**COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, VERNON COUNTY**

**Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 2nd March Adj.**

THE VERNON COUNTY COMMISSION MET, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025, AT 9:00 A**.**M.

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

 **FAIRGROUNDS**

Commissioner Shorten called Dennis Bowling to determine what is causing a leak at the diner at the Fairgrounds. He will talk to Josh Weber and let the Commission know what he finds

out.

 **ROAD & BRIDGE**

Mike Reasoner, Road and Bridge Foreman, called on the Commission to discuss a culvert on Troop Road in Moundville Township, the new project at the Fairgrounds, and county roads that have potholes. He also reported that the current bridge project will be on hold this week due to the other issues that demand attention.

Mike presented a letter to the Commission from Dalton Bailey requesting an additional 60-day extension of 22.5 hours that expires on March 11, 2025.

 **COURTHOUSE**

David Diggins and his crew came to inspect the remainder of the lobbies that need repaired and painted. He will place a bid.

 **MU EXTENSION OFFICE UPDATE**

Paula Gray, Nutrition Program Manager, MU Extension Office, gave an overview of what the nutrition program provides to area schools and the senior center, and the educational service that is provided to WIC recipients through their federal grant.

 **EXTENSION OF VACATION TIME**

Commissioner Shorten made a motion to approve the extension of Dalton Bailey’s 22.5 hours of vacation time for a period of 60 days from March 11, 2025. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. All voted yes to approve.

 **DISCUSSIONS**

The Commissioners discussed the presidential address that took place on Tuesday evening.

Commissioner Thompson asked for an update on the lights that will be installed at the ballfields and rodeo arena at the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Wilson called CDL Electric. He was informed that the project is under way.

 **VERNON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

Quent Erwin of Erwin Construction, Inc., delivered contracts to the Commission in regard to the addition of the restroom facilities at the show pavilion on the Vernon County Fairgrounds. The contracts were examined and executed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve entering into contracts with the Vernon County Youth Fair Board and Erwin Construction, Inc. for the addition of restroom facilities at the Show Pavilion on the Vernon County Fairgrounds. Commissioner Shorten seconded the motion. All voted yes to approve.

 **HISTORICAL PRESERVATION**

Commissioner Thompson shared information on a grant that is available for Historical Preservation. She then shared the information with Margaret Haverstik by email, with the hope that the Fox Theatre might qualify for the grant.

 **COUNTY BUSINESS**

Erik Sommer, County Business Manager, called on the Commission to give an update on sales tax revenues from 2015 until now. The Commissioners then discussed the report.

 **VISITOR**

Marvin Knoche visited the Commission. He inquired as to how the search for an Economic Developer was progressing.

 **FEMA**

Commissioner Wilson met with Eric Daniels, FEMA, by teleconference for a Recovery Transmission Meeting.

 **PRIOR MINUTES**

Minutes from January 2nd were read. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve. Commissioner Shorten seconded. All voted yes to approve.

Minutes from January 3rd were read. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve. Commissioner Shorten seconded. All voted yes to approve.

Minutes from January 7th were read. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve with corrections. Commissioner Shorten seconded. All voted yes to approve.

Minutes from January 8th were read. Commissioner Shorten made a motion to approve with corrections. Commissioner Thompson seconded. All voted yes to approve.

Minutes from January 9th were read. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve with corrections. Commissioner Shorten seconded. All voted yes to approve.

Minutes from January 10th were read. Commissioner Shorten made a motion to approve. Commissioner Wilson seconded. All voted yes to approve.

Minutes from January 14th were read. Commissioner Shorten made a motion to approve. Commissioner Wilson seconded. All voted yes to approve.

Minutes from January 15th were read. Commissioner Shorten made a motion to approve. Commissioner Wilson seconded. All voted yes to approve.

Minutes from January 21st were read. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve with corrections. Commissioner Shorten seconded. All voted yes to approve.

Minutes from January 22nd were read. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve with corrections. Commissioner Shorten seconded. All voted yes to approve.

Minutes from January 28th were read.Commissioner Shorten made a motion to approve with corrections. Commissioner Thompson seconded. All voted yes to approve.

 **ADJOURN**

Ordered that Commission adjourn at 4:25 p.m. until Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

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