Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 10:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Roy Ballard, Robert Joe Morgan, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve December 31, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman mentioned that there are two low water bridges, located at D and 25th street and the bridge on 55th street, that are not main line roads, but once they are finished, he would like to get a bid for shell rock for both locations. Chrisman reported he would contact County Contracted Engineer Michael Maris regarding damage to a bridge on H Road that occurred when a vehicle struck the guard rail. Maris will also be working with Janel Phillips from the Department of Agriculture to aid the county in obtaining a permit for the road east of Fall River. Darrel stated plans for removing the excavator from the landfill, to start working on bridges that have timber against them. Commissioner Morgan questioned Darrel regarding the manner in which county grader operators work on the roads. Darrel responded they can get more work finished in a day’s time and it makes for smoother roads.

Commissioners reviewed fee report. No actions were taken.

Commissioners reviewed GAAP Resolution #20-01. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Levi Vinson asked approval for moving Noxious Weed Department employee Jared Baumgartel from $15.75 an hour to $16.00 an hour, effective January 6th, 2020. Commissioner Morgan approved the motion. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of $3,510.15. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Shawna Griffitts requested an executive session with commissioners for discussion over employment qualifications regarding the hiring of personnel. Commissioner Fox approved the motion. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Beginnings representatives Tara Cunningham and Joe O’Rourke informed commissioners of the pending consolidation between New Beginnings and Tri-Valley Developmental Services. According to O’Rourke the merger will afford New Beginnings access to services that they had previously struggled to provide. Once licensing from the state of Kansas is received, New Beginnings and Tri-Valley will become one entity. Cunningham asked approval to appoint Deanna Jenson to the roll of Greenwood County Board member. Commissioner Fox made a motion for approval. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sheriff Samuels presented the commissioners with 2019 Year End foreclosure report, outlining vehicles that were seized throughout the year. Due to the pending change of commission chair, the document will be signed at the next meeting. Sheriff Samuels also notified Commissioners that the department will hold a Purple Wave sale once vehicle titles are obtained.

Amanda Cunningham with Crosswinds presented the commissioners with a year-end review. Cunningham noted an increase of communication with the local schools and Sheriff’s office. Paul Dean questioned if Crosswinds provided drug and alcohol evaluations, Amanda responded they do not provide them currently. Cunningham stated that the company has been exploring their options for providing the services.

Commissioner Spradlin reminded commissioners about the Soil Conservation Meeting Wednesday, January 8th, 2020 at the Eureka High School.

Paul Dean presented the commissioners with Resolution 20-02 appointing Shawna Griffitts to serve as interim County Appraiser, for a period not to exceed six months. The six month appointment will conclude on June 30th, 2020. Commissioner Fox made a motion to proceed with resolution 20-02. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.
Russ McCoy resigned as Eureka Township trustee. David Wyckoff stepped up from Eureka Township Clerk to Eureka Township Trustee. Commissioner Fox made a motion to appoint David Wyckoff for Eureka Township Trustee. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried. This move leaves the Eureka Township Clerk’s position open.

Paul Dean requested a five minute executive session with the commissioners regarding legal personnel policy. Commissioner Hodge approved a motion for a five minute executive session. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried. No actions were taken.

The next Commission meeting will be held on Monday, January 13th, 2020 at 9 a.m. At this, meeting, the Commissioners will reorganize for the coming year.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge, Member

Roy Ballard, Member

Robert Joe Morgan, Member

ATTEST: Kathy Robison, County Clerk