**COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, VERNON COUNTY**

**Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 1st August Adj.**

THE VERNON COUNTY COMMISSION MET, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT, TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025, AT 9:00 A**.**M.

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

 **FEMA MEETING**

A meeting was held with Sheneka Kirlew, FEMA Program Delivery Manager, on Friday, August 1st at Golden Heartland Business Center to stay updated on DR-4872, the declaration for damage assistance from the April 2nd tornadoes. Commissioner Wilson and Adrienne Lee, County Clerk, were in attendance.

**FEMA MEETING WITH TOWNSHIPS SET**

The Commissioners set a meeting with all the townships for Wednesday, August 6th at 6:30 p.m. at Centennial Hall at the Vernon County Fairgrounds. The meeting is to inform the townships of the FEMA requirements concerning DR-4885, the declaration for damage assistance from the May floods. An email was sent to the townships to notify them of the meeting.

 **ROAD AND BRIDGE**

The Commissioners called Mike Reasoner, Road and Bridge Foreman, get an update on road conditions in the county.

**EXTENSION OF VACATION TIME**

A request was made to extend Mike Reasoner’s hours of vacation time. Commissioner Thompson moved to approve to extend his 100 hours of vacation time. Commissioner Shorten seconded the motion. All voted yes to approve.

 **INVOICES AND CHECKS**

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices and signed checks.

 **INSURANCE**

Jeremy Billington, with Billington Insurance, met with the Commission to review health insurance needs for county employees. Adrienne Lee and Sheriff Mike Buehler also attended the meeting. Richard Dunn, Preferred Health Plan, attended the meeting by telephone.

Michelle Pflumm, Claims Attorney, AmeriTrust Group, Inc., held a conference call with the Commissioners to discuss a recently filed lawsuit.

 **SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Sheriff Mike Buehler presented the Commissioners with documents to be signed concerning two new pick-up trucks recently purchased by the Sheriff’s Office. Commissioner Wilson also signed an awards agreement pertaining to a grant issued by the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

 **LIONS CLUB**

Richard Brockman with the Nevada Lions Club visited the Commission to inquire about the best usage for the Lions Club concession stand/trailer that sits at the Vernon County Fairgrounds.

 **COUNTY BUSINESS**

Erik Sommer, County Business Manager, called on the Commission to report on the county budget, CART money, and other business.

 **CODE OF ETHICS**

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 17-2025, Code of Ethics. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Both voted yes to approve.

 **LEGAL**

Commissioner Thompson called the Sheriff to gather information on a recently filed lawsuit concerning matters from February 26, 2021 to May 2, 2023.

The Commissioners also placed a call to Damon Phillips of Keck & Phillips, LLC, to discuss the recently filed lawsuit.

 **MEETING**

An email was sent to the Elected Official and Department Heads to remind them of a meeting with the Commission that will be held tomorrow morning.

 **ADJOURN**

Ordered that Commission adjourn at 3:15 p.m. until Wednesday, August 6, 2025.

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 CLERK OF COMMISSION PRESIDING COMMISSIONER