



Christian County Commission

100 West Church St, Room 100
Ozark, MO 65721

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October Term

~ Minutes ~

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

9:20 AM

The Christian County Courthouse

I. Convene

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 AM by Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter

A. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ray Weter	Presiding Commissioner	Present	9:20 AM
Ralph Phillips	Eastern Commissioner	Present	9:20 AM
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	9:20 AM
Krista Cronin	Deputy Clerk	Present	9:20 AM
Ashley Hannah	Secretary	Present	9:20 AM

II. Agenda

Motion/Vote - 9:20 AM Christian County Commission

Discussion - Approve Agenda

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter noted the presence of a quorum, and then entertained a motion to approve the agenda for today, January 4, 2017, as published.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hosea Bilyeu, Western Commissioner
SECONDER:	Ray Weter, Presiding Commissioner
AYES:	Ray Weter, Ralph Phillips, Hosea Bilyeu

Motion/Vote - 9:25 AM Kay Brown - Christian County Clerk

Discussion - Approve Minutes & Financials

Attendees: Perry Barnes - Chief Juvenile Officer and Jared Roderick - Chief Deputy Juvenile Officer

Late Arrival: Amelia Wigton - Christian County Headliner

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter entertained a motion to approve the regular session minutes from December 22, 2016, and December 29, 2016. Because both the Western and Eastern Commissioners were replaced on January 1, 2017, Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter was the only member of the Commission that was present at those meetings. He cast his two votes to approve the minutes for those dates.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [1 TO 0]
MOVER:	Ray Weter, Presiding Commissioner
AYES:	Ray Weter
ABSTAIN:	Ralph Phillips, Hosea Bilyeu

Motion/Vote -

Approve Minutes

Attendees: Perry Barnes - Chief Juvenile Officer and Jared Roderick - Chief Deputy Juvenile Officer, Amelia Wigton - Christian County Headliner

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter entertained a motion to approve the emergency session minutes from January 3, 2017.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hosea Bilyeu, Western Commissioner
SECONDER:	Ray Weter, Presiding Commissioner
AYES:	Ray Weter, Ralph Phillips, Hosea Bilyeu

Motion/Vote - Ashley Hannah, Christian County Commission

Budget Discussion and Decisions - Budget Discussions

The Commissioners began meeting with office holders to discuss their proposed budgets for 2017.

Motion/Vote - 9:30 AM Perry Barnes - Christian County Chief Juvenile Officer

Discussion - Budget Discussion

Attendees: Perry Barnes - Chief Juvenile Officer and Jared Roderick - Chief Deputy Juvenile Officer, Amelia Wigton - Christian County Headliner

Late Arrival: Todd Wiesehan - Planning and Development Administrator, Gary Perkins

Presenters Perry Barnes and Jared Roderick with the Juvenile Department met with the Commissioners to discuss and present their proposed budget for 2017. They noted that they'd like to be more proactive in the community by touching base with parents, school districts, counselors, as well as check in with juveniles currently on probation. He noted that they're operating about four people short currently. Their proposed budget for 2017 is estimated at a 33% increase over 2016. Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter suggested instead of purchasing two Tahoe's at once the Juvenile office could purchase one Tahoe, sell the truck, purchase a sedan, and then phase in the second Tahoe at a later time.

Motion/Vote - 10:00 AM Todd Wiesehan - Christian County Planning & Development

Discussion - Budget Discussion

Attendees: Todd Wiesehan - Planning and Development Administrator, Amelia Wigton - Christian County Headliner, Gary Perkins

Presenter Todd Wiesehan with Planning and Development met with the Commissioners to discuss and present his proposed budget for 2017. Mr. Wiesehan requested a 3% salary increase for his four employees, and wants to help his Senior Planner to obtain her AICP Certification.

Motion/Vote - 10:35 AM Barb Stillings - Christian County Circuit Clerk

Discussion - Budget Discussion

Attendees: Gary Perkins, Amelia Wigton - Christian County Headliner, Barb Stillings - Christian County Circuit Clerk

Presenter Barb Stillings with the Circuit Clerk's office met with the Commissioners to discuss and present her proposed budget for 2017.

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter noted that the common theme between budgets seemed to be that postage had exceeded what their estimate was. Eastern Commissioner Ralph Phillips asked Ms. Stillings to explain juror expenses, and asked about phone expenses increasing.

Motion/Vote - 11:00 AM Phil Amtower - Emergency Management

Discussion - Budget Discussion

Attendees: Phil Amtower - Emergency Management, Callie Rainey and Eric Redus with KOLR-10 News, Gary Perkins, Amelia Wigton - Christian County Headliner

Presenter Phil Amtower with Emergency Management met with the Commissioners to discuss and present his proposed budget for 2017. Mr. Amtower said that Ms. Barger's, Ms. Mitchell's, and his salary are all eligible for 50% reimbursement through the Federal Emergency Management Performance Grant. He also noted that Swift 911 is eligible for reimbursement, and that \$55,000 is their true cost to run Emergency Management. Mr. Amtower said that he needs to update the software for Swift 911 as well as renew the maintenance agreement on the I.D. Card machine. He asked for a raise for Ms. Barger and Ms. Mitchell.

Motion/Vote - 11:30 AM Amy Fite - Christian County Prosecutor

Discussion - Budget Discussion

Attendees: Amy Fite - Christian County Prosecutor, Callie Rainey and Eric Redus with KOLR-10 News, Gary Perkins, Amelia Wigton - Christian County Headliner

Presenter Amy Fite, Christian County Prosecuting Attorney, met with the Commissioners to discuss and present her proposed budget for 2017. Ms. Fite noted that the bad check funds are diminishing because people aren't writing as many checks and businesses aren't accepting checks as much as they used to. Ms. Fite noted that she is anticipating a 1% raise that will go into effect mid-year, and by state statute salaries cannot be refused. Ms. Fite presented the Commission with salary ranges obtained online and said that her employees are underpaid based on the work they do. She would like to retain her employees, and she can accomplish this by correctly compensating the employees she has. Ms. Fite said she would like to fund the salary increases she's requesting

through the LEST fund. Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter said this is possible because the fund has a \$65,000 carry-over, but asked Ms. Fite what will happen if that fund doesn't have a carry-over in 2018. Ms. Fite said she will have her employees sign an agreement that their wage increase may decrease in 2018 if there isn't a carry-over.

III. Adjournment

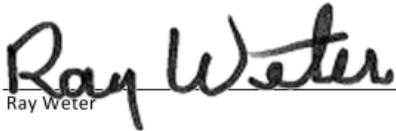
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Adjournment

Attendees: Amy Fite - Christian County Prosecutor, Callie Rainey and Eric Redus with KOLR-10 News, Gary Perkins, Amelia Wigton - Christian County Headliner

Presiding Commissioner Ray Weter said seeing no further business we are adjourned.

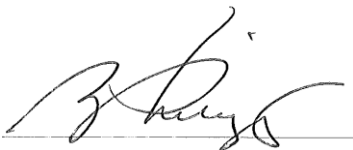


Presiding Commissioner, Ray Weter



Hosea Bilyeu

Western Commissioner, Hosea Bilyeu



Ralph Phillips

Eastern Commissioner, Ralph Phillips