Chairman Ben Fox called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Robert Joe Morgan, Chuck Spradlin, Paul Hodge, County Clerk Kathy Robison and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Ballard was not present.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hodge moved to accept July 26th, 2021 minutes as written. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Noxious Weed Director Jarrid Baumgartel presented commissioners with a bid from Fairbank in the amount of $7,054 for a water trailer. Baumgartel explained that such a purchase would save time, labor and fuel costs. Following a brief discussion regarding the matter, commissioner Fox moved to approve the purchase of a water trailer in the amount of $7,054. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman report:

- A representative from the Corps of Engineers is slated to look at the bridge on 90th Street, west of G Road.
- Chrisman has yet to receive another bid for the Reese road project. Commissioner Hodge would like to proceed with the project sooner rather than later. Fox suggested that Chrisman make an attempt to receive a second bid today and the matter could be discussed at a special meeting tonight.
- Hodge informed Darrel that gravel had been hauled to an area near 60th Street and would like to know the plans going forward. Chrisman is working to complete the necessary repairs.

Greenwood County resident Duane Droge voiced concerns regarding the Federal Government looking to take over 30% of U.S. land. Droge stated that the matter will be discussed further at the annual Farm Bureau meeting slated for August 27th, 2021. Droge is strongly opposed to the matter stating, “I see no reason to give more power to the Federal Government.”

Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor Greg Rawlings introduced himself and informed commissioners that he had sent out an assessment sheet to Department heads for repairs in need of immediate attention.

Sheriff Heath Samuels reminded commissioners of the National Night Out event hosted by the Sheriff’s Department that will take place tonight from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

County counselor Paul Dean presented commissioners with revisions to the proposed agreement with KwiKom pertaining to ownership of the communications tower near Madison. Under the agreement, Greenwood County would have the right to tower space for the lifespan of the tower. Fox moved to approve the revised agreement with JMZ Corporation, also known as KwiKom Communications. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Hodge moved to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Ben Fox, Chairman
Roy Ballard, Vice Chairman
Chuck Spradlin, Member
Paul Hodge, Member
Robert Joe Morgan, Member

ATTEST: Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Greenwood County Commission Meeting August 2, 2021