**COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, VERNON COUNTY**

**Tuesday, July 22, 2025, 7th July Adj.**



THE VERNON COUNTY COMMISSION MET, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT, TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025, AT 9:00 A**.**M.

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

**REGION M**

Commissioner Wilson attended a Region M meeting in Joplin on Thursday, July 17th.

**CITY WORKSHOP**

Commissioner Wilson attended a workshop meeting with the City of Nevada on Monday, July 21st.

**COAL TOWNSHIP**

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the resignation of Charles Comstock as Trustee of Coal Township and to approve the appointment of Kerry Ast as the new Trustee. Commissioner Shorten seconded the motion. All voted yes to approve. Ragan Forkner, Deputy Clerk, swore in Kerry Ast as Trustee effective today.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Mike Reasoner, Road and Bridge Foreman, called on the Commission to give an update on bridge work, culverts and roads in the county. They also discussed trimming trees.

**FEMA**

Commissioner Wilson joined a conference call with Sheneka Kirlew, Program Delivery Manager, FEMA, to discuss damages from the April 2nd tornadoes in Vernon County.

**COUNTY BUSINESS**

Erik Sommer, County Business Manager, called on the Commission to give reports on Vernon County Jail’s transport fees, CART money and sales tax, and to discuss the purchase of the new radio system.

**MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT**

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to raise the county mileage reimbursement rate to match the State of Missouri mileage reimbursement rate of .70 cents per mile. Commissioner Shorten seconded the motion. All voted yes to approve.

**SENIOR TAX RELIEF**

The Commissioners met with Shelly Baldwin, County Recorder, Brent Banes, County Treasurer/Collector, and Lena Kleeman, County Assessor, to discuss moving forward to complete the process for Senior Tax Relief.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Derik White, Emergency Management Director, met with the Commissioners to discuss the process to obtain a drone license, moving his office to a new location, and other emergency management issues.

**JUVENILE TRANSPORT SERVICES**

Commissioner Shorten made a motion to approve an Interagency Agreement for Juvenile Transport Services between the 28th Judicial Circuit Juvenile Office and the Vernon County, Missouri Sheriff’s Office for the provision of juvenile transportation services, effective July 22, 2025. Compensation to the off-duty deputy will be at the rate of $25 per hour, to be paid directly by the Juvenile Office to the deputy as an independent contractor. The Juvenile Office shall pay the Sheriff’s Office $0.70 per mile for each transport. The agreement shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. All voted yes to approve.

**INVOICES AND CHECKS**

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices and signed checks.

**COURTHOUSE ROOF**

Chase Halsey with Midcontinental Restoration called on the Commission to discuss repairs that need to be made to the Courthouse roof and windows.

**REQUEST FOR COMP TIME PAYOUT**

Charles Ramey-Dias met with the Commissioners to discuss his options for Comp hours to be paid out to help with funeral costs.

**DISCUSSIONS**

The Commissioners discussed comp time and overtime policies and procedures with Ragan Forkner, Deputy Clerk.

**ADJOURN**

Ordered that Commission adjourn at 3:35 p.m. until Wednesday, July 23, 2025.

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CLERK OF COMMISSION PRESIDING COMMISSIONER