



Christian County Commission

100 West Church St, Room 100
Ozark, MO 65721

January Term

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~ Minutes ~

Monday, February 6, 2017

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
Ralph Phillips	Eastern Commissioner	Present	8:50 AM
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	8:50 AM
Krista Cronin	Deputy Clerk	Present	8:50 AM
Malinda Young	Secretary	Present	8:50 AM

II. Agenda

Motion/Vote - 8:50 AM Christian County Commission

Discussion - Approve Agenda

Presiding Commissioner Weter noted the presence of a quorum, and then entertained a motion to approve the agenda for today, February 6, 2017 as published.

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

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

Minutes & Financials Approval - Approve Minutes and Financials

Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to approve the regular session minutes from January 31, 2017.

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

Motion/Vote - 8:57 AM

Approve Minutes

Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to approve the regular session minutes for February 2, 2017 as published. There are no financials to discuss.

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

Motion/Vote - 9:00 AM Beth Schaller-MoDOT

Monthly Update - MoDOT Monthly Update

Attendees: Beth Schaller - Area Engineer for MoDOT, Miranda Beadles - Highway Engineer, Todd Wiesehan - Planning and Development

Presenter Beth Schaller met with the Commission to give her MoDOT monthly update. Ms. Schaller said that the MoDOT is planning reconstruction of pavement on Highway 65 between Kearney and Sunshine Streets, and that they're planning on shutting down sections of Highway 65. She said that she's assuming construction will start in May and go through October, and the expectation is that all of Highway 65 will be open on holidays. Ms. Schaller then mentioned upcoming projects in Nixa and Ozark, as well as the possibility of making Highway 160 a 6-lane. She then talked about the possibility of putting an interchange at Route AA. Eastern Commissioner Phillips asked about the volume of traffic at Highways 14 and W. Ms. Schaller said that she would look into that, and said that she's sure they have counts at that location that indicates a light is warranted, but they tend to look more at roundabouts as a solution first, rather than lights. Western Commissioner Bilyeu suggested to Ms. Schaller that he'd like to see a way of communicating that there's upcoming and ongoing construction happening, particularly for tourists traveling to our area from out of state. Western Commissioner Bilyeu mentioned that he's received a call from some people in the Spokane area that have expressed concern about the A and BB sections on Highway 65. He talked about the known expense, and asked if there was a solution, possibly by having something in place that would alert drivers coming north and south on Highway 65 that there were vehicles at A or BB. Ms. Schaller answered yes, that she's got some funding freed up to take the flashers they have now and configure them to do just that. She said that she doesn't know when it will happen, but the funding is in place. Ms. Schaller noted that in Ozark Highways 14 and Business 65 will be converted to 5-lane, and they're partnering with the City of Ozark to make improvements to the signals at NN, as well as at the intersection of Selmore and Highway 14. She also mentioned that in Nixa they are looking at improving sections West and East of 160, and they've partnered with Nixa for intersection improvements on Tracker and Northview. Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to enter Ms. Schaller's comments into the minutes of this meeting.

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

Motion/Vote - 10:00 AM Brad Cole-Christian County Sheriff

Monthly Update - Bid Renewal-Keefe Commissary
Attendees: Captain Richard Ramage, Sheriff Brad Cole

The Commissioners met with presenters Sheriff Cole and Captain Ramage to discuss the bid renewal with Keefe Commissary Group. Sheriff Cole asked the Commissioners to consider renewing the contract currently in place with Keefe Commissary Group. He said that they have new equipment that is working very well, it's saving man-hours for jail staff, and they'd like to renew that contract. Western Commissioner Bilyeu moved to exercise their option to renew their contract with Keefe Commissary Group another year.

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

Motion/Vote - 10:15 AM Lacey Hart-Christian County Auditor

Monthly Update - Monthly Update
Attendee: Auditor Lacey Hart

Presenter Lacey Hart, Auditor, presented her monthly update report for the month of December, 2016. Presiding Commissioner Weter asked Ms. Hart to talk about the difference between use tax and titling. Miss Hart answered that she recalls what the state did for entities that don't have a use tax was to enact a titling fee instead of a use tax. Presiding Commissioner Weter asked Ms. Hart if they were to address these two taxes differently, would they have to have two separate ballot issues? Ms. Hart answered that she would say yes, but would defer to County Counselor Housley on the definite answer to that question. There was then discussion on the funds received for Civil Process. Ms. Hart said when you look at what the County spends on behalf of the Sheriff's department it is well above the funds we receive for Civil Process. Western Commissioner Bilyeu asked Ms. Hart to begin documenting and tracking this going forward. Ms. Hart then read from the portion of her report stating that "Although there may have been delays in reimbursement from other Governmental units for sources of revenue intended as a reimbursement of expenditures, a delay in the filing of reports has been a significant contributing factor to the delay in receiving funds." Eastern Commissioner Phillips then asked who is responsible for filing the reports mentioned. Ms. Hart answered the Clerk of the Court as well as the Sheriff's department, and said that there's a lot of factors involved. Presiding Commissioner Weter asked Ms. Hart, "So, the Sheriff wasn't entirely at fault?". Ms. Hart answered that the Sheriff's office has had their own shortcomings, and she's trying to say that filing reports late has consequences and needs to be watched for. Ms. Hart said that it's been recommended that the County come up with a policy for that, and right now her understanding from the Treasurer is State money is being held up, and although reports have been filed the State has run out of money to send out. Auditor Hart then read from her report, "For 2017 the Sheriff is not budgeting any funds to reimburse the Commissary despite the recommendation of the Budget Officer". Eastern Commissioner Phillips asked Ms. Hart

who the budget officer is. Ms. Hart answered, "the budget officer is the Auditor". Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to enter the Auditor's report into the record.

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

Motion/Vote - 11:30 AM Josh Warren-Paragon Architecture

Discussion - Change Order Request #10/Trotter Construction Pay Application #3

Attendees: Josh Warren - Paragon Architecture

The Commission met with presenter Josh Warren of Paragon Architecture to discuss Change Request #10 and Pay Application #3. Mr. Warren presented the Commissioners with a packet outlining the details of Change Request #10. He said that the change order is construction driven, and the total amount is \$4,054.62. He explained the details of the change order, including outfitting the exit doors with a non-battery electric connection, paint in the Judge's office, and installing light fixtures and switches in the Treasurer's waiting room. Mr. Warren said that he's advised the Judicial staff that the courtroom is ready to use today, but the noise from remodeling might be a deterrent. There was then discussion about levels of security and how the Historical courthouse will be accessed by employees and visitors. Presiding Commissioner Weter asked Mr. Warren if our new cost was in fact \$397,983.36. Mr. Warren answered yes, but he hasn't heard of any more needs or changes and he's hoping this is the last change order he will have to present. Presiding Commissioner Weter said fair or unfair, public opinion is running against Paragon Architecture for all of these change orders. Mr. Warren apologized, and said they are taking measures moving forward to make sure to keep everyone involved accountable. Presiding Commissioner Weter said we've basically built a facility that could serve as a circuit courtroom. Mr. Warren said yes, you're correct. Presiding Commissioner Weter said it affects my thinking about what we're going to do down the street. There was discussion about the new judicial facility and how adjustments would be made through continuous contact and sign-offs with the commissioners and end-users before construction starts to avoid change orders. Presiding Commissioner Weter said he's not signing anything until we've got everything as nailed down as it can be, even if it's 2018. He said it doesn't look like a first-class courtroom, but it can function as one, and that wasn't the intent starting out. He said we've spent all this money on a courtroom, and I'm asking myself why we're spending money on more courtrooms. Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to vote in the affirmative to proceed with the approval process for Change Order Request #10.

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

Motion/Vote - Ashley Hannah, Christian County Commission

Agreement - Pay Application #3

Attendees: Josh Warren - Paragon Architecture

Presiding Commissioner Weter said that we have an Application and Certificate for Payment submitted by Trotter Construction, LLC. He said we've previously payed \$137,078.11 and they are requesting payment in the amount of \$51,182.44. Mr. Warren said this is for the pay period of December 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016, and the reason the Commission is receiving it now is because he was waiting on wage reports from Trotter Construction, LLC. Presiding Commissioner Weter entertained a motion to approve the Application and Certificate for Payment to Trotter Construction, LLC in the amount of \$51,182.44.

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

III. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 12:06 PM

12:06 PM

Adjourn

Attendees: Josh Warren - Paragon Architecture

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



Ray Weter

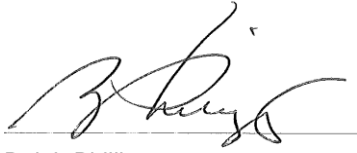
Presiding Commissioner, Ray Weter



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Western Commissioner, Hosea Bilyeu

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Ralph Phillips

Eastern Commissioner, Ralph Phillips