

COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, VERNON COUNTY

Tuesday, March 31, 2026,

9th March Adj.

THE VERNON COUNTY COMMISSION MET, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT, TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026, AT 9:00 A.M.

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

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

Commissioner Wilson attended the Coffee with the Mayor meeting on Thursday, March 26th at Precision Coffee.

WEST CENTRAL MEETING

Commissioner Wilson attended a meeting with West Central Missouri Community Action Agency on Thursday, March 26th by Zoom.

ELEVATOR REPAIR

The Commissioners placed a call to TK Elevator to get a rough estimate as to when the Courthouse elevator could be repaired. They were told it could be three months, or more, before it could be completed. The Commissioners will take bids from other companies as required by statute.

A meeting was held with Judge Brandon Fisher, Carrie Poe, Circuit Court Clerk, and Shane Hirschman, Circuit Court Administrator, to discuss anticipated issues and problems that will occur due to the absence of the elevator. Adrienne Lee, County Clerk, also attended the meeting.

A meeting was held with Adrienne Lee, County Clerk, to discuss anticipated issues and problems with the upcoming April election due to the absence of the elevator.

EXTENSION OF VACATION TIME

A request to extend Deputy Mikel Bailey's vacation time to April 22nd was emailed to the Commission Office by the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Shorten made a motion to extend Mikel Bailey's vacation time for two weeks from April 13th. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. All voted yes to approve.

COUNTY BUSINESS

Erik Sommer, County Business Manager, met with the Commission to discuss a document to be Docusigned by Commissioner Wilson, the disrepair of the Courthouse elevator, an upcoming 4th of July celebration, and other county business.

FEMA FUNDS AND SPRING CLEAN UP

Dawn Jones, Nevada Daily Mail, called on the Commission to inquire about FEMA funds that have been applied for by the County and the Townships. She also asked questions about the upcoming Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 18th.

INVOICES AND CHECKS

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices and signed checks.

KATY ALLEN LAKE

Commissioner Wilson returned a call to Show Me County Metals to discuss the replacement price of benches to be placed at Katy Allen Lake, due to tornado damage from April 2, 2025. The benches will cost \$800 each.

SOLAR PANEL PROJECT

Jessica Sagar with CDL Electric called the Commission to visit about the Solar Panel Project at the Vernon County Sheriff's Office and Jail. Commissioner Wilson informed her that the project had gone as expected and the county is pleased with the result.

ROADS

Eric Phillips called about a road in Center Township. Commissioner Shorten referred him to the Township Trustee and one of the board members.

BRO-R108(45)

A signed Request for Reimbursement was emailed to Great River Engineering to be submitted to MoDot in the amount of \$1,490.76 in regard to BRO-R108(45), also known as Trapper Road Bridge.

LETTERS

Letters of Acceptance and Rejection were mailed out to the companies that bid on Concrete, Steel and Culverts on Wednesday, March 25th.

LEGAL

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve: In the case of Jeremy Boyd vs. Vernon County, et al, Case No. 3:25-cv-5033-MDH in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, Southwestern Division. Insurance attorneys have agreed upon settlement in the amount of \$30,000. The County will reimburse the insurance companies, MOPERM, \$2,500; Star Insurance Companies, \$2,500; and Kinsale Insurance Company, \$25,000.00, due to the fact that this settlement did not meet deductible limits during the coverage periods of the three policies. Commissioner Shorten seconded the motion. All voted unanimously to approve.

PRIOR MINUTES

Minutes from February 3rd were read. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve, with corrections. Commissioner Shorten seconded. All voted yes to approve.

Minutes from February 4th were read. Commissioner Shorten made a motion to approve, with corrections. Commissioner Thompson seconded. All voted yes to approve.

Minutes from February 10th were read. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve, with corrections. Commissioner Shorten seconded. All voted yes to approve.

Minutes from February 11th were read. Commissioner Shorten made a motion to approve, with corrections. Commissioner Thompson seconded. All voted yes to approve.

Minutes from February 17th were read. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve, with corrections. Commissioner Shorten seconded. All voted yes to approve.

Minutes from February 18th were read. Commissioner Shorten made a motion to approve, with corrections. Commissioner Thompson seconded. All voted yes to approve.

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ADJOURN

Ordered that Commission adjourn at 3:03 p.m. until Wednesday, April 1, 2026.

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COMMISSION PRESIDING COMMISSIONER