**COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, VERNON COUNTY**

**Wednesday, July 12, 2023, 3rd July Adj.**

THE VERNON COUNTY COMMISSION MET, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT, WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023, AT 9:00 A**.**M.

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

**MORNING COFFEE**

Commissioners Wilson and Thompson attended the morning coffee meeting at Precision Coffee where Sheriff Mosher spoke on area crime.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

The Commissioners discussed several Road and Bridge issues.

 David Grubb, Osage Masonic Lodge 303, called on the Commissioners for donations for the upcoming golf tournament. There was a discussion about the rural fire departments and the nice cooperation between the districts.

Commissioner Thompson spoke with John Leonard about an intersection near Virgil City at South 3100 Road and Tally Bend Road that is dangerous.

 **OTHER VISITORS**

Sarah Haney from the Nevada Dailey Mail stopped by to check on upcoming projects. Commissioner Thompson updated her on the BOE that will take place on Monday, July 17, 2023 along with the progress of the 911 Contract renewal process, the ongoing state audit, and the current plaster work in the courthouse. Commissioner Thompson also shared that an agreement has been entered into with Rob O’Brian of O’Brian and Associates for guidance and direction on the issue of community development. Commissioners Wilson and Wolfe shared that the Road and Bridge Crew have replaced at least 7 bridges in the county so far this year.

Also discussed was the construction of the new Elementary School and the lower speed limit on South College Street near Cottey College. Also in attendance was Adrienne Lee, County Clerk.

 **SECURITY**

Adrienne Lee, County Clerk, shared with the Commission that Federal Protection, Inc. provided an upgrade to the existing alarm panel in the Courthouse, installed an access panel in the back election room and installed an access panel at the Emergency Management building.

 **ARPA**

Commissioners Thompson and Wilson looked at the report from Crystal Layman of Moore-Few Care Center on the disbursement of their ARPA funding in preparation of the meeting later today. Today’s meeting was later rescheduled for next week.

 **CHAMBER LUNCHEON**

Commissioners Wilson and Wolfe attended the Chamber luncheon at the Vernon County Youth Fair.

**MODOT**

Commissioner Thompson called Marvin M. Morris, PE, Resident Engineer of the Missouri Department of Transportation to discuss the intersection of Highways 54 and T to verify that further work on the intersection is a project that is still on their list. Mr. Morris returned the call and provided information that work on the project should begin in August or September and he will also send further information by email. The Commissioners also discussed the possibility of signage in the area to notify drivers that large trucks are turning South at the intersection.

**PRIOR MINUTES**

Commissioner Wolfe made the motion to approve prior Commission minutes dated June 28, 2023 and July 5,2023 with corrections. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by vote.

 **TOWNSHIPS**

Clay Lyons, Osage Township Trustee, called on the Commission to inquire if Gray Road lying South of D Highway is a county road or a private road. It was determined that it is a County road. He also informed the Commission that a property along TT Highway needs maintenance.

Larry Clark, Former trustee of Henry Township delivered papers to the Commission for the township.

**DISCUSSIONS**

Commissioner Wilson returned a call to Chris Hendren to discuss the addition of a culvert on his property at 700 Road and Earhart Road and also called Derek Sutcliffe, Henry Township trustee. Commissioner Wilson called Mike Reasoner, Road and Bridge Foreman to see what can be done. Mike will take another look at the culvert next week. Commissioner Thompson later visited with Mr. Hendren to set up a meeting to visit the property next week in order to make an assessment of the culvert.

Commissioners Wilson and Wolfe discussed the name of Pryor Creek vs. Rutledge Creek. County maps show the name to be Pryor Creek. Commissioner Wolfe will contact Julie Zibert at MoDot to correct this.

 **ADJOURN**

Ordered that Commission adjourn at 3:56 P.M. until Tuesday, July 18, 2023.

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