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

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to approve January 25th, 2021 Minutes. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve January 27th, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported Road & Bridge Department is attempting to get a handle on several "bad spots" within the county. Commissioner Ballard informed Darrel of a three mile stretch of road on 390th that is in need of gravel. Commissioner Hodge told Darrel that Spring Creek Bridge needed attention. Inquiries were made pertaining to recycling in Greenwood County. Commissioner Fox stated that he had called the company located in Illinois that takes cardboard from Iola but has heard no response. Fox stated the next step may be to check Wichita.

Commissioners reviewed Treasurers report.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve abatements and adds. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve special payables in the amount of $4,369.38. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Legal counsel Paul Dean informed Commissioners to changes to the contract submitted by Kwikom Communications in regards to the tower at Madison. Among those changes, Dean wanted to clarify that the tower will be used county wide rather than just for emergency services. Kwikom representative Eric Vogel is slated to attend next week’s Commission meeting to discuss the company’s review of the requested changes.

Levi Vinson provided commissioners with an update on emergency planning and response. Vinson told commissioners that the list of Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) has to be admitted annually to Kansas Division of Emergency Management. Vinson asked who, on the commission, would like to be included on said list. The committee is in place to aid in emergency planning and response for our area. The decision was made for Commissioner Ben Fox to be the LEPC representative.

Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley reported that he had been working to get bids to install a key card entry system for the back door of the courthouse. Levi Vinson stated that one advantage to key card entry is the system keeps a log of people who enter the building. Findley will seek additional bids for the project as he has only received one bid at approximately $3,000. Vinson also informed the commission that COVID testing has seen a decrease and that the county’s positivity rate has also seen a decrease.

A consensus was reached among Department heads to open the courthouse to the public. Commissioner Ballard noted that he had received negative feedback regarding the Driver’s License Department and he would be looking into the issue.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn at 9:48 a.m. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

The next commission meeting will be held on February 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
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 February 1, 2021