

# Christian County Commission

July 07, 2008

## Convene

Presiding Commissioner John Grubaugh called the meeting of the County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 7, 2008 at the County Commission Office. Attendance: John Grubaugh, Present: Bill Barnett, Present: Tom Huff, Present. County Clerk, Kay Brown taking the minutes.

## 9:00 a.m. Emergency 911 Consolidation

Those present for the meeting were Nixa City Administrator, Brian Bingle, Ozark Mayor, Don Watts, Nixa Police Chief, James Bacon, Nixa Fire Chief, Jimmie Sebree, Nixa Fire Board Member, Bob Rubino, Nixa Fireman, Rance Duffy, Jeremy Whitehill, Police Chief, Lyle Hodges, Ozark Administrative Assistant, Cara Borneman, Sheriff Robertson, Julia Maples, Commission Secretary, Lori Biery, Eddie Maples, Ozark Fire Chief, Dennis Reynolds, Darren White from Ozark Fire Department.

The Commission met to discuss the consolidation of E-911 of Christian County and Nixa. Rance Duffy representing the Christian County Consolidation Committee provided a signed agreement of a plan to implement the consolidation. Mr. Duffy suggested placing the consolidation issue on the February or the April 2009 ballot. The Commission suggested that the issue be placed on the April ballot because the election cost would be less for the county.

Presiding Commissioner, John Grubaugh, praised our state legislators that worked to get the legislation passed that made it possible to put it on the ballot. A meeting was scheduled for January 12th, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. for a motion/vote for a 1/4 cent sales tax for the consolidation of E-911 on the ballot.

## Ordinance - 07-07-08-01 -

Riverdale Road -- 9:30 a.m. The Commission approved and signed the Right-of-Way Warranty Deed for Riverdale Drive for additional right-of-way to be transferred to Common 2 Road District. The Grantor is Mary C. Joseph.

## 10:00 a.m. LAGERS Refund Meeting

Those present for the meeting were Mrs. Carol Cobb and Mr. Cobb, Common 2 Road District, Brent Young, Consultant, Jim Bresee, County Administrator, Pat Wright, Christian County Health Department, Cyndi Bilyeu and Karen Potter, Payroll Clerk, Tom Lawson, Treasurer, Karen Matthews, Recorder, Roy Meadows, Prosecutor, Ron Cleek, Collector, Ted Nichols, Pletcher Rogers, Commission Secretary Lori Biery and Julia Maples.

The Commission met to discuss the LAGERS refund to the employees. Presiding Commissioner, John Grubaugh stated that the sales tax was down 3.29% and total revenues are down 4.27%. The total cost for Christian County and the Christian County Health Department if paid in a lump sum, would be \$ 669,901.00 which includes both contributions and interest to be refunded. The County Commission has not selected this payment option. However, the County Commission has selected the following payment option. The cost of this refund option would be borne by the Christian County and the County Health Department by way of an increase in the monthly employer contribution rates for a period of fifteen years. The increase in the rates would be 1.40% for the General Class and 0.70% for the Law Enforcement Class. These rate increases would amount to a cost to the County of about \$ 4,400.00 monthly and a cost to the Health Department of about \$ 475.00 monthly. The Commission will initiate the final order on this change after the required 45 day public information notice.

Commissioner, John Grubaugh, indicated that the County may consider a partial lump sum payments to LAGERS over the next fifteen years so as to reduce the overall cost of this option. He indicated that this would not be considered until after the economy improves. He also indicated that the Health Department would be given plenty of notice should a partial lump sum payment be considered, so that their input and

considerations could be addressed.

Presiding Commissioner, John Grubaugh, stated that by paying the refund it would put all the employees on a level playing field.

Collector, Ted Nichols added that the refund would be a reward to those employees that have stayed with county for many years. He also stated that the health of the county is priority but a 7% interest rate is very low.

Payroll Clerk, Tom Lawson, stated that if the county were to consider a partial lump sum payment in the future, that process would require a completely new actuarial calculation by LAGERS to adjust contribution rates as required.

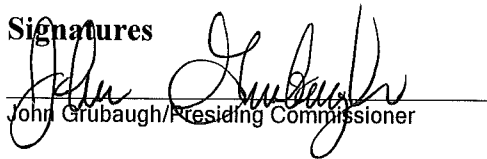
### **Motion/Vote - LAGERS Employee Refund**

Eastern Commissioner Tom Huff made a motion to proceed with the LAGERS option to refund the members contributions with an effective date of September 1, 2008. The cost of this refund option would be carried by Christian County and the County Health Department to be paid out within a 15 year period. Bill Barnett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: John Grubaugh (Yes), Bill Barnett (Yes), Tom Huff (Yes).

### **Motion/Vote - Approve the June 3rd, Minutes**

Eastern Commissioner Tom Huff made a motion to approve the minutes for June 3rd, 2008. Bill Barnett seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: John Grubaugh (Yes), Bill Barnett (Yes), Tom Huff (Yes).

### **Signatures**

  
John Grubaugh/Presiding Commissioner