**COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, VERNON COUNTY**

**Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 7th August Adj.**



THE VERNON COUNTY COMMISSION MET, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT, TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 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 at MSSU in Joplin on Thursday, August 21st.

**FEMA**

Commissioner Wilson and Adrienne Lee, County Clerk, attended a meeting on Friday, August 22nd with FEMA Program Delivery Manager Sheneka Kirlew to stay updated on disaster declaration DR-4872 concerning the April 2nd tornadoes.

**DISCUSSIONS**

The Commissioners held discussions on FEMA issues, township finances, and Town Hall meetings they attended in Vernon and Bates counties, in which Missouri Representative Mark Alford was the speaker, on Monday, August 25th.

**CITY OF NEVADA REPEATERS**

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve Change Order #1 submitted by Public Safety Solutions MO LLC for additional Vehicular Repeaters for Nevada Police and Fire Departments in the amount of $137,538.52, increasing the original total of $1,764.803.48 to $1,902,342.00. The City of Nevada will reimburse the county for the additional amount of $137,538.52. Commissioner Shorten seconded the motion. All voted yes to approve.

**EXTENDED VACATION AND HOLIDAY TIME**

Commissioner Shorten made a motion to approve the extension of employee Michael Bullinger’s 16 hours of holiday time already accrued, and eight hours that will be acquired on September 1, 2025, to November 30, 2025. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. All voted yes to approve.

**CHRISTMAS AROUND THE SQUARE AND JULY 4TH CELEBRATION**

Traci Cliffman called on the Commission to request funds for the 2025 Christmas Decorations on the Square, and to provide information on her plans to partner with the Nevada Fire Fighters Union for a 2026 July 4th celebration in conjunction with the 250th Celebration of the birth of our nation. The celebration will last all day and include a watermelon feed, live music and fireworks.

**COUNTY BUSINESS**

Erik Sommer, County Business Manager, met with the Commission to report on employee extended hours, C.A.R.T. money and other county finances.

**PRE-LAUNCH OPEN HOUSE**

The Commissioners attended a pre-launch open house at Clear Path Recovery Center.

**TOWNSHIPS**

Robin Coleman, Bacon Township Clerk, met with the Commission to discuss the FEMA process in regard to declarations DR-4872 and DR-4885 concerning the recent tornadoes and floods. Larry Garton, Center Township Clerk, also attended the meeting.

Larry Garton, Center Township Clerk, met with the Commission to inquire as to whether a road in Center Township is public or private. Shelly Baldwin, Recorder of Deeds, checked original plats of Prewitt’s Addition and Don Adams Addition. It was determined that it is a county road.

David Diggins, Deerfield Township Board Member, met with the Commissioners to inquire about FEMA funds available for the townships.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Commissioner Wilson placed a call to Mike Reasoner, Road and Bridge Foreman, to discuss projects the crew is working on including culverts and bridges. Also discussed was a culvert needed on Tower Street.

**ADJOURN**

Ordered that Commission adjourn at 4:03 p.m. until Wednesday, August 27, 2025.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

CLERK OF COMMISSION PRESIDING COMMISSIONER