



## 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 **May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.**

### MEETING MINUTES

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	8:00 a.m.	8:19 a.m.
Ralph Phillips	Presiding Commissioner	Present	8:00 a.m.	8:19 a.m.
Mike Robertson	Eastern Commissioner	Present	8:00 a.m.	8:19 a.m.
Madi Hires	Executive Administrative Assistant	Present	8:00 a.m.	8:19 a.m.

Attendees: County Clerk Kay Brown, Assessor Danny Gray, Collector Ted Nichols, Recorder Kelly Hall, Treasurer Karen Matthews, 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 emergency session agenda for today, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as published, Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020, Christian County Commission's closed session minutes per RSMo 610.021.3 (Personnel) dated May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. There are no financials. 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 discussion. Presiding Commissioner Phillips noted that he found out late in the day that the Governor is extending the State's order through June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. He sees that we as a County have several options: let our current order expire and follow the State's order, decide to open facilities for public use with Office holders having the discretion for their own offices, or the County can amend the existing order. He stated there are advantages and disadvantages to letting our current order expire as the surrounding cities have the option to implement their own. The most important thing is that everyone is comfortable with what we are doing. If the Courthouse is opened again to the public, each individual office holder has control over their environment.

Resource Management Director Todd Wiesehan presented an amended Exhibit A noting the only key differences being changes public gathering limitations and places of worship. Places of worship will only be required to follow social distancing and cleaning guidelines in accordance with the CDC. Occupancy limits for personal care services and non-essential businesses would remain the same at 25% or less of the entity's authorized fire or building code (less than 10,000 square feet) and 10% or less of the entity's authorized fire or building code (10,000 square feet or more). Public gatherings are amended from 20 or fewer persons to 50 or fewer persons.

County Clerk Kay Brown inquired about the opening of the courthouse to the public, specifically related to Elections as tomorrow is Absentee Saturday. If the courthouse is closed to the general public, they will have to utilize curbside voting for anyone needing to absentee vote. As there are only 4 staff members in the office currently it could cause issues as two staff members are required for each person curbside voting. In addition, judges will be picking up their election equipment tomorrow so the office cannot be left unattended.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve order no. 05-29-2020-01, amending the previous order (05-01-2020-01) and amended exhibit A, as well as the opening of the County facilities to the public effective at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Eastern Commissioner Robertson so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

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


The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 a.m.

  
Date: 5-4-20

Hosea Bilyeu  
Western Commissioner

  
Date: 6-4-2020

Ralph Phillips  
Presiding Commissioner

  
Date: 05-04-2020

Mike Robertson  
Eastern Commissioner