



Christian County Commission

100 West Church St, Room 100
Ozark, MO 65721

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April Term

~ Minutes ~

Friday, May 29, 2015

9:25 AM

The Christian County Courthouse

I. Convene

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 AM by Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Ray Weter | Presiding Commissioner | Present | 9:25 AM |
| Bill Barnett | Western Commissioner | Present | 9:25 AM |
| Sue Ann Childers | Eastern Commissioner | Present | 9:25 AM |
| Julia Maples | Administrative Assistant | Present | 9:25 AM |
| Kay Brown | County Clerk | Present | 9:25 AM |

II. Agenda

Motion/Vote - 9:25 AM Christian County Commission

Discussion - Approve Agenda

The meeting was attended by County Counselor John Housley, Sheriff/Coroner Brad Cole, Administrative Assistant Julia Maples.

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter called for a motion to approve the Friday, May 29th, 2015 agenda.

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

Motion/Vote - John Housley-County Counselor

Discussion - Attorney/Client Discussion-Closed Session 610.021 Sub Section 1

The meeting was attended by County Counselor John Housley, Sheriff/Coroner Brad Cole and Administrative Assistant Julia Maples.

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter entertained a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to 610.021.1.

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

Motion/Vote - 10:30 AM

- Go Out of Closed Session Into Open Session

The meeting was attended by County Counselor John Housley, Sheriff/Coroner Brad Cole and Administrative Assistant Julia Maples.

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter entertained a motion to move out of closed session into open session.

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

Motion/Vote - 10:35 AM Christian County Commission

Discussion - Announcement of Interim Sheriff

The meeting was attended by Sheriff/Coroner Brad Cole and Administrative Assistant Julia Maples, Hannah Smith, Amelia Wigton, Springfield News-Leader Jack Bologna, KOLR 10 reporters and cameramen, Ralph Phillips and Democratic Chairman Jim Billedo.

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter addressed the press and those present for the meeting and said the Commission spent most of the day interviewing 7 applicants to serve in the position of interim Sheriff for the next 8 to 9 weeks.

Commissioner Weter said here is the announcement, we interviewed applicants yesterday until 6:00 p.m. We made many notes and asked many questions and the interviews were done on the fly not allowing adequate time to evaluate each applicant and to do back ground checks.

The County Commission will reconvened on Monday, June 1, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. for a closed session meeting to share their ideas and will vote in closed session and will make the announcement at that time.

The following questions were asked by the audience:

Question: Why do you feel like you need more time?

Commissioner Weter said we spent the entire day interviewing and it would not be fair to not take time to evaluate all the candidates.

Question: What was the importance of selecting another sheriff while the Coroner is filling the position? Why so much time needed to select a candidate for a temporary position?

The candidates should have some input but this is a temporary job and we don't want any changes that could create problems for the incoming sheriff.

Question: What are you looking for?

Presiding Commissioner Weter said there are some basic credentials that have to be taken into consideration we are looking for and what changes they could make in a short term and be consistent with policies of our new sheriff.

Question: How many applicants did you interview?

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter said there were seven applicants that were interviewed beginning at 11:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m.

Question: Is there one candidate that sticks out more than the others?

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter said not at this time.

Western Commissioner Bill Barnett said we had 7 real good candidates and we are fortunate to have the quality of applicants that applied.

Question: Obviously, what would you say to the citizens of Christian County about the delay?

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter when a person arrives at the hospital with a fever you don't decide on the spot that they need a bowel resection, you take your time and evaluate them, our citizens should expect us to be as thorough.

Question: Why not Brad for the position?

Associate Commissioner Sue Ann Childers said the two people that are on the August 4th, 2015 ballot did not apply for this interim position.

Question: What about the morale of the department?

Sheriff/Coroner Brad Cole replied at this point the morale is on a level plane and look for it to increase from here.

Associate Commissioner Bill Barnett said the Sheriff's department is working hard and there is no instability for safety of the county.

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter said state statutes identifies the actions to be taken and in his opinion, the transition has been very smooth.

Question: Are the applicants from this area, in Southwest Missouri?

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter said all the candidates are from this area and they interviewed well. This is a public safety decision for a 8 to 9 week period and making the right choice is paramount.

Associate Commissioner Sue Ann said we want to make the best choice for the county.

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

III. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 10:45 AM



Ray Weter

Presiding Commissioner, Ray Weter



Bill Barnett

Western Commissioner, Bill Barnett



Sue Ann Childers

Eastern Commissioner, Sue Ann Childers