomas Lincoln? He was the 'topic' for this column back at the end of January or early February. The Lincolns came to Kansas from Indiana in the early 1880s, and relocated to the Madison area in the mid-1990s. He was a farmer and actively involved in getting the Grange established in Madison. The Grange was an agricultural organization which sought to address farm related issues and help farm families in various ways. That writing, in part, was prompted by the question of a second cousin that wondered if J. T. Lincoln was related to Abraham Lincoln. It closed with the report that J. T.'s father and Abe were born about the same time and about thirty miles apart. Though no connection was found, it was noted that it was certainly within the realm of possibility.

A week or so after that article was published in the Madison News, I received a letter from a man living at



COURTESY PHOTO

James T. Lincoln

the western edge of Lyon County by the name of Don ImMashe. He shared that James Thomas Lincoln was his great grandfather, AND that he and Abraham Lincoln were, indeed, related. Third cousins according to family history. Don noted that word handed down through the family claimed his great grandfather was very proud of that relationship. Thank you, Don, for the information and the pictures!



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