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

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Spradlin moved to approve August 29, 2022 Minutes, as written. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

**Road and Bridge Report:**
- Crews have been trimming trees and mowing the past week.
- Darrel still has not heard from Jeff Hull; the contractor that is supposed to make repairs on Reece Road.
- The county will receive an invoice in the approximate amount of $378,069 for the Christian Hills Bridge project. An estimated $302,000 will be reimbursed.
- 2 KDOT payments were held up due to a confusion regarding the county’s UEI number; the matter has been cleared up.
- County contracted engineer Michael Maris gathered a list of the four most deteriorated bridges in Greenwood County and submitted the list to KDOT for funding.

*Fox moved to approve payables in the amount of $208,141.82. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

*Morgan moved to approve payroll in the amount of $124,834.90. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

Commissioners signed the 2020 ballot shred verification; simply verifying that the ballots used in the 2020 election have been shredded.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson informed commissioners that he would like to pay for repairs to his county vehicle in the amount of $6,471.17 out of his equipment reserve account. Vinson noted that a reimbursement insurance check is on its way, but that the repairs needed completed.

*Spradlin moved to approve paying Dave’s Auto Body in the amount of $6,471.17. Funds will come from EP Equipment reserve, with the understanding that the insurance check will be deposited back into that account. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

*Fox moved to approve employment verification for Brianna Vinson for full time employment in the Register of Deeds office at a pay-rate of $14.50 per hour. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

Jeff Pittman attended the meeting to ask if the commission would approve the installation of a ‘Minimum Maintenance’ sign on GG Rd. Commissioners made the decision that a sign is not needed.

Representatives with the Kansas Down Payment Assistance Program attended the meeting to see if Greenwood County would like to join the program at no cost to the county or tax payers to afford Greenwood county residents assistance with down payment/closing costs for the home buying process.

*Fox moved to approve Greenwood County joining the Kansas Down Payment Assistance Program and singing Resolution 22-06. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

Greenwood County resident Frank McCollough attended the meeting to discuss an on-going fence dispute/discussion between himself and Terry Hart. McCollough noted that the south side fence line is not adequate and he would like permission to push it out and fix the fence. Commissioners are slated to set a fence viewing date to view the south side of the fence line in question.

*Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive session for employee performance with Darrel Chrisman. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened at 9:45 a.m. No decisions were made.*

*Spradlin moved to approve a five-minute executive session to afford for discussion of salaried personnel. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 9:57 a.m. No decisions were made.*

*Spradlin made a motion to approve moving Fire Chief Glen Collinge to $20,000 annually, a $2,000 increase. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*
Spradlin moved to approve the county paying $50 for Collinge’s phone service. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Hodge moved to approve a five-minute executive session to afford for legal consultation. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 10:00 a.m. No decisions were made.

Levi Vinson informed commissioners that he has been working on updating the Emergency Operations Plan. A requirement of such states that two alternate emergency managers need to be listed. Levi recommended Undersheriff Randy Cox and Eureka City Fire employee Luke Westerman.

Fox moved to approve the appointment of Luke Westerman as an alternate Emergency Manager and to add Westerman as an insured driver for County vehicles. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioners made the decision to set the McCollough/Hart fence viewing on September 19, 2022.

Spradlin moved to adjourn. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Roy Ballard, Chairman

Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin, Member

Paul Hodge, Member

Robert Joe Morgan, Member