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

The Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Ben Fox made a motion to approve February 3rd, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman informed Commissioners that work had started on Lily Bridge today. Chrisman reported receiving an extension to put guard rails in, on the two bridges they had recently worked on. A short discussion ensued regarding the cost for additional guard rails. Commissioner Fox made a motion to authorize the purchase of additional guard rails and I beams in the amount of $6,000. Commissioner Roy Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried. Darrel also reported having received an estimate to finish the installation of injectors on County Road and Bridge truck #2. Commissioner Paul Hodge made a motion to proceed with repairs, on truck #2, in the amount of $3,368.40. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried. Darrel stated he would like to reevaluate E25 (Reece Rd), reporting there was still asphalt on the road and he would put small rock, "in the places that mud was showing up." Darrel told commissioners that once Lily Bridge was finished, they would start on Shell Rock. Road and Bridge employee Amber Wooldie provided commissioners with an appraisal to repair Bitler Bridge. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the purchase of the right away for Bitler Bridge in the amount of $11,710. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve $6,190 for the other side of Bitler Bridge. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to replace the letter that was signed at the last Commission Meeting, in support of replacing the Christian Hills Bridge, with a new letter delving into more detail as to why Bitler Bridge needed replacing. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

In response to a letter to the editor, printed in the Eureka Herald, Commissioner Fox reported having applied for 7 grants in previous years and 2 grants this year, to replace Christian Hills Bridge. Commissioner Fox also reported having had 3 KDOT engineers look at Christian Hills Bridge.

Commissioner Fox made motion to approve a 5 minute executive session for employee evaluation. Commissioner Roy Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Ben Fox made a motion to approve a five minute break. Commissioner Paul Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed Treasurer’s report. No actions were taken.

Commissioner Chuck Spradlin made a motion to approve payables in the amount of $365,552.74. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of $105,608.72. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey reported to Commissioners that she needed to microfilm and recover one of the Register of Deeds indexing books. No actions were taken.

Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson updated Commissioners on their efforts toward locating and eliminating Old World Bluestem growth. Levi noted that efforts to GPS all locations of the plants growth should be completed today. Vinson requested permission to send Noxious Weed employee Jared Baumgartel to Weed Director School, March 23- March 27, 2020. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve sending Baumgartel to class for four days. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Vinson also requested permission to send Noxious Weed employee Jennifer Carson to Household Hazardous Waste classes for 2 days. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Carson to attend HHW classes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Levi notified Commissioners of the need for additional batteries for the drone, stating that additional batteries would give them the ability to run continuous flights.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 batteries, in the amount of $950. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.
Commissioner Spradlin recommended doing a workshop for the purpose of analyzing and assigning projects for each commissioner to follow. The workshop is to be held on February 24th, following the Commission Meeting and is set to last about an hour.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn at 10:23 a.m. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next Commission meeting will be held Tuesday, February 18th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Paul Hodge, Chairman

Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

ATTEST: Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Chuck Spradlin Member

Roy Ballard, Member

Robert Joe Morgan, Member