



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 19, 2019** at **8:25 a.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Ralph Phillips	Presiding Commissioner	Present	8:25 a.m.	9:43 a.m.
Mike Robertson	Eastern Commissioner	Present	8:25 a.m.	9:43 a.m.
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	8:25 a.m.	9:43 a.m.
Krista Raleigh	Executive Assistant	Present	8:25 a.m.	9:43 a.m.

Attendees: Building and Maintenance Supervisor Richard Teague, Auditor Amy Dent, Judge Laura Johnson, Judge Kruse, Rhonda Purvis, Prosecutor Amy Fite, Chief Juvenile Officer Perry Barnes, Jared Roderick, Victoria Puga, Gerald Chambers and Chris Bauman with the Ozark School District, Brian Teems, Chelsey Sullins, HR Director Amber Bryant, Captain Koch, Lt. Duryea, Sam Shaumann, John Stratmann, Randy Guerin, Jim Spencer, Jeremy Wallen, Cody Hull

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 19, 2019 as published, as well as approval of Christian County Commission's regular session minutes from August 15, 2019. There are no financials to address. 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 Perry Barnes, Chief Juvenile Officer, in regards to a new position. Judge Johnson began the presentation by saying that the courts and the juvenile office have been working for several months in collaboration with the Ozark School District to begin a diversion court pilot program. The purpose of the program is to divert students who would normally find themselves in the Juvenile office into this program so that the courts would work closely with the families of the students to address attendance and behavioral issues. She said Judge Kruse has volunteered to handle this program, and Prosecutor Amy Fite is in support.

She then outlined the details of the program, saying that students with 80% or less attendance who are not succeeding academically will be selected by the school district for participation in diversion court. The program will involve the entire family, who will meet with Judge Kruse twice a month. Staffing sessions will be held before court, and representatives from the school district will be in attendance. The students will be required to meet goals, and failure to cooperate could lead to other sanctions. The family will be in the program for six months to a year.

Chief Juvenile Officer Barnes noted that the program allows the courts to be proactive, and not reactive, and allows the Juvenile Office to address the same youth that would typically come to his office. He noted that it is their goal that this Juvenile Officer would be dedicated completely to the school district, and wouldn't be utilized for other Juvenile Officer duties.

Funding was then discussed. Chief Juvenile Officer Barnes noted that they would receive grant funding through Youth Services, as well as through reimbursement by the Ozark School District. He said that Ozark Schools has offered to finish out the budget for this year and next calendar year in order to reimburse the County for this position. Judge Laura Johnson said that the position would come at no cost to the County, and said that after 2021, assuming that the program is a success, the plan is that they would continue to fund the position. Chris Bauman agreed, and said they would be willing to fund this throughout the program. Officer Barnes said that he's confident that grant funding will be available for the program.

Judge Kruse said that they want to pool as many resources together as they can, and noted that they may potentially work with Burrell Health.

Judge Johnson requested approval of a new juvenile officer with the understanding that the County will be reimbursed for the position by Ozark School District.

Judge Kruse noted that there is currently a memorandum of understanding being circulated by the school district. Presiding Commissioner Phillips said that the document should be reviewed by the Commission and by Counselor Housley.

It was noted that the Juvenile Officer would be officed in the school district and there wouldn't be any duplication of at-risk programs. Auditor Dent asked for reassurance that this position would be fully-funded, and would include funding of uniforms, workman's compensation, etc., and also inquired as to what the officer would do when school was not in session. Judge Kruse answered that she would still hold court for the families during the summer, and the officer would be tasked with checking on the families and students throughout the year.

It was asked why this position would be needed instead of a school resource officer. Officer Barnes said that a Juvenile Officer has more access to information and is able to carry a weapon, and an SRO doesn't have that option.

It was noted that the memorandum of understanding would need to have clear language about holiday pay, PTO, uniforms, insurance, etc. Presiding Commissioner Phillips said that more discussion will be needed before a decision can be made, and noted that the Commission would like to have a copy of the memorandum of understanding for review. This item will be readdressed on Monday, August 26, 2019 at 8:25 a.m. No further action was taken.

The Commission met with representatives from the Christian County Soil and Water Conservation District in regards to a request for funding. Discussion was held, and Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to continue the County's annual commitment of \$10,000.00 to the Christian County Soil and Water Conservation District. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Eastern Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion.

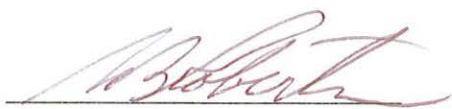
Aye: Phillips, Robertson, Bilyeu. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The Commission met in regards to a bid opening for a building maintenance shop. No bids were received. Purchasing Agent Krista Raleigh and Building and Maintenance Supervisor Richard Teague noted that this was the second solicitation, and numerous vendors were contacted for each solicitation. Mr. Teague noted that he would like to contact individual companies to receive quotes. Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve giving Building and Maintenance Supervisor Richard Teague the ability to search for vendors and receive quotes to build this

shop pending approval of Counselor Housley. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Eastern Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.



Date: 08-21-2019

Eastern Commissioner

Mike Robertson



Date: 8-22-2019

Presiding Commissioner

Ralph Phillips



Date: 8-20-19

Western Commissioner

Hosea Bilyeu