



# Christian County Commission

100 West Church St, Room 100  
Ozark, MO 65721

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April Term

~ Minutes ~

Thursday, June 4, 2015

8:50 AM

The Christian County Courthouse

## I. Convene

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 AM by Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ray Weter	Presiding Commissioner	Present	8:50 AM
Bill Barnett	Western Commissioner	Present	8:50 AM
Sue Ann Childers	Eastern Commissioner	Present	8:50 AM
Mary Argiso	Assistant	Present	8:50 AM
Cheryl Mitchell	Assistant	Present	8:50 AM
Julia Maples	Administrative Assistant	Present	8:50 AM
Norma Ryan	Chief Deputy County Clerk	Present	9:15 AM

## II. Agenda

### **Motion/Vote - 8:52 AM Christian County Commission**

Discussion - Approve Agenda

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Cheryl Mitchell, Prosecutor Amy Fite,

The Commission met to approve the agenda for Thursday, June 04, 2015.

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter entertained a motion for approval.

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

### **Motion/Vote - 8:55 AM Kay Brown-County Clerk**

Minutes & Financials Approval - Approve Minutes or Financials

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Cheryl Mitchell, Prosecutor Amy Fite, Mr. Dwight Mc Neil, Mr. Richard Davis, Mr. Jim Billedo, Acting Sheriff Brad Cole

The Commission met to approve the minutes for Thursday, May 28th, 2015 and for Monday, June 01, 2015.

There are no Financials presented.

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter entertained a motion for approval.

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

**Motion/Vote - 8:57 AM**

- Motion to approve minutes for June 21, 2015

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter entertained a motion for approval of June 21, 2015 minutes.

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

**Motion/Vote - 8:56 AM**

- Motion to approve minutes for June 1, 2015

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter entertained a motion for June 1, 2015 minutes approval.

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

**Motion/Vote - 9:00 AM     Amy Fite-Prosecutor**

Contract - I.T. Contract Signing

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Cheryl Mitchell, Prosecutor Amy Fite, Mr. Dwight Mc Neil, Mr. Richard Davis, Mr. Jim Billedo, Acting Sheriff Brad Cole, Auditor Lacy Hart, Mayor Rick Gardner, Pat Sears,

The Commission met with Prosecutor Amy Fite for the signing of the I.T. Contract.

Ms. Fite said changes were made according to the Commissioners request regarding the deadline date Dec. 31, 2015 and the contract is not to be set for auto renewal; in order to coincide with other renewals.

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter entertained a motion for the approval of the I.T. Contract between the Christian County Prosecutor and Sheriffs office & PCNet.

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

**Motion/Vote - 9:15 AM     Christian County Commission**

Discussion - Swearing in of Interim Sheriff

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Cheryl Mitchell, Prosecutor Amy Fite, Mayor Rick Gardner, Mr. Mark Hess, Kolr-10 news camera man Gerald Brickner, News Leader camera man Bruce Stidham, KY3 camera man Thomas Leonard, KSPR News reporter Sheena Elzie, Mr. Ken Lovell, Norma Ryan Chief Deputy Clerk, Southwest Rehab PT Bryce Huddleston, Mr. Pat Sears, Ozark Fire Darren White, Mr. Jim Billedo-CCDCC, MR Rance Duffy CC911, Headliner News reporter Amber Duran, Mr. Brad Cole Coroner, Mr. Dwight McNeil CCSO, Mr. Michael Robertson, Mr. Kevin Elmer-Elmer Law Firm, Mr. Richard Davis-Whitaker & Wilson, Ms. Marcella McNeil,

The Commission met for the swearing in of Interim Sheriff Dwight McNeil.

Commissioner Weter introduce Mr. McNeil, and Ms. Norma Ryan to the audience.

Chief Deputy Clerk Norma Ryan began by swearing in Interim Sheriff McNeil.

Interim Sheriff Dwight McNeil signed and received the Certificate of Appointment.

Mr. Brad Cole submitted his letter of resignation releasing his duties according to statute.

Commissioner Ray Weter entertained a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Mr. Brad Cole to return his duties as Christian County Coroner, and accept the statement from Interim Sheriff McNeil accepting the Sheriffs position.

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

**Motion/Vote - 10:00 AM Jack Holland-Opeimheimer**

Discussion - Bond Options Discussion

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Julia Maples, Mr. Jack Holland Managing Director Public Finance-Ameritas, Ms. Judy Dollarhite, Headliner reporter Amber Duran, Treasurer Karen Matthews, Auditor Lacy Hart, Mr. Eric Peterson Building Bond Committee member,

The Commission met with Mr. Jack Holland-Ameritas to discuss Bond options.

Presiding Commissioner Weter began by introducing Mr. Holland and stated counties need a multi purpose bldg for Prosecutor Amy Fite's office and for the sheriff's administration office. Presiding Commissioner Weter stated there are some lots that can be utilized, and then there's the thought of remodeling this court house. Our current Judicial Center building was just recently paid off however it is no longer adequate.

Mr. Holland began by introducing the company Ameritas credentials. He introduced a special obligation bond. He discussed three different projected loan financing analysis (attached to the minutes is a copy of the analysis). Commissioner Weter asked about the legal standings that the Commissioners have regarding enacting such a process. Mr. Holland responded yes the Commissioners do have legal authority to do so . Commissioner Weter asked if the borrower doesn't appropriate the funds for payment what happens? Mr. Holland replied Bond holders can take control of facility. Mr. Holland also went over the applicants qualifications for the Bond. Commissioner Childers asked what do we have to do to get the process started? Mr. Holland said to review the county's budget and analyze the project involved. Ms. Hart asked about the coupons percentage rates as noted in hand out, Mr. Holland said it's how the average interest rate is projected which fluctuates by the amount sold and paid off. Ms. Hart asked how long have you been in business? Mr. Holland stated since 1970. Ms. Hart asked if we shorten the loan term will the interest rate increase? Mr Holland replied the interest rate will not, but the premium will rise. Mr. Erik Peterson asked is there a transaction fee? Mr. Holland replied yes the underwriter fee is 1% of loan, the Architects, lawyers, and other fees are re calculated. Ms. Hart is the 1% paid at time of issuance. Mr. Holland replied yes, and noted the Trustee acts as the paying agent to the investor when time to pay off the bond. Reserve can be avoided, but it can be up to a 10% charge if not getting as much in reserve. It's usually used to pay authorities, if reserve is called for.

Commissioner Weter asked Mr. Peterson if a price for the Bates project been generated? Mr. Peterson said the architect plan did not have a final amount, and with the distractions over the change in Residing Commissioner, and other factors delayed the project, however the alternative choices are getting better. Commissioner Weter stated that the Bates project appeared to be good, Commissioner Childers replied but there were problems. Ms. Dollarhite said plan was good, however with Mr Bates passing added to delay. Ms. Maples asked if there was a minimal bond amount, Mr. Holland replied no. Commissioner Weter asked if this a non competitive project or are there other vendors? Mr. Holland said there are other vendors whom he can recommend. Commissioner Weter said that other offers would be good to compare. The Commission thanked Mr. Holland for the presentation and he was dismissed.

Meeting continued with Mr. Peterson stating that the concept we are thinking of can be pursued with this special obligation bond. Commissioner Weter suggested to arrange another meeting with Mr. Bartow. Ms. Maples suggested that since we have an established relationship with Mr. Bartow he should be considered. Commissioner Weter asked Mr. Petersen do you have a high degree for Mr. Holland and do you feel this bond is favorable for the county? Mr. Peterson replied that we need to weigh all options and the involvement of all, overall he recommends Mr. Holland's plan, and thinks it will be feasible. He also stated that with today's economy the interest rate is good and thinks this investment is good. Commissioner Weter said they need to know if a 1/4 tax will be included. Mr. Peterson replied we don't want to add additional tax at the last minute to the public. A Utilities tax is effective July 1st, 2015. Ms. Maples suggested to take it to the voters regarding tax. Commissioner Weter asked do we preserve a use tax? Ms. Hart

said that there are misunderstanding's regarding the matter. Ms. Hart noted that it's not a use tax its a tax fee. If voters don't vote in 2016 it will be gone. Ms. Maples suggested to put it on the April 2016 ballot. Public awareness campaign is needed. Mr. Peterson said that's why the comparison rates is use full to help in making a decision. Commissioner Weter dismissed meeting.

**Motion/Vote - 11:07 AM Christian County Commission**

Discussion - Closed Meeting Per 610.021 Subsection 2 Leasing, Purchase or Sale of Real Estate

Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to enter into closed session per section 610.021 subsection 2.

The Commissioners made no decision.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sue Ann Childers, Eastern Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Barnett, Western Commissioner
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**Motion/Vote - 11:27 AM**

- Motion to come out of closed session.

Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to come out of closed session.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Barnett, Western Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sue Ann Childers, Eastern Commissioner
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**Motion/Vote - 3:07 PM Christian County Commission**

Discussion - Press Conference with New Sheriff Dwight McNeil

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Julia Maples, Karen Matthews, Kelly Hall, Lacey Hart, Leroy and Judy Morisset, Jim Billedo, Ken Lovell, Barbie Stillings, Alicia Monsanto, County Counselor John Housley, Chuck and Karen Branch, Todd Wiesehan, Josh Bird, Ky3, Matt Burnam KSPR 33, and Brett Martin Kolr 10, Brad Cole, Mike Robertson, Steve Haefling, Richard Davis, Amber Duran and Hanna Smith, Headliner News, Marcella McNeil,

The Commission met with Interim Sheriff Dwight McNeil for a press conference. Commissioner Weter explained to the audience about the swearing in and introduced Interim Sheriff Dwight McNeil.

Dwight began with saying he is honored and humbled. The trust in the sheriff department must always be preserved. The theft is no more of a loss than the dignity and respect taken from the employees. There is a investigation he wants to accomplish and he has an interim command staff to put the department on the path to restore its integrity. They want to preserve any evidence and inventory and implement a control

system. Top to bottom review of the jail and review the policies and procedures and how to handle commissary funds. He wants to enact procedural changes to interact with the public. A full on inventory from patrol cars to paper clips will be performed. Cooperative review with the auditor, treasurer and commission to find out what is supposed to be there. Steve Ijames and Ron Hartman need no introduction as consultants. They teach and train worldwide. They have completed one of the review's and assessments for the City of Republic. They are going to review with officers cad data, crime analysis, random calls, and review with the public. He has asked to employ two assistants, Mike Robertson and Steve Haefling. Mike will work with patrol. Steve will work with investigators. He wants to present a higher profile and be more user friendly. Steve will work with the investigative arm. Joe Weber will address the jail issues. A forensic audit will be undertaken immediately. He believes the discretionary funding should be signed off by the commission so all requests are lawful and everyone understands where the money is being spent. They will determine who else was involved if anyone. For the next 9 weeks there will be a weekly press release recapping the status without compromising the investigation. Any discretionary funds will be disclosed to the Headliner for the amount and the purpose. In closing he will be clear they know of no one else involved. They are fortunate to have the men and women who do their very best. They need the support and cooperation and prayers to move forward. KSPR asked why he decided to take on the role. He didn't submit his name for the August election because he is not a politician. He asked to be in this position because he has the skill set to perform the job. He has roots here. He had a duty to take a sabbatical to set the ship straight. Amber with Headliner asked if he or his business was involved in the investigation of Joey Kyle. Dwight said those were conducted by federal. KOLR10 asked if a new leaf was here. Dwight said he hoped so. They are not going to twiddle their thumbs for several weeks. There are two components what they are doing and continue to do may not be disclosed until later. They are letting the public know they are there. KY3 asked if no one else is complicit. Dwight said as of today they don't know if anyone was. There is no reason to be suspect but they will not leave a stone unturned. If the officers were not involved will they still have their jobs. Dwight said they have no intention of firing anyone. If they discover good cause they will deal with it on a case by case basis. Dwight turned the meeting over to Commissioner Ray Weter. Amber asked the Commissions opinion about the plan for the next nine weeks. Ray said it is a big plan and he wasn't sure of the ability to complete all of those goals but it is big enough that if the sheriff does complete them he will eat his words. Judy Morisset said she thought they made the best selection in the county.

### **III. Adjournment**

The meeting was closed at 3:29 PM

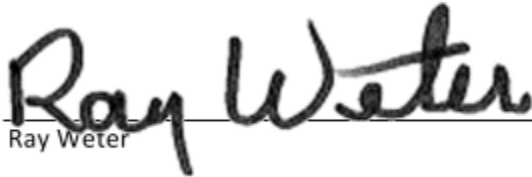
The Commission is adjourned until Monday June 8, 2015.

#### **Motion/Vote - 3:29 PM**

- Motion

Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to adjourn.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Barnett, Western Commissioner
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