



# Christian County Commission

100 West Church St, Room 100  
Ozark, MO 65721

January Term

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Wednesday, January 6, 2016

10:30 AM

The Christian County Courthouse

## I. Convene

The meeting was called to order at 10:55 AM by Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ray Weter	Presiding Commissioner	Present	10:55 AM
Bill Barnett	Western Commissioner	Present	10:55 AM
Sue Ann Childers	Eastern Commissioner	Present	10:55 AM
Nikki Thiessen	Assistant	Present	10:55 AM
Ashley Hannah	Secretary	Present	10:55 AM

## II. Agenda

### **Motion/Vote - 10:55 AM Christian County Commission**

Discussion - Approve Agenda

Attendees: Assistant Nikki Thiessen, and Assistant Ashley Hannah.

The Commissioners were involved in a off-premise Board of Adjustment meeting that ran long, resulting in a 25 minute delay in today's Commission meeting.

Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to approve the agenda for January 6, 2016.

<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 - 10:56 AM Kay Brown-Christian County Clerk**

Minutes & Financials Approval - Approve Minutes and Financials

Attendees: Assistant Nikki Thiessen, Assistant Ashley Hannah, Auditor Lacey Hart, and County Clerk Kay Brown.

Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to approve the minutes for December 22, 2015.

<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 -**

Approve Minutes and Financials

The minutes for December 21, 2015 were reviewed and requires an addendum regarding the decision made during session to transfer \$323,000.00 to COLE. This was reconsidered at later date and modified to \$200,000.00.

Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to approve the minutes with an addendum for December 21, 2015.

<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 - 11:01 AM Christian County Commission**

Discussion - Vote of Support by Citizen Request on HWY A/BB and HWY 65 Intersection  
Attendees: Assistant Nikki Thiessen, Assistant Ashley Hannah, Auditor Lacey Hart, and County Clerk Kay Brown.

Citizens of the County have a concern with the Hwy A/BB and Hwy 65 intersection regarding the school bus's inability to safely transport children. The vote by the Commission today is not required to allow the citizens to address MoDOT with their concerns, but a request by the citizens as a show of support.

Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to support the citizens and school board members in their discussions with MoDOT.

<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 - 11:01 AM Kay Brown-Christian County Clerk**

Discussion - Revised Statute 58.700.2

Attendees: Assistant Nikki Thiessen, Assistant Ashley Hannah, Auditor Lacey Hart, County Clerk Kay Brown, Treasurer Karen Matthews, and Amelia Wigton.

Paragraph 2 of the statute was addressed. Ms. Brown said that as a First Class County, a decision must be made by the Commission whether to retain the Office of Coroner or appoint a County Medical Examiner. A decision must be documented in the minutes in order for the County Clerk to place it on the ballot for election in 2016.

Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion for the County to continue with a County Coroner in 2016.

<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 - 11:00 AM Kay Brown-Christian County Clerk**

Budget Discussion and Decisions - Budget Discussion

The meeting was attended by Assistant Nikki Thiessen, Assistant Ashley Hannah, Auditor Lacey Hart, County Clerk Kay Brown, Treasurer Karen Matthews, Amelia Wigton and Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles.

Ms. Brown presented a prepared spreadsheet to the Commission regarding her budget and the justification for salary increases for her office staff. She highlighted that her budget for elections has been reduced to the lowest in several years due to a \$19,000.00 reduction from 2015 canvass, decrease in mileage and training, and awards of grant money totaling \$47,000.00 that she is not taking from General Revenue. She is asking the Commission to reconsider the denied increases for three of her staff members as other office holders provided their staff with increases in 2015 and 2016.

Presiding Commissioner Weter addressed Ms. Brown's request by reminding her that during the pay increases in 2015, they discussed the sustainability of those increases and the possible effect that would have on 2016 increases.

The Commission will likely consider a standard for increases going forward and stated that some office holders operate under a statute that prevents the Commission from reducing that office's budget, allowing increases to be dispersed with no input from the Commission.

Commissioner Childers assured Ms. Brown that they would of liked to have provided wage increases to all of the County Clerk's staff, just as the Collector's office received increases, but it's not the same issue.

The decision made on December 28, 2015 to regarding the salaries for three employees in the County Clerk's office will stand.

**III. Adjournment**

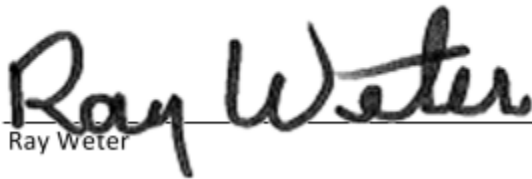
The meeting was closed at 11:15 AM

**Motion/Vote -**

Adjourn

The County Commission completed the scheduled meeting for today and will resume session on January 7, 2016.

<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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