**COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, VERNON COUNTY**

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

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

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

 **TORNADO DAMAGE**

The Commissioners were out in the county during the morning hours assessing damage from the early morning tornadoes. Centennial Hall was set up as a Command Center for first responders and the Community Center was set up as a shelter. Commissioner Shorten delivered boxes to the Command Center. Nathan Forkner, Vernon County Fairboard President, reported that nails on the diner roof have been pulled out by the strong winds.

The Commissioners later met with the Emergency Response Team to assess the damages and then made a plan for moving forward.

**TOWNSHIPS**

Clay Lyons visited the Commission to discuss damage to Caton Road in Osage Township. It was determined that the damaged part of the road is a private road.

 **VISITOR**

Marvin Knoche stopped in to inquire about the damage in the county. He reported that there was some damage to the Country Club area, and that train cars were overturned next to the Inetvisions, LLC offices.

 **COLLECTOR**

The Commission received a copy of an insurance policy from Brent Banes, Collector/Treasurer, by email.

 **MENTAL HEALTH**

The Commission met with several company representatives interested in promoting better access to mental health services in the county. Attending the meeting were: Karen Brower, Fast Comprehensive Care; Bethany Fast, Fast Comprehensive Care; Kristina Guarino, Compass Health; Donni Huck, Compass Health; Kelly Ast, New Growth Transit; Jamie Hubble, Nevada Regional Medical Center; Shane Hirschman, Circuit Court Administrator; and Erik Sommer, County Business Manager. The individual entities will be taking the next steps to encourage better access to mental health services to the community.

 **BRO**

A Request for Reimbursement and a Pay Request was executed by the Commission in regard to BRO-R108(46-Hinkle Bridge) and returned to MoDot by email.

 **INSURANCE**

Casey Chastain, Higginbotham Financial Services and Insurance, visited the county to examine damages at Katy Allen Lake and the Fairgrounds.

 **ADJOURN**

Ordered that Commission adjourn at 4:00 p.m. until Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

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