

COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, VERNON COUNTY

Wednesday, April 1, 2026,

1st April Adj.

THE VERNON COUNTY COMMISSION MET, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026, AT 9:00 A.M.

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

ELEVATOR REPAIR

The Commissioners discussed options for repairing the Courthouse elevator.

VISITORS

Mike Jones came by the office to introduce himself and visit with the Commissioners.

Neal Gerster, former Northern Commissioner, visited with the Commissioners about the condition of roads in Blue Mound Township, and issues that took place while he was in office.

Jerry Laflen, Harrison Township Clerk, visited the Commission to discuss recent issues in his township.

LAWN MAINTENANCE

The Commissioners discussed calling Brice Gotschall, of Gotschall Greens LLC, to remind him to mow the Courthouse lawn before First Saturday and the Easter Egg Hunt this weekend. They will also check with G&G Mowing about the schedule to mow the Fairgrounds.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Mike Reasoner, Road and Bridge Foreman, called on the Commission to give updates on needs for the crew, a culvert that needs work in Osage Township. He will turn on the water at the Fairgrounds and baseball fields, and work on the outside drop box at the Courthouse. He will also check on some brush piles around the county that people have complained about.

TOWNSHIPS

Robert and Gladys Smith called on the Commission to inquire about adding a "Dead End" sign at the end of 2500 Road near their property. They were referred to Robert Cubbage, Walker Township Trustee.

MOWING

Letters regarding mowing, along with maps to be marked up, were mailed out to Badger, Dover and Montevallo Township Trustees.

COURTHOUSE

The Commissioners, along with Shelly Baldwin, Recorder of Deeds, and Adrienne Lee, County Clerk, examined prototypes of the Vernon County Courthouse that will be copied and displayed in the Courthouse.

KATY ALLEN LAKE/FEMA FUNDS

Commissioner Shorten made a motion to approve the purchase of two benches from Show-Me Metal from FEMA funds, at a cost of \$800 each. These benches will replace the benches lost in the April 2, 2025 tornado. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. All voted unanimously to approve.

ORDINANCE #60/ARPA FUNDS

Commissioner Thompson moved to approve Ordinance #60 of the Vernon County Commission to allocate \$41,681.60 of the remaining ARPA Funds to salaries for the designated Vernon

County job positions established and filled prior to December 31, 2024, as specifically set forth in Exhibit "A". Commissioner Shorten seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

COURTHOUSE WINDOWS

Commissioner Shorten placed a call to Chase Halsey, Mid-Continental Restoration Company, Inc., to inquire as to when the window project will begin. He was told they will be starting in approximately two weeks.

BRO-R108001 (INFANTRY PASS BRIDGE)

Zach Olivas, Project Manager with Great River Engineering, called to let the Commissioners know that the Contractors were having issues removing part of the old bridge and it will be necessary to move each bridge support on the new bridge to the east by six feet. He will send a drawing to the Commission Office that will show this. A change order will also be sent to the office to be signed by the Commission.

APRIL ELECTION

Adrienne Lee, County Clerk, called on the Commission to give an update on the upcoming election on Tuesday, April 7th. She reported that a record 253 absentee voters had voted as of today.

ADJOURN

Ordered that Commission adjourn at 3:20 p.m. until Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COMMISSION PRESIDING COMMISSIONER