Chairman Ben Fox called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:30 a.m. Other members present were Paul Hodge, Chuck Spradlin and Shannon Gaunt, Deputy Clerk. Paul Dean, County Counselor arrived at 9:22 a.m.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve February 5, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve February 12, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor reported that they have graved Sunflower Hill Road; the old bridge at the Norwegian Church is gone and work has begun on the new bridge; there is an additional bridge on 30th Road, west of N Road that needs replaced with a wider culvert. Commissioner Spradlin asked if it was on the priority list and Lowe said yes. Lowe mentioned he needs to talk to Lindamood about fence removal on DD Road for the rip rap project they are planning. Lowe submitted three bids to replace the engine in the dump truck he had previously discussed with commissioners that has metal shavings in it. After reviewing the bids, it was decided that Lowe needed to call the vendors with some questions and come back next week. Office Manager, Amber Woodie submitted a purchase order from Murphy Tractor and Equipment Company for a 2012 John Deere Motor Grader, in the amount of $151,000, with a $35,000 trade-in on the county’s 2007 John Deere Motor Grader, which makes the total amount due $116,000. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2012 John Deere grader in the amount of $116,000 from Murphy Tractor and Equipment Company. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Dalton Evenson, Road and Bridge employee, has been in touch with a geologist regarding establishing a new quarry site in the north end of the county. Evenson reported that landowners are showing interest in the project and he said he will keep the commissioners updated. Dalton Evenson and Road and Bridge Supervisor Roger Lowe submitted a bid for a used 2005 Al-Jon articulating compactor for the landfill that had been completely stripped down and rebuilt in 2013. The sale price was around $39,500, but the compactor is from Gulf Coast Equipment in Dallas, Texas. After some discussion about other items on the “wish list”, like a skid steer, and how a compactor may be a better idea, because it may save the county money by making the landfill last longer; the commissioners told Lowe that someone from the county needs to actually go to Texas and inspect it before buying it. Lowe said he would make plans to get a mechanic and try to get down this week and see it. Two bids were presented for the meal at the Annual Township Meeting March 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. One from Copper Kettle for $10.50 per plate and the second from LoMar for $10.25 per plate. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the bid from Copper Kettle to cater the Annual Township meal March 21, 2018 at the Matt Samuels Building at 7:00 p.m. at $10.50 per plate. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Engineer Michael Maris attended the meeting to answer any questions about the grant funding the county may receive that the commissioners might have and he also met the new Commissioner Chuck Spradlin. Maris explained that KDOT allows $10 million in projects across the state with four projects in each district. He said Greenwood hasn’t received a grant in two years so this could be our year. There was some discussion about several bridges in the county but the two main projects brought up were the Christian Hills bridge, southwest of Eureka, and a bridge about four miles west of K99, west of Hamilton.

The commissioners have been discussing the Federal Funds Exchange Program in previous meetings and briefly discussed the fee increase this year from 10% to 25%. The commissioners decided that they were already committed to the process. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the contract with KDOT for the Federal Funds Exchange Program. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve abatements in the amount of $2,117.48. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer’s Report.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau presented a quote from Thorston Electric for a generator which includes the installation and upgrading the station from 100 amp service to 200-amps. The cost will be split. ½ capital reserve and ½ will come out of ambulance budget. The total amount of the project will be $10,700.49. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve $10,700.49 be paid to Thorston Electric to the generator project for the EMS barn. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox gave Sheriff Samuels a quote on a server for the Sheriff’s Department. Commissioner Fox is recommending replacing the server with a higher capacity model. Sheriff Samuels reported they’ve been replacing the computers gradually to keep up with them, but due to state mandates they will be required to have more storage at some point. Legislation is being proposed that will require body cam footage to be stored for a certain amount of time. There was some discussion on different storage possibilities and the costs associated with them. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Fox reported that an AT&T technician will be at the courthouse on Monday, February 26th at night to finish the internal installation on the fiber optic project for the courthouse. Commissioner Fox will be onsite to supervise.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a 10 minute executive session with Sheriff Samuels, Treasurer Donna Olson, Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey, and County Counselor Paul Dean to discuss Courthouse Security. No decisions were made.
At 10:13 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 10:15 a.m. The commissioners reconvened to discuss the upcoming electronic recycling event that is scheduled March 3, 2018. The hours of collection will be from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and the locations will be at Road and Bridge in Eureka, by the swimming pool in Madison, and west of the fire barn by the highway in Hamilton. Commissioner Hodge was going to try to quickly make contact with someone in Severy to set up a location for his district area and have it published in the ads this week that will be in both newspapers. It was mentioned that there will be unloading assistance at these locations and this recycling day is free to residents as commissioners agreed to cover the expenses. For early drop-offs, it was decided you could contact the Road and Bridge office in Eureka and talk to them.

At 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to re-adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:
February 22nd – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. GW Co. Hospital Conference Rm.
February 26th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
March 5th – Open bids @ Commission Mtg. for the new Ambulance
March 21st – Annual Township Dinner @ Matt Samuels Bldg @ 7pm./Registration @ 6:30p.m./RSVP by 12p.m. March 9th w/Road & Bridge office (620)583-8111
March 26th – Farm Bureau Lunch w/Commissioners @ 12:00 p.m. – Restaurant not chosen yet.

[Signatures]
Ben Fox, Chairman

Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

Chad Spradlin, Member

ATTEST:
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk