**COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, VERNON COUNTY**

**Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 2nd May Adj.**

THE VERNON COUNTY COMMISSION MET, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT, WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025, AT 9:00 A**.**M.

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

 **FARMER’S MARKET**

Lynn Meinershagen with the Farmer’s Market visited the Commissioners to update them on the conditions of the area around the building since the April 2nd tornado.

 **COUNTY CLERK**

Adrienne Lee, County Clerk, called on the Commission to give an update on locating an auditor, applications she has received for an open position in her office, and a conference she will attend in Kansas City in the near future.

 **BALLFIELD LIGHTING**

Jessica Sager with CDL, spoke with the Commissioners by teleconference, to discuss the delays incurred in installing the new lighting at the NYRB ballfields at the Vernon County Fairgrounds. She will be meeting with the Commissioners at the Fairgrounds next week.

Ryan Schibi with CDL, called to give an update on the project at the NYRB ballfields.

 **MU EXTENSION UPDATE**

Mikayla Neil, Extension and Engagement Specialist, with the MU Extension Office called on the commission to give an update and overview on the programs and various projects underway at the Extension Office.

 **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Mike Buehler called on the Commissioners to update on events happening in the Sheriff’s Office and jail.

 **TOWNSHIPS**

Richard Schuster, Center Township Board Member, called on the Commission with questions concerning Township duties. Adrienne Lee, County Clerk, also attended the meeting.

The Commission received a letter from Virgil Township dated May 1, 2025, and signed by Carl Saderstrom, Trustee, Travis Berning, Board Member, and Steven Jones, Board Member, recommending Terri Maycock for the position of Township Clerk. Commissioner Shorten made a motion to accept Terri Maycock as Virgil Township Clerk. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. All voted unanimously to approve.

Austin Greer called the Commission with questions about township issues.

 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPER**

The Commission met with Tina Cochran of Golden Heartland, LLC in regard to the possibility of hiring a new Economic Developer. After the meeting, Commissioner Thompson moved to approve to enter into a professional services contract with Golden Heartland, LLC. Tina Cochran will be the lead consultant beginning May 15, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, with a renewal option for 2026.

 **MOWING**

Shawn Eaton, Eaton Lawn Care, called the Commission to inquire about boundary lines at Katy Allen Lake and the Vernon County Fairgrounds.

 **MENTAL HEALTH**

Shane Hirschman, Circuit Court Administrator, called on the Commission to give an update on the progress of several projects in the county concerning mental health.

 **YOUTH RODEO**

Lena Kleeman visited with the Commissioners about lighting concerns at the Rodeo Arena this weekend due to a youth rodeo that is scheduled.

 **SENIOR TAX RELIEF**

Applications in regard to the Senior Tax Relief Ordinance that was approved by the Commission on April 22nd have been turned in since Thursday, April 29th. Approximately 250 applications have been collected at the Courthouse thus far.

 **ADJOURN**

Ordered that Commission adjourn at 4:10 p.m. until Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

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