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 Hodge made a motion to approve September 3rd, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that the Toronto rock quarry was in production; relayed that they were in the process of finishing and cleaning up some of the little bridges for FEMA projects that have been going on; said that KDOT is breaking ground on the Willow Creek Bridge. Just north of Hamilton on P at 280th or 290th. Chrisman relayed that they asked to use a county road as an alternate route around the bridge during construction. The proposed route is possibly 220th Rd east of P Rd. The Bitler Bridge project is still pending as the people in charge of the core samples never contacted him. Chrisman said he would contact them. Chrisman said he would be calling a representative regarding the Project sheet that had been given to the commissioners, to answer some questions; such as, will it cover a number of projects or just one? This is a Project that County Engineering Consultant Michael Maris has been involved with; and Chrisman reported that he would be at the meeting next week with his Bi-Annual Bridge Report. Chrisman also told Commissioners he contacted Danny Hepp with McPherson Concrete and told him he needed an answer by noon today on when they would be getting the concrete boxes.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for an employee performance review with Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

No weekly Treasurer’s Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of $165,962.33. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of $106,588.03. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve an employee verification for Leah Hobbs as a part-time EMT for the EMS Department at $11.51 per hour, effective August 30, 2019. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a prepaid propane contract from SEK Coop out of Yates Center for 2,700 gallons at $1.25 per gallon for a total of $3,375. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a prepaid propane contract from MFA, Chanute for $1.39 per gallon for a total of $834. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jamie Lindamood talked to the commissioners about the “Myreka Initiative” to help beautify Eureka and told them about a project they recently had done with the help of the Sheriff’s Department and the inmate work program. Lindamood explained volunteers would work on Main Street this weekend and asked commissioners for permission to paint the courthouse lawn gazebo. She also asked if they would purchase the paint. Lindamood had asked if the county would consider a donation to aid in the group’s efforts as well. Commissioners agreed to purchase the paint for the gazebo but decided to wait on a determination on a donation for a later meeting. Lindamood added that she is working on getting bids for banners to hang on the light poles downtown and would have more information and a funding request at a future meeting.

Commissioners received a letter from HMN Architects regarding a proposal for a new jail and plan to discuss the matter at the meeting next week. Jamie Lindamood asked if commissioners planned to get multiple bids for the project, as her architecture firm may be interested in bidding. Commissioner Spradlin said the project, is in the early stages, so they would very much be open to all bids. Dale Samuels of Eureka added several comments in support of a new jail. Commissioners thanked him for his comments.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a 5 minute executive session with Shawna Griffiths, acting Appraiser for new personnel. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve a 5 minute executive session for legal clarification with Health Department Administrator Vicki Ross and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.
EMS Director Brian Mongeau updated Commissioners on the former Mediacomp tower in Madison that the county had been offered instead of it being torn down. The tower has equipment placed on it to enhance communication in the north end of the county. Mongeau stated that the Engineer’s report, they just received, said it was in normal condition for its age. Now they will proceed to the next step which is the structural analysis. Mongeau commented he didn’t have an exact quote for the structural analysis stage of the inspection but thought it was in the area of $4,000. Commissioners all agreed to proceed with the next phase.

At 10:09 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:
Sept. 16th – Commission Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.
Sept. 26th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST: Kathy Robison, County Clerk