Chairman Roy Ballard called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Robert Morgan, Chuck Spradlin, Paul Hodge, County Counselor Paul Dean and County Clerk Kathy Robison.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fox moved to approve August 8, 2022 Minutes, as written. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge Report:

- County contracted engineer Michael Maris plans to attend next Monday’s meeting to update commissioners on bridge grants and new regulations.
- Repair on the county Bobcat is complete.
- Repairs are underway on North Rock Ridge.
- Hodge informed the commissioner that he made a decision to halt construction on the bridge near 55th Street that was slated to begin last week; this decision was made to allow for those moving cattle in the area to have access to said bridge during this time of year. Fellow commissioners voiced their desire for Hodge to contact at least one other commissioner if a similar situation were to arise in the future.

Morgan made a motion to approve payables in the amount of $191,173.05. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Fox moved to approve payroll in the amount of $120,932.04. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Resident Ron Rader inquired about the road dispute that was discussed at last week’s meeting. It was determined that there is no record found at this time that would point to the road in question ever having been closed, therefore, the road must stay open and the gates removed.

Health Department Report:

- Health Department has a job opening.
- COVID-19 cases are rising once again.
- Lindsey is looking into another large grant for the Health Department.
- Lindsey would like to utilize grant monies already received, towards the purchase of a new computer.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson would like the commission to consider the request for withdrawal for public assistance from FEMA event 4504 for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hodge moved to withdraw from COVID-19 pandemic funds through FEMA. No second. Motion died. Hodge withdrew his motion.

County Counselor Paul Dean advised the commission to consider this move before making a decision.

Fox moved to approve a five-minute executive session with County Clerk Kathy Robison for personnel evaluation. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened at 9:45 a.m. No decisions were made.

Greenwood County Hospital is still in need of a board member. Fox believes he may have found a candidate to fill this position.

Morgan informed County Clerk Kathy Robison that there is not a location in Greenwood County to purchase a hunting/fishing license. Robison is slated to look into the matter further.

Ballard would like an updated map made in regards to road responsibility for county and townships.

Robison informed commissioners that KORA/KOMA training at the high school is slated for Thursday and lunches have been signed up for.

Fox moved to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.