**COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, VERNON COUNTY**

**Wednesday, August 20, 2025, 6th August Adj.**

THE VERNON COUNTY COMMISSION MET, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025, AT 9:00 A**.**M.

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

 **DISCUSSIONS**

The Commissioners discussed salaries and personnel issues.

 **RECYCLING**

Commissioner Wilson placed a call to Tim Weathers of Marck Recycling to verify pricing.

 **ROADS/CULVERTS**

Commissioner Shorten returned a call to Tammy Bobbett to update her on the progress of issues on Union Track Road in Drywood Township discussed last week.

 **DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

Sue Hughes and Pat Taylor with the Daughters of the American Revolution called on the Commission to request permission to hold an event on the Courthouse lawn on September 17th at 3:00 p.m. in conjunction with Constitution Week. Representative Dane Diehl will read the state proclamation after Joe Wilson, Presiding Commissioner, reads the local proclamation. They visited with Rick Warren, Courthouse Custodian, about ringing the tower bell for the event. They then took a tour of the tower and made plans to visit the Commission again in the future.

 **COUNTY CLERK**

Adrienne Lee, County Clerk, visited with the Commissioners about payroll and military leave.

 **SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to use opioid funds for the Sheriff’s Office to purchase a Total First Aid Package in the amount of $40,759.00 (includes 30 Scherber Public Access Bleeding Control Kits $5,099.70, 17 Defibtech Lifeline and Lifeline AUTO AEDs with High Capacity Batteries $28,205.55, 3 Defibtech Lifeline Small Business Value Packages with High Cap Battery/Cabinet, $5,109.45, and 18 Defibtech Lifeline AUTO AED Pediactric Defibrillation Electrode Pads, $2,344.50) as well as $3300 for CPR training and First Aid training for 55 Sheriff’s Office employees, for a total of $44,059.00. Commissioner Shorten seconded the motion and all voted yes to approve.

 **CIRCUIT COURT**

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to allot $15,000 in Opioid Settlement funds to the 28th Judicial Circuit Court to pay for treatment services for the participants, as well as for tracking purposes for those involved in the treatment services. Commissioner Shorten seconded. All voted yes to approve.

 **CONCERNED CITIZEN**

Kevin Sisseck called on the Commission to report that a neighbor on parole owns a firearm and frequently shoots at opossums and other animals that are endangering his chickens. Mr. Sisseck is concerned that a child could be hurt in this process. He was referred to the Vernon County Sheriff and the Missouri Highway Patrol.

 **PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR**

Kelsey Westerhold, Public Administrator, visited the Commissioners to let them know that she has received a grant from Community Foundation of the Ozarks that will assist with final expenses of clients that have no funds or family.

 **REQUEST**

A request was received from Michael Bullinger to extend 24 hours of vacation time. It was determined that a supervisor will need to sign the request.

**TIME SHEETS AND PAYROLL**

The Commissioners reviewed and approved employee time sheets and signed checks.

 **VISITORS**

Marvin Knoche visited the Commission chambers to get an update on current events and projects.

Jennifer Gundy visited the Commissioners to discuss the condition of the arena at the Vernon County Fairgrounds and some ideas she has for future projects.

 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPER**

The Commissioners held their weekly meeting with Tina Cochran, Economic Developer. They discussed that she is creating the agenda for the August 28th BuildVCMO meeting, a board meeting that may be set for September 25th, and people who might be willing to serve as board members. Other topics discussed were the rezoning of an area on Austin Boulevard and a CBDG Grant. Marvin Knoche also attended the meeting.

 **PRIOR MINUTES READ**

Minutes from July 15th were read. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve with corrections. Commissioner Shorten seconded the motion. All voted yes to approve.

Minutes from July 16th were read. Commissioner Shorten made a motion to approve. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. All voted yes to approve.

Minutes from July 22nd were read. Commissioner Shorten made a motion to approve. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. All voted yes to approve.

Minutes from July 23rd were read. Commissioner Shorten made a motion to approve with corrections. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. All voted yes to approve.

 **ADJOURN**

Ordered that Commission adjourn at 4:14 p.m. until Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

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