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 August 19, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve August 26, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported he had one proposal for a low-water bridge on 10 and north of 30th, in the amount of $17,950, with Willow Creek Construction. They requested half-down to begin the process. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the bid from Willow Creek Construction in the amount of $17,950, with the agreement to pay half-down to begin the process. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. The funds will come out of the Special Bridge fund. Chrisman also relayed that Dakota Chamberlain has passed his 30 day probation period as Assistant Road and Bridge Supervisor. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve James Dakota Chamberlain’s pay rate from $15.80 per hour to $16.30 per hour, effective 9-1-2019. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman also relayed that he talked to County Engineering Consultant Michael Maris and there is a “Small Bridge Replacement Grant.” Maris is writing up a grant for the one at Madison because it is only at best a 5-10 year replacement repair, so the grant would be helpful. Chrisman told Commissioners they are going to test drill at the BITTER Bridge where the abutments will go and are working with the landowner on the fencing issues when they have to go through the pasture to insure cattle security. Chrisman said he visited with Danny from McPhereson Concrete, who was on his way to Wichita, and the guy that was in production was in the barn, but Danny told Chrisman the “production man” should be able to tell us when our boxes will be ready. Danny will contact Chrisman in the morning to let him know the details. Chrisman talked to Tim Leiser last week and told him to start prepping the sites, as the bridge are already closed.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer’s Report.

Commissioner Spradlin relayed during budget review and discussions the Commissioners saw two department salaries that should be adjusted to be competitive/comparative with other departments. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve an increase in pay of $2,000 per year for Register of Deeds, Marsha Ramsey, effective now. This year the pay will be pro-rated. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve an increase in pay of $3,500 per year for Sheriff, Heath Samuels, effective now. This year the pay will be pro-rated. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners Hodge and Fox have a prospective candidate for the Greenwood County Hospital Board, but will contact him again to confirm if he will be interested before appointing him to the position.

Commissioner Spradlin announced they would be discussing the decision on Kingsley Properties Road closing. Commissioner Spradlin asked if there were any comments or if anyone had heard anything from anyone. Commissioner Hodge said he had not been contacted from the individual who was supposed to be at the meeting. Mike Frederick was present and said he has not spoken to him forever, but he talked to his representative and had good dialogue with him for 3 or 4 years then it just went away. Commissioner Spradlin asked County Counselor Dean if he had any input on the subject. Dean said he thought it looked like a road that could probably be vacated. Frederick said, “It had occurred to him that maybe the Murfins had an interest in getting a Quit Claim for the road that is on their pasture on both sides that is unfenced.” County Clerk Kathy Robison told him they would have to file a petition for that. Commissioners would decide if it were feasible or not, then it would have to be published in the paper. Commissioner Spradlin noted that it can be done. County Counselor Paul Dean explained that when a county closes a road that it is closed. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to vacate the Kingsley Road. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Frederick asked, “So I get documentation of that; once I have that I can order a survey to establish the middle of the road?” Commissioner Spradlin asked County Counselor Dean to comment. Dean explained that he would get a survey to establish where the property line exists. Frederick asked Dean if he was able to begin to do removal of an old fence and do a new fence on the Kingsley side. After a very brief discussion County Counselor Paul Dean mentioned it is okay for him to be on his personal property but he needs to consult with his own personal attorney on this matter.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel policy/employee evaluation review with County Clerk Kathy Robison and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Fox made the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel employee evaluation review. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.
Commission Fox mentioned basically scams have gotten out of hand, and talked about different kinds plaguing our society; Microsoft scams, IRS, social security, various email, etc. Reiterated you should never give any personal information and never open any emails that look suspicious.

At 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

Sept 9th - Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.
Sept 26th - GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

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