



Christian County Commission

100 West Church St, Room 100
Ozark, MO 65721

Emergency Meeting

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~ Minutes ~

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

1:00 PM

The Christian County Courthouse

I. Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ray Weter	Presiding Commissioner	Present	1:00 PM
Bill Barnett	Western Commissioner	Present	1:00 PM
Sue Ann Childers	Eastern Commissioner	Present	1:00 PM
Kay Brown	County Clerk	Present	1:00 PM

II. Agenda

Motion/Vote - 1:00 PM Christian County Commission

Discussion - Emergency Meeting

The Christian County Commission called an emergency meeting at 1:00 p.m., May 20th, 2015, per the request of Major Wells. The meeting was attended by: Administrative Secretary Julia Maples, Captain Rich Lewis, Major Wells, Captain Keith Mills and reserve deputy Steve Maples.

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter said Major Wells contacted him regarding a matter of urgency to come before the County Commission.

Major Wells presented to the County Commissioners a letter of resignation from Sheriff Joey Kyle.

After each Commissioner had an opportunity to read the letter, Commissioner Ray Weter asked County Clerk, Kay Brown to read the letter for all present to hear.

After the letter was read, Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter asked Major Wells, "What is the effective time and date of this resignation?"

Captain Mills stated per Sheriff Kyle, his resignation is effective today, May 20th, 2015.

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter entertained a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Sheriff Kyle.

Associate Commissioner Sue Ann Childers made the motion and Associate Commissioner Bill Barnett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed: Ray Weter (Yes) Bill Barnett (Yes) Sue Ann Childers (Yes)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Ann Childers, Eastern Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bill Barnett, Western Commissioner
AYES:	Ray Weter, Bill Barnett, Sue Ann Childers

Motion/Vote -

- Amend the Thursday, May 21, 2015, Agenda

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter said with the resignation letter, based on Section 58.200, RSMO., the Coroner is authorized to perform all duties until another sheriff is appointed.

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter said according to the statutes, no appointment at this point is required but we must appoint a Sheriff because all the officers are decommissioned until we appoint the Coroner to fill the vacancy. Commissioner Weter said we must act quickly because all commissions for the County's law enforcement are invalid due to the resignation of the Sheriff Kyle. Commissioner Weter said after the Coroner is sworn in then we must recommission all the officers .

Presiding Commissioner Weter said the first thing we need to do is to notify the Coroner and commission all the deputies so there is continuity.

Major Wells said that is the correct procedure.

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter entertained a motion to amend the Thursday, May 21, 2015, agenda, to include an emergency meeting to discuss and vote to replace the Sheriff, and to place in the minutes an order to hold a special election for August 4, 2015.

Associate Commissioner Sue Ann Childers made the motion and Associate Commissioner Bill Barnett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed: Ray Weter (Yes) Bill Barnett (Yes) Sue Ann Childers (Yes)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Ann Childers, Eastern Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bill Barnett, Western Commissioner
AYES:	Ray Weter, Bill Barnett, Sue Ann Childers

Motion/Vote -

- Accept Applications for the Ten Week Interim Sheriff

Presiding Commissioner Weter asked Administrative Assistant Julia Maples, to contact Coroner Brad Cole to attend the emergency meeting. Per the County Commission's request Coroner Brad Cole, later attended the meeting.

Presiding Commissioner Weter addressed the Coroner, "Mr. Cole you are authorized to carry out all the duties of the Sheriff and the first duty is to commission all the officers because right now their commission is invalid. Commissioner Weter said we must move forward to commission all the County Law Enforcement including the reserve deputies. Commissioner Weter said we must contact the Missouri Highway Patrol to protect the county until the law enforcement is commissioned.

County Clerk Kay Brown swore in Coroner Brad Cole as the interim Sheriff until which time a Sheriff is appointed by the County Commission.

Captain Keith Mills said the Highway Patrol was contacted and will cover the county until the officers are commissioned.

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter suggested a vote be taken to accept applications to fill the vacancy of interim Sheriff for the 10 week period prior to the August 4th, 2015. Commissioner Weter suggested that applications for the interim Sheriff's position be accepted until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, May 28th 2015. This position would be held until a sheriff is elected to serve the balance of the term ending December 31, 2016.

Associate Commissioner Bill Barnett made the motion to receive applications for the interim position of Sheriff to serve for the next 10 weeks until the August 4th, 2015, Special Election. Associate Commissioner Sue Ann Childers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed: Ray Weter (Yes) Bill Barnett (Yes) Sue Ann Childers (Yes).

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Barnett, Western Commissioner
SECONDER:	Sue Ann Childers, Eastern Commissioner
AYES:	Ray Weter, Bill Barnett, Sue Ann Childers

Motion/Vote -

- Expand Agenda Notice to Include Candidate Interviews and Interim Sheriff Decision
Captain Rich Lewis, said he has worked in every department, in the Sheriff's Department. Captain Lewis said there is a lot of concern about who would run for Sheriff. Captain Lewis said give the recent events the Sheriff's Department needs consistency and he would be willing to serve as interim Sheriff and would not run for Sheriff in the August 4th, 2015, Special Election. Mr. Lewis said there is much emotion in the department and we need to give the deputies stability.

Major Wells, said the continuity and the leadership would be a great benefit for the more and ha future

Coroner Brad Cole said he wanted to reassure the Commission that he is only serving as Sheriff until an interim Sheriff is appointed.

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter said an amendment to the motion is needed to expand beyond accepting applications until 9:00 a.m. on Thursday. The motion should also state that the County Commission will also have closed session beginning after the 9:00 a.m. deadline to interview the interested candidates and will then make a decision.

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter entertained a motion to approve the motion as amended.

Associate Commissioner Bill Barnett made the motion to approve the motion as amended. Associate Commissioner Sue Childers seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Ray Weter (Yes) Bill Barnett (Yes) Sue Ann Childers (Yes).

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Barnett, Western Commissioner
SECONDER:	Sue Ann Childers, Eastern Commissioner
AYES:	Ray Weter, Bill Barnett, Sue Ann Childers

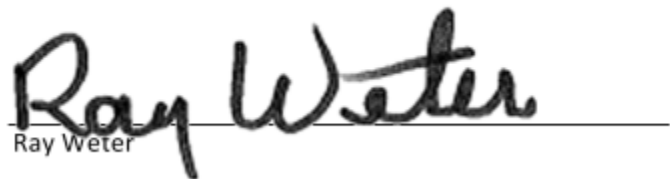
III. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 1:55 PM

Motion/Vote -

- Motion to Adjourn

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Ann Childers, Eastern Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bill Barnett, Western Commissioner
AYES:	Ray Weter, Bill Barnett, Sue Ann Childers



Ray Weter

Presiding Commissioner, Ray Weter



Bill Barnett

Western Commissioner, Bill Barnett



Sue Ann Childers

Eastern Commissioner, Sue Ann Childers



Christian County Sheriff's Office
Sheriff Joey Kyle
Honor, Courage, Commitment

To the citizens of Christian County,

It is with great sadness that I come before you today to tender my resignation as your Sheriff. Events beyond my ability to control have lead to this decision. The employees of the Sheriff's Office have performed wonderfully these last six and one half years and they continue to do so. Please give them your continued support in the coming days.

Sheriff Joey Kyle

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joey Kyle", written over the printed name.

Attachment: Sheriff letter of Resignation (2264 : Emergency Meeting)