The Town of Preston met on Monday, March 11, 2024, at the town hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Darrel. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Certification of Open Meeting Law Requirements was met. Roll call was held with Ron, Philip, Darrel, Mary and Cathy present.

Motion by Darrel, second by Philip to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Ron, second by Philip to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024, regular board meeting. Motion carried.

The financial report for February was approved with a motion by Ron, second by Philip. Motion carried.

The disbursements for March were approved with a motion Ron, second by Darrel. Motion carried.

Public comment: sand/salt supply surplus for next year?

Patrolman’s report: None.

Update on the Rainbow Restaurant: really nothing the County or town can do. Rumor has it, it has been sold.

Update given by Ron on shared roads with the city. Old agreement to be renegotiated so it is easier for each to maintain equally. Measurements to be done and Ron will be meeting with the City in May.

Discussion was held on community center updates and billing, nothing on updates and pay outstanding bill.

Motion by Philip, second by Ron to approve using proceeds from the sale of the 914 fire truck for EMR funding. Motion carried.

Motion by Ron, second by Philip to use proceeds from the future sale of snowplow for EMR funding. Motion carried.

Motion by Philip, second by Ron to approve reimbursing the fire department for repairs on the fire sirens. Total bill was $5675, towns share is $2837.50. Motion carried.

Motion by Darrel, second by Ron to approve the new contract with Tri-County Memorial Hospital for ambulance service and have clerk send a letter of approval. Motion carried.

Motion by Philip, second by Ron to approve an unchanged road use agreement with Pilgrims. Motion carried.

Update was given by Darrel on ATC line coming from the east to substation on Hwy 53. Project date is 2029.

Source Energy Solutions is petitioning the City of Blair to annex 3 parcels from the Town of Preston. We will need to see what action the city will take on the petition.

Motion by Ron, second by Darrel to have county to keep co-aid balance for future use. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on town official pay periods. Normal pay twice a year but, gets changed on an election year with possible new board members. Motion by Ron, second by Philip to pay officials in April, August and December. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on roadwork, possibility of doing Larkin Valley Road this year and Nyen-Martin next year.

Yellow truck needs to be looked at and get prices on a new lawnmower.

Announcements: Open Book, April 25, 2024, 4:30-6:30 PM. BOR, May 15, 2024, 6-8 PM. Shared Revenue & ARIP update.

Suggestions for agenda items for the next regularly scheduled board meeting on April 8, 2024: lawnmower, yellow truck, Delmore Consulting and kitchen electrical.

Motion to adjourn at 6:53 PM by Ron, second by Philip. Motion carried.