**COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, VERNON COUNTY**

**Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 7th March Adj.**

THE VERNON COUNTY COMMISSION MET, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT, TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025, AT 9:00 A**.**M.

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

 **SHELDON COMMUNITY BETTERMENT MEETING**

Commissioner Shorten was a guest speaker at the Sheldon Community Betterment Meeting on Thursday, March 20th.

 **REGION M**

Commissioner Wilson gave a presentation at the Region M meeting in Joplin on Thursday, March 20th regarding recycling grants.

 **KAYSINGER BASIN MEETINGS**

Commissioner Thompson attended a Kaysinger Basin Transportation Advisory Committee meeting and a Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, March 20th in Clinton.

 **DISCUSSIONS**

The Commissioners discussed the progress of hiring for the position of Economic Developer and Governmental Cooperative Contracts with the City of Nevada and smaller towns in the county.

 **INVOICES AND CHECKS**

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices and signed checks.

 **REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT**

The Commissioners executed a request for reimbursement from Great River Engineering in the amount of $46,435.09 in regard to BRO-R108(001).

 **ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Mike Reasoner, Road and Bridge Foreman, called on the Commission to discuss the progress of a building that has been torn down at the Fairgrounds in preparation for the new addition to the arena that will be built soon. He also reported on a ditch between Coal and Deerfield Townships that is needing additional rock and a MowerMax mower that should arrive on Monday.

 **FAIRGROUNDS**

The Commissioners held a teleconference with Ryan Schibi, CDL Electric, and Karl Noel, SMC Electric, to discuss poles needed for the new lighting project at the Nevada Youth Baseball fields at the Fairgrounds. They also contacted local utility companies.

 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPER**

Wayne Prewitt, Regional Director, West Central Region, MU Extension Office, met with the Commission to discuss the search for a new Economic Developer.

 **COUNTY BUSINESS**

Erik Sommer, Vernon County Business Manager, visited with the Commission to discuss C.A.R.T. money received by the townships, Senate Bill 190, and mental health care in the county.

  **VISITORS**

Former Northern Commissioner Neal Gerster visited the Commission.

 **PAYROLL**

The Commissioners approved time sheets and signed paychecks.

 **CLOSED SESSION**

The Commission went in to closed session in accordance with Missouri state statute Section 610.021 RSMo (1994), Subparagraph (17).

 **AAUW**

Phyllis Sprenkle, Allison Fast, Judy Campbell and Sara Compton, with the American Association of University Women, called on the Commission to discuss the observation of Equal Payday today, and to share statistics about equal pay and closing the gender pay gap in Vernon County and across the country.

 **ADJOURN**

Ordered that Commission adjourn at 4:30 p.m. until Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

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