**COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, VERNON COUNTY**

**Wednesday, July 19, 2023, 6th July Adj.**

THE VERNON COUNTY COMMISSION MET, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT, WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023, AT 9:00 A**.**M.

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

**TOWNSHIPS**

Commissioners Wilson and Wolfe examined the 2022 Township financial statements.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

The Commission met with Mike Reasoner, Road and Bridge Foreman, to discuss Gray Road. It is a county road and should be mowed. They also discussed the road by Bushwhacker Lake in Moundville Township. Commissioner Wilson met with Denver Westerhold on Blair Road west of 1200 Road in Metz Township concerning ditch erosion on Tuesday.

Clay Lyons, Osage Township Trustee, reported that the Cold Patch has been delivered, but more will be needed. Gray Road will be mowed. He also shared that the state of Missouri will allow access to property owned by the Township in Horton near the off ramp of Interstate 49. Commissioner Wilson mentioned that this will need to be added to the C.A.R.T. for next year in order to receive funds and should be added to the Township liability insurance. A culvert will need to be added in the Northeast corner of the property.

**SUNSHINE LAW**

Pat Renwick, Human Resources, discussed a Sunshine Law issue with the Commissioners.

**EMPLOYEE EXTENSION**

Extended hours request by Lora Miller. Commissioner Wolfe made the motion to approve. Commissioner Wilson seconded. Commissioners Wolfe and Wilson voted yes to approve.

**REGION M**

Commissioner Wolfe shared information from the Region M meeting he attended in Joplin on Tuesday, July 18, 2023.

**MODOT**

The intersection at Hwy T Highway and 54 Highway was further discussed. Commissioner Thompson shared that Derek Ast has a meeting with MoDot on August 4th to further discuss the widening of T Highway South of the intersection.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD/COUNTY OFFICIALS MEETING**

The Commission met with County Officials and Department Heads to discuss operations of the county offices. In attendance were: Shane Hirschman, Circuit Court Administrator; Shelly Baldwin, County Recorder; Lena Kleeman, County Assessor; Kelsey Westerhold, Public Administrator; Adrienne Lee, County Clerk; Brandi McInroy, County Prosecutor; Carrie Poe, Circuit Clerk; and Brent Banes, County Collector. The following topics were discussed:

* Ongoing repairs to the Courthouse. A discussion was held on the tiles on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse. It was pointed out that one of the tiles is odd and does not match.
* Operation and closing of County offices.
* The Collector shared that his office needs more electrical outlets and that new bank account signatures have been signed recently. He also spoke about the upcoming tax sale in August.
* The Recorder inquired about ARPA funds. An application was sent to her office.
* Commissioner Thompson shared that the Commission had attended a Zoom Meeting on Tuesday with Travis Elliott, Attorney about SB190 which will take effect next year.
* A use tax and the marijuana tax were discussed.
* The Circuit Clerk shared that her office has been busy with the addition of the City Municipal Court being moved to her office.
* The County Clerk shared that she is in the process of making revisions to the GIS mapping lines.
* The Assessor shared that she has been in search of the original map of fire district lines. The tax assessment for volunteer fire department services was also discussed.
* Morning and evening security at the Courthouse was discussed.
* The next meeting of the Department Heads and County Officials was set for Wednesday, September 20th at 10:30 a.m.

**ARPA**

Ranae Jacks with Public Water Supply District #1 delivered an executed ARPA contract.

**MOORE-FEW CARE CENTER**

Crystal Layman and Bill Kohler called on the Commission to verify ARPA funds expenditures.

**RECYCLING**

Donnie Roberts, Vernon County Recycling Center, came by to visit with Commissioner Wolfe.

**BROADBAND**

Tracy King, Regional President, External and Legislative Affairs, with AT&T called on the Commission to request a letter of support for an application she is submitting with the Department of Economic Development’s Cell Tower Grant program**.** The three towers will be placed inunderserved areas in the County.

Commissioner Thompson called the Sheriff’s office to introduce her. Tracy will be meeting with Deputy Travis Cole.

**OTHER DISCUSSIONS**

The Commissioners discussed the Easement agreement in regard to the Methane Pipeline. They also discussed Road and Bridge equipment.

Commissioner Thompson telephoned Peerless Products to inquire about a tour for the Regional Commissioners meeting on September 14th.

**ADJOURN**

Ordered that Commission adjourn at 3:35 P.M. until Tuesday, July 25, 2023.

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