**COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, VERNON COUNTY**

**Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 13th January Adj.**



THE VERNON COUNTY COMMISSION MET, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025, AT 9:00 A**.**M.

PRESENT: JOE WILSON, PRESIDING COMMISSIONER; JOHN SHORTEN, SOUTHERN COMMISSIONER, ABSENT: CINDY THOMPSON, NORTHERN COMMISSIONER

**VERNON COUNTY SHERIFF**

The Commission met with Mike Buehler, Sheriff, and Casey Crews, Administrative Assistant, to discuss credit card accounts that will be cancelled and replaced with credit card accounts at Arvest Bank. Several other financial issues were also discussed.

Commissioner Shorten made a motion to approve a letter presented by Sheriff Mike Buehler to apply for credit cards with Arvest Bank for himself, Chief Deputy Derald Neugebauer and Administrative Assistant Casey Crews. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Both voted yes to approve.

**BANK STATEMENT**

The Commission received a bank statement from U. S. Bank showing a $0 balance.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Mike Reasoner, Road and Bridge Foreman, called on the Commission to discuss starting on a new bridge on 725 Road, South of Yater Road. Commissioner Shorten placed a call to Randy Lafevre about tree removal that will need to be completed on his property. Also discussed were issues in Osage Township, township trustees, a new grinder, a culvert that may need repaired on Lady Road, East of H Highway, and other issues in the county.

**GREAT RIVER ENGINEERING**

Lindsey Chaffin, PE, CFM, Vice President, and Zach Olivas, Project Engineer, with Great River Engineering, met with the Commission to open bids on BRO-R108(45), located on Trapper Road, also known as the Springer Bridge. Three bids were received: Hartman & Company, Springfield, Missouri, $1,495,000.00; Sprouls Construction, Lamar Missouri, $1,642,178.50; and Mera Excavating, LLC, Bonnots Mill, Missouri, $1,250,645.65. The bid from Mera Excavating, LLC was accepted. Also attending the meeting was Mike Reasoner, Road and Bridge Foreman, and representatives of the above listed companies.

Mike Reasoner, Road and Bridge Foreman, visited with Lindsey Chaffin and Zach Olivas, Great River Engineering, about cutting down trees near the site of the BRO-R108001 project over the Marmaton River, and a bridge located on 1450 Road.

Commissioner Wilson signed documents in regard to BRO-108(45). Lindsey and Zach with Great River Engineering reported that bids on the BRO-R108001 project will be open in April and the construction, projected for 2026, will not encroach onto any of the landowners in the area.

**CDL ELECTRIC**

Jessica Sager with CDL Electric visited the Commission to introduce herself to Commissioner Shorten and to give a description of the company.

**ARPA FUNDS**

Shane Clinton, Fire Chief of Bronaugh Community Fire Association, delivered an application for ARPA funds.

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the application for ARPA funds as presented for the Bronaugh Community Fire Association for the purchase of firefighting equipment and tools including new hoses and nozzles for the pumper truck and hand tools for structure and vehicle entry. Commissioner Shorten seconded the motion. Both voted yes to approve.

**ADJOURN**

Ordered that Commission adjourn at 3:30 p.m. until Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

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CLERK OF COMMISSION PRESIDING COMMISSIONER