



Christian County Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Christian County Commission met in regular session at:

The Historic Christian County Courthouse

100 W. Church Street, Room 100

Ozark, Missouri, 65721

on **August 1, 2019** at **9:25 a.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Ralph Phillips	Presiding Commissioner	Present	9:25 a.m.	11:26 a.m.
Mike Robertson	Eastern Commissioner	Present	9:25 a.m.	11:26 a.m.
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	9:25 a.m.	11:26 a.m.
Krista Raleigh	Executive Assistant	Present	9:25 a.m.	11:26 a.m.
Ida Hutcheson	Assistant to the Commission	Present	9:25 a.m.	11:26 a.m.

Attendees: Dr. Pam Duitsman, HR Director Amber Bryant, County Counselor John Housley, Rance Burger with the Christian County Headliner, Diane Stalder, Chelsey Sullins, Angela Jenkins, BJ Tanksley, Walt Martens, Joe Pitts, Robin Farmer, Jim Billedo, Brian Smith, Violet Roller, Wesley Roller, Cindy Bilyeu

A quorum was established. Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve all items listed on the consent agenda, which included approval of Christian County Commission's regular session agenda for today, August 1, 2019 with an amendment so as to strike the "Emergency Repair/Purchase of A/C Equipment" item (as there is no longer need to address it), as well as approval of Christian County Commission's regular session minutes from July 29, 2019. There are no financials to address. Listed in the consent agenda are CC Links (SB 40) Board reappointments. The reappointments include Jim Vetter, Terri Crouse, Dr. Lisa Christiansen, and Stacey Connell. Their new terms will expire August 1, 2022. Eastern Commissioner Robertson so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

Aye: Phillips, Robertson, Bilyeu. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The Commission met with presenter Amber Bryant, Christian County HR Director, in regards to HR Policy. Ms. Bryant presented policy regarding County-issued credit cards, and noted that the Auditor and the Treasurer had both reviewed the policy. Discussion was held, and Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the Human Resources policy regarding county-issued credit cards as presented by HR Director Amber Bryant. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Eastern Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion.

Aye: Phillips, Robertson, Bilyeu. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The Commission met with Dr. Pam Duitsman of MU Extension regarding a MU Extension update. Dr. Duitsman presented her report. Discussion was held regarding the upcoming census, and it was stressed how important it is that the census be accurate so that funding is not lost. It was noted that as much access as can be provided be available to the public, as a lot of the information will be gathered online. Western Commissioner Bilyeu inquired as to it would be possible to set up volunteers with computer kiosks to help people that are not comfortable with utilizing the internet. Dr. Duitsman noted that Chrome Books have been donated, and she plans to set up computers in her office as well as at five different branches of the Christian County Library. Western Commissioner Bilyeu suggested that tables may be set

up at a public location, such as Walmart (if they would be open to providing the space). Further discussion was held, and Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to accept the MU Extension update as presented by Dr. Pam Duitsman. Eastern Commissioner Robertson so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

Aye: Phillips, Robertson, Bilyeu. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The Commission met for a discussion regarding Senate Bill 391 and the modification of provisions relating to agricultural operations. Counselor John Housley spoke with the Commission and gave a brief legislative history of the bill.

Counselor Housley said that since the Governor signed this bill the amendment to Section 192.300 will take effect on August 28, 2019. The effect of SB 391 was to add an additional limitation on the statutory authority of County Commissions and County Health Center Boards to promulgate orders or regulations that tend to enhance public health by prohibiting any orders of the County Commission that would: "Impose standards or requirements on any agricultural operation and its appurtenances, as such term is defined in Section 537.295, that are inconsistent with or more stringent than any provision of this Chapter or Chapters 260, 640, 643, and 644, or any rule or regulation promulgated under such chapters."

Previously, County Commissions were prohibited by statute from adopting Orders to enhance public health if they were in conflict with any rules made by the Department of Health and Senior Services. SB 391 goes further to limit a County Commission's ability to impose standards on "agricultural operation and its appurtenances", that are more stringent than those set forth in Chapter 537 and 4 other Chapters. The phrase "agricultural operation" is defined in Section 537.295 as any facility used in the production or processing for commercial purposes of crops, livestock, swine, poultry, livestock products, swine products, or poultry products." CAFO's are considered within the ambit of Chapter 537.

The language of subparagraph 2 which was added to Section 192.300 prohibits the County Commission from imposing any "standards or requirements" on agricultural operations that are more stringent than any provisions in Section 537 and subsequent chapters referenced therein. In my opinion this would include County Commission Orders which adopt zoning regulations or building codes which regulate agricultural operations in the unincorporated areas of Christian County, in a manner that are more stringent than provided by Chapter 537 or the other chapters of the Revised Statutes of Missouri mentioned in Section 192.300(2).

Public comments were then taken. Discussion was held, and the Christian County Commission determined that they currently have in effect health ordinances, zoning regulations, and/ or building codes which apply to CAFO's that align with state law. Since that is the case, there is nothing more for us to do at this point in time. In addition, it was determined that if the Commission wanted to amend current zoning regulations, there is a statutory time line and would take approximately ninety (90) days from beginning to end. This would exceed the August 28, 2019 deadline.

Western Commissioner Bilyeu moved that the Commission encourage the Health Department Board of Trustees and the Planning and Zoning Department to immediately consider the need for possible changes to our regulations to provide greater protection for the health and well-being of the citizens of Christian County. Presiding Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion.

Aye: Phillips, Bilyeu. Nay: Robertson. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.



Date: 08-05-2019

Eastern Commissioner

Mike Robertson



Date: 8-5-2019

Presiding Commissioner

Ralph Phillips



Date: 8-5-19

Western Commissioner

Hosea Bilyeu