**COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, VERNON COUNTY**

**Tuesday, July 15, 2025, 5th July Adj.**

THE VERNON COUNTY COMMISSION MET, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT, TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025, AT 9:00 A**.**M.

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

 **INTERVIEW WITH THE MISSOURI TIMES**

All three Commissioners and Will Tollerton, Bushwhacker Museum Coordinator, were interviewed by Scott Faughn and Jake Koresen of the Missouri Times on Monday, July 14, 2025. Many questions were asked and answered about the history of Vernon County.

 **TOUR OF THE OLD POST OFFICE/COUNTY JAIL**

On Monday, July 14, 2025, all three Commissioners, Adrienne Lee, County Clerk, and Erik Sommer, County Business Manager, toured the original Nevada Post Office, which later became the Vernon County Jail and Sheriff's Office. The building was recently purchased and restored by Michael Kramarz. The tour was arranged by Tina Cochran, Economic Developer.

 **LIQUOR LICENSES**

Commissioner Shorten reviewed and approved an application for a license for Sunday-Original Package Liquor to Chiggers LLC, doing business as Chiggers Convenience Store, located at 309

N Old Hwy 71 in the City of Sheldon, the County of Vernon, in the State of Missouri, dated Monday, July 14, 2025 for 12 months ending June 30, 2026.

 **RECORD YOUTH FAIR**

The Commissioners reported that the 2025 Vernon County Youth Fair held last week had a record $458,000.00 in sales.

 **COUNTY TREASURER/COLLECTOR**

Brent Banes, County Treasurer/Collector, visited with the Commission on current interest rates on CDs.

 **COUNTY CLERK**

Adrienne Lee, County Clerk, called on the Commission to discuss payroll, new hires, changes that will occur due to the Big Beautiful Bill, and mileage reimbursement for county employees.

 **INVOICES AND CHECKS**

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices and signed checks.

 **DISCUSSIONS/UPDATES**

The Commissioners discussed projects that need to be finished including: ARPA reports, repairing the Courthouse North parking lot, finishing the NYRB Ballfield lighting, and setting an Elected Officials/Department Head meeting in the near future.

 **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Mike Buehler visited the Commission to give an update on current happenings in his office and at the Vernon County Jail. He reported that the first pod at the jail has been painted and refreshed and work on the next pod will begin soon.

 **COUNTY BUSINESS**

Erik Sommer, County Business Manager, called on the Commissioners to discuss CART money, delivered a report on revenues received for the first half of 2025, and discussed other county financial matters.

 **TIMESHEETS AND PAYROLL**

The Commissioners reviewed and approved timesheets and signed checks.

 **COURTHOUSE NORTH PARKING LOT**

Jon Schlup with Springfield Striping and Sealing notified the Commission by email that he will be repairing the North Parking Lot at the Courthouse on Thursday, July 31st.

 **CDL ELECTRIC**

Jessica Sagar with CDL Electric returned a call to the Commissioners to update them on the progress of the lighting at the NYRB ballfields at the Fairgrounds. She also discussed a proposal concerning the Vernon County Jail.

 **ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS MEETING**

The date of Wednesday, August 6th at 10:30 a.m. has been set for the next Elected Officials/Department Heads meeting with the Commissioners. An email was sent to all parties that should attend.

 **ROAD AND BRIDGE**

The Commissioners called Mike Reasoner, Road and Bridge Foreman, to ask for an update on Road and Bridge activities. He informed them that the deck on the bridge in Montevallo Township was poured today, mowing is going well in Henry and Richland Townships, and that he has been told by several people that they are doing a good job of mowing. The Commissioners told him they had heard the same. He also discussed a possible leak at the Fairgrounds and a culvert on Stokes Road in Virgil Township that is needing attention**.**

 **VISITORS**

Lynn Meinershagen with the Farmer’s Market stopped by to visit about an upcoming Salsa Festival this Saturday. He also reported that there were no conflicts with the Farmer’s Market and the Vernon County Youth Fair last week.

Marvin Knoche stopped in to visit with the Commissioners.

 **ADJOURN**

Ordered that Commission adjourn at 3:31 p.m. until Wednesday, July 16, 2025.

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