

## **Christian County Commission**

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

The Historic Christian County Courthouse

100 W. Church Street, Room 100

Ozark, Missouri, 65721

On March 25th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

## MEETING MINUTES

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	9:00 a.m.	9:48 a.m.
Ralph Phillips	Presiding Commissioner	Present	9:00 a.m.	9:48 a.m.
Mike Robertson	Eastern Commissioner	Present	9:00 a.m.	9:48 a.m.
Madi Hires	Executive Administrative Assistant	Present	9:00 a.m.	9:48 a.m.

Attendees (Commission Chambers and secondary room): Cindy Childress, Collector Ted Nichols, Assessor Danny Gray, County Clerk Kay Brown, Treasurer Karen Matthews, Maintenance Supervisor Richard Teague, Sheriff Brad Cole, Captain Koch, Human Resources Director Amber Bryant, Resource Management Director Todd Wiesehan, EMA Director Phil Amtower, Rance Burger with the Christian County Headliner, Lynn Morris

A quorum was established. Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included Christian County Commission's emergency agenda for today, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as published, Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Christian County Commission's emergency session minutes dated March 17<sup>th</sup>,2020, Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated March 19<sup>th</sup>,2020( regular & COVID-19 meeting), certified court order no. 03-20-2020-01, and an emergency purchase by maintenance for the jail. Eastern Commissioner Robertson so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met for a COVID-19 update regarding amending their previous order passed on March 19th, 2020 limiting interactions of persons to groups of 10 or less. The Commission discussed that this new order would be to help stop the transmission of COVID-19. Western Commissioner Bilyeu stated that he respected the opinion of anyone who felt this order was wrong to do, that it may be too serious, but the goal of reducing the transmission rate to as close to zero as possible is the main focus. The collapse of our healthcare system is at stake; the only way to protect that is to radically control the transmission rate of this disease.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve order no. 03-25-2020-01 the Stay at Home Order and Exhibit A which would go into effect at 12:01a.m. on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Eastern Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion.

Western Commissioner Bilyeu inquired if travel papers were required under this order. Presiding Commissioner Phillips replied that they are not.

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

The Commission met to discuss the possible closure of the courthouse to the general public. Presiding Commissioner Phillips encouraged everyone to spend today making strategic plans on how to address this best in their individual offices/departments. Assessor Danny Gray said its important for people to understand that we are still open for business, but right now we just have to conduct that business through telephone, email and fax. Western Commissioner Bilyeu added that the words we use in this directive are important; we want to limit the general public accessing the building, we are not shutting down governmental facilities. He emphasized that clarity is kindness, especially in this situation. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Date: 4-2-20

Hosea Bilyeu Western Commissioner Date: 4.2.20

Ralph Phillips Presiding Commissioner Date:04 02 2010

Mike Robertson Eastern Commissioner