**COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, VERNON COUNTY**

**Wednesday, July 2, 2025, 2nd July Adj.**

THE VERNON COUNTY COMMISSION MET, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT, WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2025, AT 9:00 A**.**M.

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

  **COURTHOUSE**

The Commissioners met with Rick Warren, Courthouse Custodian, to discuss issues around the building that need attention.

 **FAIRGROUNDS**

The Commissioners discussed the improvements at the Fairgrounds and Ballfields, and the items that remain to be finished.

 **MAIN STREET**

The Commissioners denied a request from JoAnn Cash with Main Street Alliance to have a wine tasting fundraiser on the Courthouse lawn.

**MU EXTENSION CENTER UPDATE**

JoLynne Crowe with the MU Extension Center Office updated the Commissioners on Vernon County Youth Fair activities for next week’s fair. She shared enrollment numbers for both the indoor and outdoor projects.

 **OPIOID CONTRACT SIGNED**

Erik Sommer, County Business Manager, delivered a participation form to the Commissioners regarding pending litigation related to the Opioid crisis.

 **MENTAL HEALTH**

The Commissioners met with T. J. Denning, Laura Diggins, Alexa Metcalf, Lara Offenburger, and Cameron Bolish, all with Clear Path Recovery, and David Diggins, Diggins Construction. A presentation was given on Clear Path Recovery which will be opening in the former Barone Building in the near future. It will be a 36-bed treatment and recovery facility for alcohol addiction, drug addiction, depression, anxiety, etc. This facility will focus on treatment for the patients and their entire families so that complete recovery can be accomplished.

 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Commissioners held their weekly meeting with Tina Cochran of Golden Heartland, LLC, Economic Developer, to discuss information on forming a board for BuildVCMO, a not-for-profit organization, and an informational meeting concerning BuildVCMO, to be held on Thursday, August 28th. Erik Sommer, County Business Manager, also attended the meeting.

 **911 CONTRACT**

Commissioner Shorten made a motion to approve an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between the Vernon County Sheriff’s Office and the Vernon County Ambulance District, effective July 1, 2025 and continuing until June 30, 2027. The Vernon County Ambulance District will pay the Vernon County Sheriff’s Office $30,000 per year for 911 Dispatch Services. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. All voted yes to approve the motion. The Agreement was signed by all three Commissioners, Sheriff Buehler, Adrienne Lee, County Clerk, Leland Splitter, Director of VCAD and Jeanne Baldwin, Chair Person, VCAD.

 **ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Mike Reasoner, Road and Bridge Foreman, visited with the Commissioners to discuss new hires for the Road and Bridge Crew and other topics.

 **ADJOURN**

Ordered that Commission adjourn at 3:44 p.m. until Tuesday, July 8, 2025.

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