Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m.

Other members present were Ben Fox, 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 June 10, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve June 17, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported he got a second bid on the boxes that was a bit higher, $12,834 higher, than the other bid. They discussed contractors and equipment that will be needed to unload and set the boxes. Commissioners discussed ordering the boxes now to get started on the project. The first bid was $31,946.25, plus shipping. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the Wichita Concrete Pipe bid in the amount of $31,946.25. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chrisman relayed that the truck at McPherson is done and the cost is $2,856.05. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the repair of the truck at McPherson in the amount of $2,856.05. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chrisman announced that Greenwood County did win the barricade bid on Purple Wave in the amount of $2,530. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the purchase of 70 barricades on Purple Wave in the amount of $2,530. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chrisman told commissioners that they are dealing with typical washouts and the landfill will be temporarily closed until they can get the road repaired. Chrisman discussed wanting to get some help with working on approaches on bridges and low water crossings. Commissioner Hodge told Chrisman that he would like to make a suggestion. He told Chrisman the area of 90th and 100th Streets and M and P Roads should be maintained by the county, as the county trucks use those roads most of the time. Chrisman said they try to get out there and grade the roads some. Commissioner Hodge mentioned a road in Piedmont that needs a tinhorn replaced. Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie presented an employee verification to hire Daniel Butler at the landfill at $13.79 per hour, starting July 1st. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the employee verification. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chrisman mentioned eventually they would like to make Recycling and Landfill one position and then the person in that position now could drive a truck or grader, as he has a CDL. There was a discussion about the current recycling trailer and truck and the need for new ones. Chrisman is currently looking for replacements.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer’s Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve special payables, dated June 24, 2019, in the amount of $140.11. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox talked about a proposed solution for the internet situation out at Road and Bridge, Ambulance, and Noxious Weed Departments. The proposal is to bury a fiber optic line between Road and Bridge and Noxious Weed to connect them for internet service through Mediacom. The cost for equipment and installation will approximately be $1,024.96 and the monthly charge will be $139.95, for the first year. The contract period is for three years. Commissioner Fox said the best place to install the connection would be in the Ambulance building, which is linked to Road and Bridge and Noxious Weed already. Commissioner Fox also updated everyone on the AT & T phone bill situation. The contact he had been working with is no longer with the company, but he has a new contact. Also the amount per line has been lowered to $55 per line. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to proceed with Mediacom for internet service for Road and Bridge/Ambulance/Noxious Weed. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Catherine Cash attended the meeting and told commissioners that a road grader had left a really big wind strip on P Road and knocked a really big rock up on the road that damaged her car. Cash said she talked to office staff at Road and Bridge Department and they turned in a claim to the county’s insurance company, but it was denied because she drove across the wind strip on a road that was being maintained. County Counselor Paul Dean explained that the county’s insurance company is really for the county’s liability claims, and he doesn’t know enough about her claim.

Court Administrator Hugh Zavadil, District Court Clerk Tami Evenson, and Chief Judge David Richey presented the Court Services 2020 budget request in the amount of $106,050, the same amount as the 2019 budget request.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau introduced Tommy Lewis with Hayden Tower Services in regards to the Madison Tower. Lewis relayed that the first two projects will involve inspecting the tower’s six anchors and completing tower mapping and a structural analysis. After some discussion about the benefits of owning the tower, Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve proceeding with the project on the Madison Tower with Hayden Tower Services in the amount of $14,350. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson presented his 2020 Emergency Management budget request in the amount of $92,754, a $5,000 increase from the 2019 budget request. 2020 Noxious Weed Budget request in the amount of $158,990, a $10,000 increase from the 2019 budget request. 2020 Household Hazardous Waste budget request in the amount of $18,000, same as 2019 last year. Vinson also informed commissioners that President Donald Trump declared the recent flooding events throughout Kansas to be a national disaster. The incident period began April 28 and does not currently have an end-date. The declaration includes 53 counties in
Kansas and those counties can begin submitting claims for reimbursement. Vinson plans to continue working with KDEM and various municipalities in the county to prepare the claims.

Mary Harrison with the Health Department presented the 2020 budget request in the amount of $298,450, an increase of $16,000 from 2019 budget request.

Sheriff Samuels said there will be a sale coming up on Purple Wave and it closes July 29th.

County Counselor Paul Dean presented Resolution 19-05 (Advisory Question, to be placed on the November 2019 ballot, in regard to Greenwood County Extension joining the Rolling Prairie Extension District), for their review, before presenting it to the Extension Office.

At 10:34 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to recess until Re Envision arrives with plans to review, for the possibility of a new commission room. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 11:05 a.m. commissioners reconvened to meet with Re Envision consultants in the Extension Office to review the plans and discuss ideas for a new commission/meeting room.

At 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

June 27th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital
July 1st – Commission Meeting 9:00 a.m.
July 4th – Courthouse Closed in observance of Independence Day

Chuck Spradlin, Chairman
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman
Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST: Kathy Rollison
Kathy Rollison, County Clerk