

COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD, VERNON COUNTY

Wednesday, April 8, 2026,

3rd April Adj.

THE VERNON COUNTY COMMISSION MET, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026, AT 9:00 A.M.

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

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Mike Reasoner, Road and Bridge Foreman, advised that he will be closing Waldo Road between 100 Road and 275 Road in Sections 7 and 8 of Harrison Township effective Monday, April 13th until further notice, for bridge replacement.

MU EXTENSION OFFICE UPDATE

Linda Clinton, 4-H Youth Development Specialist, and Diane Blankenship, Youth Programming Associate, met with the Commissioners to update them on activities they are involved in. Linda reported on meeting ADA digital accessibility requirements by April 24th, the 4-H Family Dinner project that encourages parents and children to prepare meals together, and the Shooting Sports competition that will take place at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 6th.

Diane reported on working with high school students to prepare for their future as adults. Sheldon High School students attended the Crosslands College of Technology Open House at Pittsburg State University on March 6th and were given a campus tour. The Missouri Manufacturing Academy kicked off March 13th. Thirty Nevada Middle School students toured 3M, Peerless Products, and Quality Products.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tina Cochran, Economic Development Director, met with the Commission for their semi-weekly meeting. She reported on the CORI Initiative, and that Build VCMO will be presented with a report in the next two weeks. She gave details on Opportunity Zones and the webinar she attended last week to learn more about them.

Tina presented the Commission with a letter to be signed appointing Steve Brier, Scott Buerge, Tom Hissink, Gary Irwin, and Alan Leimkuehler to the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board pursuant to RSMo 135.957, Vernon County Ordinance #41, to serve a five-year term. The Nevada R-5 School District will appoint Jay Sloniker to be a member as well, and the City of Nevada will appoint a representative for the remaining tax districts. Commissioner Wilson signed the letter.

BRO-R108001

An executed Request for Reimbursement, #14, in regard to BRO-R108001, also known as Infantry Pass Bridge, was returned to Great River Engineering, to be submitted to MoDot.

CLEAR PATH RECOVERY

Megan Hendrix, Care Coordinator, introduced herself and gave a presentation on Clear Path Recovery. She shared that the facility has been open since September of 2025, can accommodate 36 patients, and currently has 18 in-patients and 3 patients that are in partial hospitalization.

COUNTY BUSINESS

County Business Manager Erik Sommer met with the Commissioners to report on recycling and receive an update on the current elevator situation.

TOWNSHIPS

A letter was emailed to the townships that had applied for FEMA assistance with tornado and flood damages that occurred in the Spring of 2025 to let them know that FEMA representatives are working again and should be contacting them.

ELEVATOR

Commissioner Shorten made a motion to approve a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Elevator Hydraulic Jack Replacement. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Both voted yes to approve the motion.

ADJOURN

Ordered that Commission adjourn at 3:25 p.m. until Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COMMISSION PRESIDING COMMISSIONER