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 Fox made a motion to approve January 13th, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge supervisor Darrel Chrisman presented commissioners with bids from three companies for repairs to the Lily Bridge and Lewis Bridge. Bids received were from Everett Concrete in the amount of $28,650 for the Lily Bridge and $12,650 for the Lewis Bridge; Leiser Excavating in the amount of $26,700 for the Lily Bridge and $16,700 for the Lewis Bridge; and Jeff Harris in the amount of $26,260 for only the Lily Bridge. After a brief discussion about start dates and estimates, Commissioner Roy Ballard made a motion to approve Everett Concrete to complete the construction to both bridges. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman reported having spoken with the city of Madison, who stated they were upset due to the fact that they had not received salt or sand. Chrisman informed the City of Madison that Road and Bridge is having a difficult time keeping enough products on hand for the county, due to storage issues and told the City of Madison they should start working on trying to get their own products. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to notify the City of Madison that the County will no longer supply their salt and sand. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman presented two quotes for tires needed for the equipment and trucks. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve equipment tires in the amount of $2,360 and truck tires in the amount of $4,460. Commissioner Ben Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's report. No actions were taken.

Commissioners reviewed the fourth quarter financial report. Commissioner Ben Fox made a motion to approve the fourth quarter financial report. Commissioner Roy Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Fire Chief Doug Williams reported that all our neighboring counties are moving to an 800-frequency radio system, which is causing a disruption in communication between counties. Williams asked permission to purchase used radios for $550 per unit for 14 units. Commissioner Paul Hodge made a motion to approve the purchase of 14 radios at $550 per unit. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox stated that the county has been trying to get the fiber optic lines buried and the sewer project finished from the ambulance barn to the shop. Fox stated part of the problem was having too many people involved in the project. Commissioner Fox appointed Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley to head the projects.

Public Information Officer Arianna Mock introduced herself and her responsibilities are to service a point of contact to media outlets for any incoming or outgoing public information for the county.

Dale Samuels came before commissioners proposing that the county observe moment of silence to honor the memory of Sheriff Matt Samuels, who was killed in the line of duty on January 19th, 15 years ago. After a brief discussion, commissioners asked County Counselor Paul Dean to draft a proclamation; Monday, February 3rd at 1 p.m. According to the pending proclamation, observation in the following years will be held on January 19th.

Marcus Johnson asked commissioners that they consider adding additional outlets to the exterior. Johnson stated the for events such as Cattleman’s day and the Christmas tree lighting, adding additional outlets would be helpful. Commissioners agreed to consider the issue.

Commissioner Ben Fox requested a 20 minute executive session for legal discussion regarding vacancies. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a 20 minute executive session. Commissioner Roy Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried. After the twenty minute duration, commissioners notified the room that an additional ten minutes was needed to conclude their discussion. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Morgan asked if a county employee could get an executive session with the commissioners. Commissioner Fox said the employee would need to follow the chain of command and contact their supervisor first.
Commissioners granted permission for EMS Supervisor Brian Mongeau to begin looking into the costs associated with transferring emergency training classes for Madison and Severy to Flint Hills Technical School.

Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson reported having received a quote from Verizon, for installing GPS tracking units in Road and Bridge vehicles. Verizon quote was $35 per vehicle per month for a minimum of 25 vehicles. No actions were taken.

The next Commission Meeting will be January 27th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Ben Fox made a motion to Adjourn at 11:12 a.m. Commissioner Chuck Spradlin seconded the motion. The Motion carried.

Paul Hodge, Chairman

Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin Member

Roy Ballard, Member

Robert Joe Morgan, Member

ATTEST: Kathy Robison, County Clerk