**COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, VERNON COUNTY**

**Wednesday, July 5, 2023, 1st July Adj.**

THE VERNON COUNTY COMMISSION MET, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT, WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023, AT 9:00 A**.**M.

PRESENT: JOE WILSON, PRESIDING COMMISSIONER; CINDY THOMPSON, NORTHERN COMMISSIONER; EVERETT L. WOLFE, SOUTHERN COMMISSIONER.

 **COURTHOUSE**

Kelsey Westerhold, Public Administrator, called on the Commission to discuss the operation of her office on Monday, July 3rd.

Adrienne Lee, County Clerk visited the commission to discuss attending the upcoming GOP meeting on Monday, July 10th.

Commissioner Thompson placed a call to Jon Benson, Vice president of Fixed Income Capital Markets to respond to an email sent to the commission on Monday, July 3, 2023.

The Commissioners discussed hosting the County Commissioner’s meeting in September and food items that can be served. They also discussed catering options.

Commissioner Thompson requested a list of all 911 expenses from the past three years from the Vernon County Clerk’s office in preparation for the upcoming meeting with Sheriff Mosher.

The commissioners discussed the work schedule of Mid-Continental Restoration in regard to the plaster repair work under way at the Courthouse.

Adrienne Lee, County Clerk, visited the commission to inquire about the proper procedure to follow when a local business fails to renew their liquor license with the county.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

Commissioner Thompson shared that she received a call from Adrienne Lee, County Clerk, regarding property owned by Joseph Vess at 2600 Road and Harwood Avenue in

Bacon Township. Commissioner Thompson and Doug Vantellman, Bacon Township board member, visited the property. It was determined that a culvert for the driveway is needed. Mr. Vess will purchase the needed culvert. The township will install the culvert.

Commissioner Wilson shared that Jeremiah Brubaker had contacted him about Albert Road near 1400 Road in Metz township that needs to be maintained.

Commissioner Wilson also shared that he has visited with Mike Reasoner, Road and Bridge foreman, and that the roading ditches near the Denver Westerhold property in Metz Township have been shot rocked. He also asked Mike Reasoner to check on a driveway to the South of that property.

Commissioner Wolfe updated Commissioner Thompson on replacing the two old bridges with a new bridge in Section 27 of Coal Township. He also informed her that Lindsay Chaffin with Great River Engineering plans to meet with the Commission in the near future. Commissioner Wolfe also discussed this matter with Mike Reasoner, Road and Bridge Foreman, by telephone.

Andrea Foster from Bowman’s Title Company visited the commission to try to determine if a road in Dover Township is open or closed.

Commissioner Wolfe placed a call to Jeff Parrish, Montevallo Township Board member, to discuss a call that was received from Matt Zimmerman in regard to a culvert that may need to be widened near Montevallo. Commissioner Wolfe also placed a call to Mr. Zimmerman to discuss the issue. It was determined that the culvert is in Cedar County.

The commissioners discussed the culvert budget.

  **BRUSH CUTTING**

Mike Reasoner, Bridge Foreman, called the commission to discuss a brush cutter that is cracked and may need to be replaced. The Commissioners went to assess the damage.

Commissioner Wolfe received a call from the Barton County Commission inquiring about the brush control procedures used around the bridges located in Vernon County.

Clay Lyons, Osage Township Trustee, delivered an updated marked road map to the Commission for brush cutting.

**FAIRGROUNDS**

Commissioners Thompson and Wilson discussed the upcoming Tractor Pull at the Fairgrounds sponsored by Vernon County Cancer Relief. A call was placed by Commissioner Thompson to Jamie Vantellman, Vernon County Cancer Relief board member, to discuss concessions at the event.

Commissioner Wilson reported that reactions to the crosswalk and the posting of slow/caution signs near the ballfields were favorable and that the restrooms are functioning properly.

 **LOCAL CRIME AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Commissioner Wilson and Commissioner Thompson placed a call to Kendall Vickers, Mayor, to inquire about the upcoming meeting at Precision Coffee Company that the Vernon County Sheriff and the Nevada Chief of Police will be speaking at on July 12, 2023**.** They also spokeabout Economic Development and the new grant recently received by the City of Nevada for the revitalization of the downtown area.

 **ADJOURN**

Ordered that Commission adjourn at 3:56 P.M. until Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

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