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, Robert Joe Morgan, Chuck Spradlin, 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 September 21st, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that Road and Bridge needed double run chips or washed chips for the chip sealer machine due to dirty chips clogging the machine. Darrel reported that he had received a call from Jeff Hall who presented a bid of $44,000 per mile to double chip seal Reece Road, which would be about 1.10 miles. Chrisman stated that number is significantly lower than any other bid they had received in the past. Commissioner Fox made a motion to proceed with double chip seal in the amount of $44,000 per mile. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. County counselor Paul Dean reported having received a letter from CenturyLink stating that a cable had been hit by a county excavator. Darrel reported that the cable was not marked and was not buried, but that he had reported the incident.

Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley informed commissioners that he had received a bid on a 36 KW Generac generator for roughly $25,000. Findley reported that the 45 KW Generac generator is roughly $1,500 more; this price does not include labor. A brief discussion ensued regarding which size of generator would be best. The decision was made to purchase the larger 45 KW Generac generator. Commissioner Fox made a motion to proceed with said purchase in the amount of $26,140. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed Treasurer’s report.

Commissioner Fox presented the following SPARK reimbursements: Eureka USD 389 in the amount of $1,062, Hamilton USD 390 in the amount of $187.50, Greenwood County Noxious Weed in the amount of $1,397.95, MT Networks in the amount of $15,000, Severy Fire Department in the amount of $968.76, Madison-Virgil USD 386 in the amount of $2,875.69, and Aging Projects in the amount of $16,906.00. Commissioner Fox made a motion to pay said funds. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Fox told legal counsel Paul Dean that all parties that have received SPARK funding will need to sign a Memorandum of Understanding. In the event of an audit, this will leave the responsibility in the hands of the party having received the funds.

Health Department Nurse Vicki Lindsay-Ross informed the commission that she had received the new refrigeration unit. Ross presented commissioners with employee verification for Janet Turner to be hired as a part-time position (as needed) office assistant at a pay rate of $13.00 per hour. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve said employee verification. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners revisited the issue of a propane contract with MFA Oil. Fire Chief Doug Williams was asked to look into ownership of two propane tanks at last week's commission meeting. Williams informed commissioners that MFA Oil did, in fact, own said tanks. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the prepay propane contract with MFA Oil, in the amount of $641.35. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Ballard opposed.

EMS Director Brian Mongeau informed commissioners that projects are currently underway at the station. Mongeau stated the Department will be handling most of the projects themselves due to a lack of response from contractors.

Commissioners revisited the conversation regarding the number of members that should be on the Zoning Board. County Counselor Paul Dean recommended that Zoning be made a five member board to prevent the potential of a tie. Dean will draft a resolution to be presented at a later date.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn at 10:56 A.M. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next Commission meeting will be held on Monday, October 5th, 2020 at 9 a.m.