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The Vernon County Clerk's Office aims to keep the public informed in response to the Covid-19 situations in regards to the April 7<sup>th</sup> General Municipal Election. The General Municipal Election has been postponed until June 2, 2020 following Governor Parsons Executive Order. We are working diligently to ensure that all aspects of the General Municipal Election are correct and monitoring the situation closely as it pertains directly to the safety of our voters and workers. We are encouraging the public to absentee vote to alleviate person to person contact as much as possible.

The Executive Order requires the local election authorities to publish notice of June 2<sup>nd</sup> election as required in Section 115.127.2, RSMo. The Executive Order states the following:

- The closing date to register to vote in this election remains March 11.
- The deadline for filing as a write-in candidate for office remains March 27 at 5 p.m.
- The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot (Section 115.279, RSMo) shall be May 20.
- A public test of voting equipment shall be completed no later than June 1.
- In-person absentee ballots may be cast until 5 p.m. on June 1.
- The deadline by which absentee ballots must be received by the election authority (Section 115.293.1, RSMo) shall be 7 p.m. on June 2.
- Military and overseas voters must request a ballot from an election authority by 5 p.m. on May 29, and the deadline for local election authorities to make ballots available to such voters is April 18. Military and overseas ballots must be received by the election authority by June 5.
- Local election authorities are also directed to post information on their website, use social media if available, issue press release, conduct public appearances, and directly contact stakeholders such as candidates.

Please feel free to contact our office at 417-448-2500 with any further questions. We appreciate your patience during this period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Mike Buehler", written over a white background.

Mike Buehler

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