



# Christian County Commission

100 West Church St, Room 100  
Ozark, MO 65721

January Term

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~ Minutes ~

Thursday, March 31, 2016

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
Kay Brown	County Clerk	Present	8:50 AM
Ashley Hannah	Secretary	Present	8:50 AM
Rachel Hankins	Assistant	Present	8:50 AM

## II. Agenda

### **Motion/Vote - 8:50 AM Christian County Commission**

Discussion - Approve Agenda

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Ashley Hannah.

Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to approve the agenda for Thursday March 31, 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 - 8:55 AM Kay Brown-Christian County Clerk**

Minutes & Financials Approval - Approve Minutes and Financials

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Ashley Hannah.

Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to approve the closed minutes for March 17, 2016.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [2 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Barnett, Western Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ray Weter, Presiding Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Ray Weter, Bill Barnett
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Sue Ann Childers

### **Motion/Vote -**

Motion to approve March 24, 2016 Minutes

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Ashley Hannah.

Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to approve minutes for March 24, 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 -**

Motion to Approve Court Order #03-31-2016-01

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Ashley Hanna.

Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to approve CART Court Order #03-31-2016-01 in the amount \$115,720.00.

<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 -**

Financials

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Ashley Hannah.

The County Commission discussed two financial issues.

Discussion was held about a resolution declaring intention to reimburse project expenditures in regards to a possible Justice Center Expansion. The Certificate of Participation would allow for up front money to be reimbursed by bond money.

County Commission previously had ordered a transfer of funds from LEST & COLE in the amount of \$75,000.00 to the Sheriff. The Treasurer was upset by the transfer of funds requested by the Sheriff.

Presiding Commissioner Weter said the Commission acted on what the Sheriff needed.

**Motion/Vote - Phil Amtower-EMA**

Discussion - Tornado Drill Debriefing

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Ashley Hannah, Robert Palmer, Barbara Stillings Circuit Clerk, Amelia Wigton, Linda Barger, and Phil Amtower.

Phil Amtower, EM Director & Assistant Linda Barger appeared before the Commission to present a synopsis of conclusions drawn from the recent tornado drill.

Phil said everything went well except for our phone numbers showing up on caller ID's without a message left, the

tornado sirens didn't go off in Ozark, Nixa's did, the All Page and the Swift 911 worked. The only source of contention is in the Judicial building, where the Sheriff doesn't want people in his offices.

Presiding Commissioner Weter said if it is a F5 tornado, allowances must be made.

Phil said the jail staff will be aware of the tornado warning and will open the door for anyone needing shelter but recommended Todd have a key to the Justice Center.

Barbara Stillings shared her concerns for a tornado on the day court is held and the increased number of citizens in the Justice Center.

Presiding Commissioner Weter asked if there are any other concerns or improvements needed other than the emergency lights that didn't work?

Linda Barger said the employees said there was lawn equipment that impeded traffic and loose boards with protruding nails that were stored in the basement.

Presiding Commissioner Weter said we need to follow up on the emergency lights that didn't work and remove all hazards in the basement such as: lawn equipment and loose boards with protruding nails.

Commissioner Childers asked if there will be another drill?

Phil said his next plan will be to give training by department to handle an active shooter.

Presiding Commissioner Weter asked how would you train to prepare for an active shooter?

Linda said it will be a slow process giving mini training sessions to each department.

Phil said at first it will be a generic procedure.

**Motion/Vote - 10:00 AM Christian County Commission**

Discussion - Historic Courthouse Renovation Progress Report

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Ashley Hannah, Jared Younglove Paragon Architecture, Mary Argiso, Judy Dollarhite, Robert Palmer, Amelia Wigton Reporter for Christian County Headliner News, Miranda Beadles, Lieutenant Ralph Phillips, Judge Laura Johnson, Cindy Childress, Treasurer Karen Matthews, Steve Maples, Captain Thomas Koch, Barbara Stillings and Prosecuting Attorney Amy Fite.

The County Commission met with Jared Younglove to discuss the Historic Courthouse Renovation Report.

Presiding Commissioner Weter said after reviewing the plans he would propose we choose Option 1.

Presiding Commissioner Weter asked Ralph Phillips to give a Security Analysis of the Historic Courthouse to utilize the existing Courtroom.

Lieutenant Phillips and Judge Johnson discussed the options of using the Courtroom for “Out of Custody Cases” that are non-criminal. Lieutenant Phillips recommended that the number of entrances to the Courthouse be reduced to one and all other doors would be used to exit only. Lieutenant Phillips said additional manpower is needed to secure the building. He wants to take a pro-active approach to security.

Jared said the future renovation of the Prosecutor’s office will be approximately 1.1 million and estimated completion would be mid-2017.

Presiding Commissioner Weter said the proposed cost for all renovations: the Prosecutor’s building - \$4.15 million, Historic Courthouse renovation - \$300,000, Judicial Center renovation \$1.1 million. The new property tax levy has an estimated amount of \$700,000.00-\$750,000.00 per year, will help pay for the renovation.

Presiding Commissioner Weter has concern for recent legislation proposed by Senator Wasson and Representative Hoskins, if not successful, the County could lose about \$300,000.00.

Presiding Commissioner Weter asked those present for any additional comments.

There were ideas exchanged such as Teleconferencing hearings to minimize security issues.

Karen Matthews was concerned where her office would be and the proposed office renovations for the elected officials that occupy the Historic Courthouse.

Jared briefly described the layout of the preliminary proposed plans.

Presiding Commissioner Weter said these are preliminary plans and not a forum; this is a time for public comment.

Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to approve the temporary Courtroom project and authorize Paragon to continue renovations.

<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 -**

Motion for Roll Call Vote

Presiding Commissioner Weter called for a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter (Yes); Eastern Commissioner Sue Ann Childers (Yes); Western Commissioner Bill Barnett (Yes).

Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to proceed with the Temporary Courtroom Renovation.

<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 - 10:45 AM Christian County Commission**

Discussion - Approval of Revised Policy Manual

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Ashley Hannah, , Mary Argiso, Judy Dollarhite, Robert Palmer, Amelia Wigton Reporter for Christian County Headliner News, Miranda Beadles, Treasurer Karen Matthews, Brent Young.

Presiding Commissioner Weter said we will continue with the regular session regarding Revisions to the Policy Manual that were previously discussed.

The following revisions were made to the Employee Manual:

January 2, 2016 - Transfer Policy between offices.

February 22, 2016 - Code of Ethics we need to be proactive regarding financial disclosure report.

February 25, 2016 - Grievance Procedure.

March 16, 2016 - Employee Salary Change form.

A revision was made to the Purchasing Policy Manual on March 1, 2016, page 9 regarding requisitions.

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter called for a motion to approve the revisions to be added to the Employee and Purchasing manuals.

<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

**Policy Manual Revisions Discussion**

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter asked for comments and discussion regarding the revisions to the policy manuals.

Karen expressed her dismay with the new salary change form particularly the words "to the best of my knowledge" and what happens if they go over their budget.

Presiding Commissioner Weter said it's on the Office Holder and in January you can't predict what's going to happen in October.

Karen asked what about the 3 departments left out of the statutes, what happens if we have extra money in our budgets?

Presiding Commissioner Weter said it gets swept back into the general revenue.

Karen asked once our budget is given to us, isn't it ours to do with what we want?

Commissioners' Weter and Barnett said for those offices we still use the old forms, maybe you should consult with our attorney.

**Motion/Vote - 11:35 AM Christian County Commission**

Discussion - Closed Session-Real Estate-Per Statute 610.021 Subsection 2

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Ashley Hannah, County Counselor John Housley.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter (Yes); Eastern Commissioner Sue Ann Childers (Yes); Western Commissioner Bill Barnett (Yes).

<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 - Christian County Commission**

Discussion - 2871 :Move into Open Session from Closed Session

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Ashley Hannah, County Counselor John Housley.

Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to move into open session.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter (Yes); Eastern Commissioner Sue Ann Childers (Yes); Western Commissioner Bill Barnett (Yes).

<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

**III. First Adjournment**

**Motion/Vote - 1:15 PM**

Adjourn

Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to adjourn.

<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 - 1:20 PM Christian County Commission**

Discussion - 2871 : Emergency Session

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Ashley Hannah, County Clerk Kay Brown, County Counselor John Housley and Attorney Todd Johnson.

Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to move into Emergency Closed Session Litigation per Statute 610.021.1 RSMo.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter (Yes); Eastern Commissioner Sue Ann Childers (Yes); Western Commissioner Bill Barnett (Yes).

<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 - Christian County Commission**

Discussion - 2871 :Emergency Closed Session Litigation Per Statute 610.021.1

The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Ashley Hannah, County Clerk Kay Brown, County Counselor John Housley and Attorney Todd Johnson.

Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to move into Emergency Closed Session Litigation per Statute 610.021.1 RSMo.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter (Yes); Eastern Commissioner Sue Ann Childers (Yes); Western Commissioner Bill Barnett (Yes).

<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 - 2:10 PM Christian County Commission**

Discussion - 2871 : Move into Open Session from Emergency Closed Session

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The meeting was attended by Commission Secretary Ashley Hannah, County Clerk Kay Brown, County Counselor John Housley and Attorney Todd Johnson.

Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to move into open session.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter (Yes); Eastern Commissioner Sue Ann Childers (Yes); Western Commissioner Bill Barnett (Yes).

<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 - 2:10 PM**

Final Adjournment

Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to adjourn.

<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



The Treasurer is hereby ordered to pay the following entities:

RECEIVED  
 NR  
 MAR 24 2016  
 10:36  
 KAY BROWN  
 COUNTY CLERK

March 2016 Cart

January 2016 Term

RECEIPT: 26521			
DATE: March 21, 2016			
AMOUNT RECEIVED		295-420-221	115,720.00
			Check #
BRIDGE		15.00%	17,358.00
	ROAD MILES		
COMMON 1	297.51	29.67%	34,334.12
COMMON 2	280.69	27.99%	32,390.03
BILLINGS SPECIAL	103.25	10.30%	11,919.16
GARRISON SPECIAL	24	2.39%	2,765.71
OZARK SPECIAL	102.97	10.27%	11,884.44
SELMORE SPECIAL	27.5	2.74%	3,170.73
SOUTH SPARTA SPECIAL	11.1	1.11%	1,284.49
STONESHIRE SPECIAL	5.3	0.53%	613.32
TOTAL ROADS	852.32	100.00%	98,362.00
TOTAL BRIDGE			17,358.00
TOTAL DISBURSED			115,720.00

*Ray Weter*  
 Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter

*Sue Ann Childers*  
 Eastern Commissioner Sue Ann Childers

*Bill Barnett*  
 Western Commissioner Bill Barnett

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Commission, at my office in Christian County this, the 31st day of March, 2016.

*Kay Brown*  
 Clerk of the County Commission

Attachment: Court order 3-31-2016-1 (2867 : Approve Minutes and Financials)