**COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, VERNON COUNTY**

**Tuesday, December 24, 2024, 7th December Adj.**

THE VERNON COUNTY COMMISSION MET, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2024, AT 9:00 A**.**M.

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

 **WEST CENTRAL MCAA MEETING**

Commissioner Wilson attended the West Central MCAA meeting in Appleton City on Thursday, December 19th.

 **SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

On Monday, December 23rd, Adrienne Lee, Vernon County Clerk, swore in the following to serve the county for the next four years: Cindy Thompson, Northern Commissioner; David Ferry, County Coroner; Kelsey Westerhold, Public Administrator; John Shorten, Southern Commissioner; Brent Banes, County Treasurer/Collector; and Mike Buehler, County Sheriff. Carrie Poe, Circuit Clerk, also swore in Mike Buehler as the Sheriff of Vernon County, Missouri. The Sheriff then introduced his command staff.

 **ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Mike Reasoner, Road and Bridge Foreman, called on the Commission to discuss a culvert at 100 Road, a sign to be replaced near BB Highway, a new bridge at Zebulon and 725 Roads, and other road and bridge activities in the county.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the extension of David Irwin’s 24.5 hours of vacation time, to be used by December 31, 2024. Commissioner Wolfe seconded. All voted yes to approve.

 **ARPA FUNDS**

On Thursday, December 19th Devin Wehmeyer, Compton Junction Fire Chief, discussed needed funds for the Compton Junction Rural Fire Department in the amount of $20,000.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve ARPA application #42 from the Compton Junction Rural Fire Department in the amount of $20,000 to be used for the purchase of an SCBA Compressor and Cascade system and other equipment. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. All voted yes to approve.

Kermit Pritchett, Vernon County Fair board, visited the Commission to discuss ARPA funding that will be used to build a new arena and new restrooms at the Vernon County Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve ARPA application #34 in the amount of $230,000 from the Vernon County Youth Fair Board to make expansions including a new arena roof and the relocation of restroom facilities at the Vernon County Fairgrounds. Commissioner Wolfe seconded. All voted yes to approve.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve a withdrawal letter regarding ARPA application #6 from the City of Sheldon. Commissioner Wolfe seconded. All voted yes to approve.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve ARPA application #32 in the amount of $78,681 from the City of Sheldon for the purchase of water meters. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. All voted yes to approve.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve ARPA application #41 from the Deerfield Rural Fire Department in the amount of $20,000 for the purchase of new gear. Commissioner Wolfe seconded. All voted yes to approve.

  **INSURANCE**

Casey Chastain, Higginbotham Financial Services and Insurance, called on the Commission to discuss finalizing insurance policies by the end of 2024.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to accept Higginbotham’s Vernon County Risk Management Plan for 2025 using Travelers In the amount of $194,174 and MoPerm in the amount of $85,861. We have a 36-month broker partnership with Higginbotham to shop and advise on the market. This is a one-way partnership, meaning at any time during renewal or otherwise, if Vernon County wants to change brokers or do something different, Vernon County can do that. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. All voted yes to approve.

 **ROADS**

Ed Persike of Dover Township called on the Commission to inquire about the process of closing a road. He was given the needed information to start the procedure.

 **SALARIES**

Adrienne Lee, County Clerk, and Pat Renwick, Human Resource Officer, met with the Commission to discuss changes in employees’ salaries.

 **SHERIFF**

Sheriff-elect Mike Buehler visited the Commission to discuss current issues related to the Sheriff’s office.

 **FINANCIALS**

County Collector/Treasurer Brent Banes, called on the Commission to discuss balances and renewals of the county’s certificates of deposit.

 **VISITORS**

Marvin Knoche stopped by the Commission Office to visit with the Commissioners and wish them a Merry Christmas.

 **ADJOURN**

Ordered that Commission adjourn at 12:14 p.m. until Tuesday, December 31, 2024.

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