**COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, VERNON COUNTY**

**Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 1st February Adj.**



THE VERNON COUNTY COMMISSION MET, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025, AT 9:00 A**.**M.

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

**ROADS**

Kenny Raines visited with the Commissioners about a road in Center Township.

Commissioner Wilson placed a call to Chris with the Conservation Commission regarding a low water bridge on 1725 Road.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Mike Reasoner, Road and Bridge Foreman, called on the Commission to discuss a brush pile that the crew burned at Katy Allen Lake on Thursday, January 30th. He reported that a tractor needed repairs due to squirrel nesting, and a cutter had three sensors out. The crew poured concrete on the bridge they are replacing on 1525 Road, and they are working on culverts across the county. He also discussed an oil pan that is needed to place under semis and tractors and a large curlvert that needs to be replaced in Coal Township near the state line.

Mike returned later in the day to report that a bridge on 725 Road, South of Yater Road and North of Zebulon Road in Sections 25 and 26 in Harrison Township will be closed for bridge replacement on Monday, February 10th. An email was sent to all interested parties. He also discussed the details of the repair to the culvert that was smashed by a semi truck earlier in the year, and other roads and bridges that might need attention.

**COURTHOUSE**

The Commissioners discussed finding a painter to finish the painting on the inside of the Courthouse.

Also discussed was a tour of the Courthouse to benefit the Children’s Center.

Commissioner Thompson shared that the date of Wednesday, April 16th has been set as Civics Day. The Nevada High School civics classes will be visiting the Courthouse from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

**DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING**

Commissioner Wilson shared information from the Downtown Association Board Meeting he attended on Monday.

**MEETING WITH CITY**

Commissioner Wilson called Gary Edwards to arrange a meeting with City and County Officials. A tentative date for the meeting is Monday, February 24th in the evening.

**TO DO LIST**

Commissioner Thompson presented a to do list of items to be accomplished by the Commission in 2025.

**INVOICES AND CHECKS**

The Commission reviewed and approved invoices and signed checks.

**CENTENNIAL HALL**

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve waiving the rental fee for Centennial Hall on July 20th for a retirement party for MU Extension Office employee Paula Gray. Commissioner Shorten seconded the motion. All voted yes to approve.

**EXTENSION OF VACATION HOURS**

A letter requesting an extension of vacation hours was presented to the Commission. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the request to extend 8.5 hours of accumulated vacation time that expires on February 6th for Ragan Forkner, Deputy Clerk, an additional sixty days. Commissioner Shorten seconded the motion. All voted yes to approve.

**VISITORS**

Marvin Knoche visited the Commission.

Phyllis Sprenkle with the Vernon County Democrats visited. She asked several questions and will inform the party of the answers at their meeting this evening.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Derik White, Emergency Management Director, visited the Commission to give an update on procedures.

**COMMUNITY SUPERVISION CENTER**

Shane Hirschman, Circuit Court Administrator, called on the Commission to give an update on the possibility of building a Community Supervision Center in Vernon County and to request a Letter of Support.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT PERMIT**

The Commission received a request from Ideatek Internet, a broadband internet service provider, for a right-of-way easement permit by email.

**ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING**

The Commissioners set the annual township meeting for Monday, April 21st from 5:00-7:00 p.m. A Save the Date Memo will be sent out to all twenty townships.

**ADJOURN**

Ordered that Commission adjourn at 4:10 p.m. until Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

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