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, Robert Joe Morgan, Chuck Spradlin, County Clerk Kathy Robison and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Spradlin moved to accept May 3, 2021 Commission Meeting Minutes, as written. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported:

- Reece Road is not finished but it is open to thru traffic. The boxes received for the project were not exactly what Darrel had ordered but they were used to complete the project.
- A broken water line that was discussed at last week’s meeting was addressed. Commissioner Fox moved to approve paying half the costs for damage to said water line in the amount of $240. Commissioner Ballard seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
- Leiser construction requested that their portion of the bill be paid out for work done to replace the bridge on Reece Road. Commissioner Ballard moved to pay $7,300 to Leiser Construction, to be added to the special amounts payable slated to be mailed later today. Commissioner Hodge seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
- Road and Bridge has an open position for an operator.
- The Hazel Russell Bridge was discussed briefly. Levi Vinson reported that following his discussion with KDHE, he felt encouraged that there would soon be progress. The concern is that the bid for the project was written in 2019; the cost of materials had increased since that date. Chrisman is slated to request to request an updated estimate be drafted by county contracted engineer Michael Maris.

Commissioners reviewed fee reports. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Spradlin moved to approve special payables in the amount of $15,837.87. The original amount to be paid was $8,537.87, commissioners voted previously in the meeting to approve paying Leiser Construction the amount of $7,300 to be added to this payout; for a total of $15,837.87. Commissioner Hodge seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Fox moved to approve employment verification for Karen Hughes for part time clerk in the Treasurer’s office. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Levi Vinson reported that the state sent back our request to Old World Bluestem and Teasel to the list of accepted weeds for chemical sales. The State of Kansas would like a more specific request, as there are several variations of those weeds. A resolution is slated to be prepared by County counsel Paul Dean. Commissioner Spradlin moved to add Common Teasel and Caucasian Bluestem to the list to be resubmitted to the State of Kansas. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Frank and Donnie McCollum submitted a request that an additional fence viewing be conducted while commissioners are present for the fence viewing requested by Hart. Commissioners Roy Ballard, Paul Hodge and Robert Morgan are slated to view the areas of fence requested by both parties, following today’s commission meeting. Vinson offered the UTV to commissioners for the viewing. Law enforcement will be present at the viewing also.

Commissioner Hodge moved to adjourn at 9:56 a.m. Commissioner Ballard seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

The next commission meeting will be held on Monday, May 17th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
ATTEST: Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Ben Fox, Chairman

Roy Ballard, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin, Member

Paul Hodge, Member

Robert Joe Morgan, Member