



Christian County Commission

100 West Church St, Room 100
Ozark, MO 65721

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April Term

~ Minutes ~

Thursday, June 11, 2015

8:20 AM

The Christian County Courthouse

I. Convene

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 AM by Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter
Motion to adjourn

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ray Weter	Presiding Commissioner	Present	8:20 AM
Bill Barnett	Western Commissioner	Present	8:20 AM
Sue Ann Childers	Eastern Commissioner	Present	8:20 AM
Mary Argiso	Assistant	Present	8:20 AM
Cheryl Mitchell	Assistant	Present	8:20 AM
Julia Maples	Administrative Assistant	Present	
Kay Brown	County Clerk	Present	8:20 AM

II. Agenda

Motion/Vote - 8:20 AM Christian County Commission

Discussion - Approve Agenda

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Cheryl Mitchell, Julia Maples, Auditor Lacey Hart, and County Counselor John Housley.

The Commission met to approve the agenda for 06/11/2015.

Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to approve the agenda as published.

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

Motion/Vote - 8:25 AM Kay Brown-County Clerk

Minutes & Financials Approval - 2289 : Approve Open Session Minutes For June 4, 2015

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Cheryl Mitchell, Auditor Lacey Hart, and County Counselor John Housley.

The Commission met to approve any minutes and financials.

Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to approve the regular minutes for Thursday, 06/04/2015

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

Motion/Vote - 12:00 AM

- Approve Closed Session Minutes for June 4, 2015.

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Cheryl Mitchell, Auditor Lacey Hart, and County Counselor John Housley.

Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the Closed Session minutes for June 4, 2015.

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

Motion/Vote - 12:00 AM

- Approve the Open Session Minutes for June 8, 2015

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Cheryl Mitchell, Auditor Lacey Hart, and County Counselor John Housley

Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Session minutes for June 4, 2015.

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

Motion/Vote -

- Approve Closed Session Minutes For Monday June 8 2015

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Cheryl Mitchell, Auditor Lacey Hart, and County Counselor John Housley.

Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the Closed Session minutes for June 4, 2015.

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

Motion/Vote -

- Approve the Court Order #06-11-2015-01

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Cheryl Mitchell, Auditor Lacey Hart, and County Counselor John Housley.

Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to approve the court order #06-11-2015-01 in the amount of \$376,718.31.

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

Motion/Vote - 8:30 AM Dwight McNeil-Sheriff

Discussion - Closed Session-Per 610.021 Sub Section 3-Personnel

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Cheryl Mitchell, Auditor Lacey Hart, and County Counselor John Housley.

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

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

Motion/Vote - 10:00 AM

- Move Out of Closed Session

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Cheryl Mitchell, Auditor Lacey Hart, and County Counselor John Housley.

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter entertained a motion to move out of Closed Session.

The Commission at the request of Sheriff McNeil voted to employ Mr. Mike Robertson, Mr. Joe Weber, Mr. Ron Hartman and Ms. Amy Russell to assist him in the reorganization of the Sheriff's Department during his nine weeks in office.

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

Motion/Vote - 10:05 AM Andy Marmouget-KPM CPA's & Advisors

Discussion - Closed Session-Per 610.021 Sub Section 17-Discussion with Auditor

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Cheryl Mitchell, Auditor Lacey Hart, County Counselor John Housley, Sheriff Dwight McNeil

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter entertained the motion to go into closed session.

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

Motion/Vote -

- Move Into Open Session

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Cheryl Mitchell, Auditor Lacey Hart, County Counselor John Housley, Sheriff Dwight McNeil

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter entertained a motion to go into open session.

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

Motion/Vote - 10:30 AM Dwight McNeil-Sheriff

Discussion - Department Update

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Julia Maples, Sheriff McNeil, Council John Housley, Amelia Wigton-Headliner News, Ms. Judy Dollarhite, 911 Director Rance Duffy, Linda Barger-Emergency Management

The Commission met with Sheriff McNeil to discuss the Sheriffs Department update.

Sheriff began by stating:

- 1: Discussed the retained services of Mr. Weber, how he addressed immediate concerns with jail practice violations. As of Friday we are in complete compliance with jail standards.
- 2: He had a meeting with the sheriff's department regarding the jail standards with prisoner process.
- 3: ICE and Marshall service has been reviewed, and the agreement we have with them was appropriate therefore no changes were needed to be made.
- 4: The County Sheriff's staff issues in regard to the Jail need to be corrected. Staff issues are a problem; we don't have enough staff scheduled accordingly, however the matter will be resolved and corrected in the next 24 hrs.
- 5: Sheriff McNeil found out that a prisoner is hospitalized due to a self inflicted injury, the prisoner is being cared for at the counties expense.
- 6: As for the sheriff's department turn over; one reason is due to the low salaries, also turn overs are attributed to the moral within the sheriff's department which was low, also a need is to communicate with the officers in an orderly manner regarding prisoners. Commissioner Weter asked is the cat walk guard rail adequate? Sheriff McNeil they are, he noted Mr. Weber can evaluate and later address the commission if they so choose to.

Commissioner Weter asked will the 24 hour hold effect prison population? Sheriff McNiel stated no, the statute provides warrant to process, and there's no investigation done, plus the prisoner can be released on bond, we don't have to hold 24 hrs based on what an officers says, its not our place to decide if guilty or not. We are responsible for prisoners well being if kept in jail. A report is in the process for all changes within the sheriff's department and will be provided in Mr. Weber's assessment.

7: The training schedules have been cancelled and will be rescheduled. Command staff schedules are made with the understanding that they are to respond to calls if officers are out on a call in progress. Commissioner Weter asked if the law enforcement staffing level compensation is adequate? Sheriff McNiel added that a sense of belonging is needed in the department, and the salaries should be raised for our officers, we have lost some last week and with the changes in progress we need to consider the reserve officers who dedicate their time and are not compensated for anything. We need to explore supplying them with equipment and vehicles that are in safe working order, which do need to be updated. Sheriff McNiel noted that he was in a vehicle today and experienced an unsafe issue about the car that needs to be fixed. A volunteer fleet coordinator is needed to maintain all aspects of the vehicle maintenance and we have someone who will provide the service on a pro bono basis, and Sheriff McNiel intends to bring him back. Current Dodge Chargers are not dependable vehicles, and Ford Flex is a better vehicle. The next sheriff will be informed regarding the matter, and improvement on the fleet vehicles will cut down the cost and be safe to drive. The process will take time and is an expense. Sheriff McNiel suggested capturing some of the money that's not been accounted for and possibly utilized that.

Commissioner Weter asked if the communication between law enforcement in the municipalities strained. Sheriff McNiel was of the opinion that more contact between County Law Enforcement and Municipal law Enforcement would help.

Commissioner Weter addressed in past we have had trouble with the paper trail on repairs made on the vehicles that are not itemized. Sheriff McNiel responded that we have addressed the matter that more detail from the officers are required when services are done, also another change made that information will need to be completed before any work is done on the vehicles, unless of course an emergency occurs.

8: Sheriff McNiel said for the record today he will be contacting the Missouri Senators to get rid of the MRAP in Ozark, he stated that we can use the money else were. We will share with Nixa's MRAP if need be. The savings will be a lot considering the cost of maintenance.

Ms. Dollarhite asked how much are we paying the consultant for services? Commissioner Weter stated \$4,500.00. Ms. Hart said all consultants services are estimated to be approximately \$35,000.00 total cost for 3 months service.

Ms. Judy Dollarhite thanked the Sheriff for his efforts, and asked about the matter regarding the uniform change. Sheriff McNiel said the uniforms will remain the same.

9: Sheriff McNeil also noted the vehicles dark window tint will be removed.

10: There are steps in the process to rebuild trust with the community, and boosting moral in the Sheriff's department is paramount. Mr. Rance Duffy, County 911 Director, said we need more staff process calls, reports, etc.. Sheriff McNeil responded there is a lack of structure in scheduling and staffing, and we need Corporals to assist on calls for service, we all will be responding to calls if needed. The accountability will be improved as well. Mr. Duffy said we need to be more effective in calls for help.

11: Sheriff McNeil noted that the press release will be made this afternoon, and he will be stating to the press that a letter to Senators will be sent regarding getting rid of the armored carrier.

Commissioner Weter said we will see Sheriff McNeil each week for updates. Sheriff McNeil stated he hopes to see a positive response with the changes. Commissioner Barnett asked Sheriff McNeil if he communicated with the Billings people. Sheriff McNeil replied that has already been scheduled for next week. Commissioner Childers stated we appreciate all of Sheriff McNeil's efforts in the sheriff's department. Sheriff McNeil stated we will have a much better atmosphere. Commissioner Weter concluded the meeting.

Motion/Vote - 11:30 AM Todd Wiesehan-Planning & Development

Right of Way Dedication - Right of Way-Nicholas Road C-2

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Cheryl Mitchell, Todd Wiesehan Planning & Development

The Commission met with Mr. Wiesehan about the Right of Way-Nicholas Road C-2

Mr. Wiesehan began by describing the proposed Right of Way acquisition on Nicholas road.

Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to accept the Right of Way-Nicholas Road C-2

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

Motion/Vote - 11:40 AM Todd Wiesehan-Planning & Development

Right of Way Dedication - Right of Way-Martins Branch Road C-1

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Cheryl Mitchell, Todd Wiesehan Planning & Development.

The Commission met with Mr. Wiesehan regarding the Right of Way-Martins Branch Road C-1

The intent is to increase the Right of Way 50 ft..

Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to accept the Right of Way proposal as presented.

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

Motion/Vote - 11:43 AM Todd Wiesehan-Planning & Development

Right of Way Dedication - Right of Way-Elm Grove Road C-1

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Cheryl Mitchell, Todd Wiesehan Planning & Development.

The Commission met to discuss the Right of Way on Elm Grove Road in C-1

Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to accept the Right of Way-Elm Grove Road acquisition as proposed.

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 11:44 AM

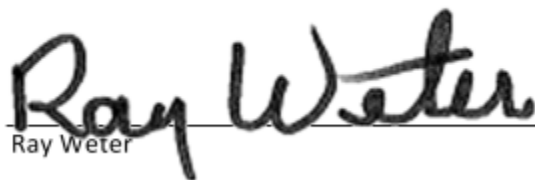
The Commission is adjourned till Monday June 15, 2015.

Motion/Vote - 11:44 AM

- Motion

Commissioner Weter set 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

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