

COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, VERNON COUNTY

Tuesday, March 24, 2026,

7th March Adj.

THE VERNON COUNTY COMMISSION MET, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT, TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026, AT 9:00 A.M.

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

ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING

The annual meeting with the townships was held on Wednesday, March 18th at Centennial Hall. A total of thirteen of the twenty townships were represented. Topics covered included Road and Bridge updates, FEMA updates from the townships, and C.A.R.T. funds. Adrienne Lee, County Clerk, and Tina Cochran, Economic Development Director, also attended the meeting.

KAYSINGER BASIN MEETINGS

Commissioner Thompson and Tina Cochran, Economic Development Director, attended the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting and the Board of Directors meeting at the Benson Convention Center in Clinton on Thursday, March 19th.

REGION M MEETING

Commissioner Wilson attended the Region M Meeting at the Joplin Public Library on Thursday, March 19th. He gave a presentation on the Nevada Recycling Center as part of the county's grant application process for 2027.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Commissioner Wilson attended the Coffee and Conversation meeting on Saturday, March 21st.

INVOICES

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices and signed checks. A call was placed to CDL Electric by Commissioner Thompson, and an email was sent to Great River Engineering to inquire about invoices from those companies.

CROWDER COLLEGE

The Commissioners and Tina Cochran, Economic Development Director, met with John Larson, Director of Crowder College in Nevada, and toured the Nevada campus.

COURTHOUSE ELEVATOR

The elevator courthouse is in disrepair. TK Elevator Company examined it today and it is having hydraulic issues. It will take at least two weeks to repair.

INSURANCE

The Commissioners met with Jeremy Billington of Billington Insurance by teleconference to discuss issues concerning Medicare payments. Adrienne Lee, County Clerk, and Erik Sommer, County Business Manager, also attended the meeting.

OPIOID FUNDS

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve giving \$2500 in opioid funds to Rock Bottom Recovery for the purpose of preparing personal supply kits as listed in the application packet. Commissioner Shorten seconded. All voted unanimously to approve the motion.

LAWSUIT

The Commission was notified today that an Order and Stipulation of Dismissal has been filed in Case #3:25-cv-05033-MDH in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri Southwest Division styled Jeremy Boyd vs. Cedar County, et al. Defendant Vernon County was dismissed with prejudice.

ADJOURN

Ordered that Commission adjourn at 3:27 p.m. until Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COMMISSION PRESIDING COMMISSIONER