



## 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 **May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 8:55 a.m.**

### MEETING MINUTES

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	8:55 a.m.	10:02 a.m.
Ralph Phillips	Presiding Commissioner	Present	8:55 a.m.	10:02 a.m.
Mike Robertson	Eastern Commissioner	Present	8:55 a.m.	10:02 a.m.
Madi Hires	Executive Administrative Assistant	Present	8:55 a.m.	10:02 a.m.

Attendees: Judge Laura Johnson, Judge Jennifer Growcock, Cindy Childress, Human Resources Director Amber Bryant, Purchasing Agent Krista Raleigh, County Clerk Kay Brown, Maintenance Supervisor Richard Teague, Collector Ted Nichols, Ashley Hannah, Resource Management Director Todd Wiesehan

A quorum was established. Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included Christian County Commission's agenda for today, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 as published, and Certified Court Order No. 05-212020-01. There were no minutes to approve. Eastern Commissioner Robertson so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met to discuss the use of County property, specifically the courtroom in the Historic Courthouse and the newly purchased property on Highway 14 in Ozark. Presiding Commissioner Phillips said the current pandemic has brought up several concerns in regards to the space limitation the Commission has for those who wish to attend meetings. The thought of utilizing the former courtroom on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse appeared to be good utilization of the space as court hasn't been held there in over a year. Judge Johnson noted that it was still a current courtroom and would need to be maintained as such in the event it would need to be used in judicial proceedings. She had no objection to the space being utilized as long as it was noted court proceedings would take precedence.

Judge Johnson noted the courts having to use out-of-the-box plans for an upcoming jury trial by possibly using an offsite jury selection site. An arrangement with the Ozark School District will allow the courts to utilize their buildings so they can stay within guidelines set forth by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the Missouri Supreme Court. Jury selection can see typically anywhere from 80-100 potential jurors to undergo questioning and screening. The current guidelines limit 14 people to be present in a courtroom at one time (including courtroom staff) and all unrelated persons to be spaced 6 feet apart; the Christian County courtrooms just don't have the space to accomplish this. Judge Johnson said we'll have to come up with more space than that. Unfortunately, it creates a logistical difficulty for everybody.

The Commission continued discussion of the newly purchased property on Highway 14 in Ozark. Presiding Commissioner Phillips noted that departments like EMA (Emergency Management) are out of space and suggested this as a possible option for the future of their department. He also noted that 911 was needing additional space and this new property might be able to house both entities. Possession of this property will take place on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

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The Commission met with Human Resources Director Amber Bryant for an update to the Pandemic Policy. Ms. Bryant said that the County can not prevent an employee from traveling, but we can ask for a 14-day quarantine upon return if employees travel to high risk areas. She proposed requiring a travel request form, only for high risk areas within the U.S., travel outside the U.S., cruises etc. that way they can be monitored. Those traveling to moderate risk areas would not require a travel request form. This form would serve as mainly a formality to track anyone traveling to high risk areas to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to other employees. Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the policy update as presented. Eastern Commissioner Robertson so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

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

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The Commission met with County Clerk Kay Brown for a bid decision on sneeze guards. Clerk Brown requested additional time on a decision as neither option would be available for the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Election. Clerk Brown will return Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> for a bid decision. No action was taken.

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The Commission met with Purchasing Agent Krista Raleigh and Ashley Hannah for a bid opening for stormwater pipes & culverts. Three bids were received, Harry Cooper Supply, Viebrock Sales & Service and Metal Culverts. A bid tab will be created for review and a bid decision is planned for Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. No action was taken.

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The Commission met with Purchasing Agent Krista Raleigh and Ashley Hannah for a bid opening for roadway striping. One bid was received from RF Sealing & Striping. The bid will be reviewed and a bid decision is planned for Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. No action was taken.

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9:45 a.m.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to enter into closed session per RSMo 610.021.3 (Personnel) by means of roll call vote. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Eastern Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

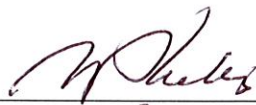
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The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.



Date: 5-28-20

Hosea Bilyeu  
Western Commissioner



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Ralph Phillips  
Presiding Commissioner



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Mike Robertson  
Eastern Commissioner