



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 6th, 2020** at **7:55 a.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	7:55 a.m.	9:49 a.m.
Ralph Phillips	Presiding Commissioner	Present	7:55 a.m.	9:49 a.m.
Mike Robertson	Eastern Commissioner	Present	9:44. am.	9:49 a.m.
Madi Hires	Executive Administrative Assistant	Present	7:55 a.m.	9:49 a.m.

Attendees: Auditor Amy Dent, Cindy Childress, Judge Laura Johnson, Circuit Clerk Barb Stillings, Human Resources Director Amber Bryant, Chelsey Sullins, Rance Burger with the Christian County Headliner, Trevor Croley and Michelle Brown with Croley Insurance, Kevin Robertson
Via Phone: Judge Jessica Kruse

A quorum was established. Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included Christian County Commission's agenda for today, August 6th, 2020 as published, Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated July 30th, 2020, Auditor Dent's monthly report and MU Extension's monthly updates. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Presiding Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Judge Laura Johnson for a 2021 budget meeting. Judge Johnson presented her proposed 2021 budget for Division I and Division II (fund 101-121 & 101-122). She noted that the primary difference between 2020 and 2021 budgets would be the increase driven primarily by legal fees and other juvenile fees. As juveniles and often their parents both need representation it solely based on how many cases the County will see. There has been a trend of child abuse and neglect cases this year and they expect that trend to increase when school is back in session as many hotline calls are by mandated reporters. Judge Jessica Kruse gave a brief explanation to the Commission regarding the rise in child abuse and neglect cases in relation to an increase in fees. In 209 the courts say 57 abuse and neglect cases the entire year, this year the courts are at 56 cases as of July. This change often makes it difficult to properly budget. Auditor Dent asked Judge Johnson if she knew of any other mandated changes coming to the court system. Judge Johnson noted that juveniles would now be including 17-year old children, which will most likely increase fees again. This change won't happen until the start of 2021.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion approve the 2021 proposed budget for Division I & II as presented. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Presiding Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Circuit Clerk Barb Stillings for a 2021 budget meeting. Clerk Stillings presented her proposed 2021 budget consolidated courts and law library (fund 101-110 & 269). Clerk Stillings discussed some of the changes in her upcoming budget, including notes on the changes due to COVID-19. She also noted the desire to hire part-time employees to help finish the project of removing old files from the Historic Courthouse. Auditor Dent noted these employees would need to be contract labor not County employees. Discussion was held.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the proposed 2021 budget for consolidated courts (fund 101-110) as presented. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Presiding Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion.

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

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the proposed 2021 budget for the law library (fund 269) as presented. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Presiding Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Trevor Croley and Michelle Brown from Croley Insurance for a quarterly review. Mr. Croley noted that the review would be brief and they hoped to discuss how to move forward with open enrollment this fall. The most telling part of the review was the medical loss ratio comparison (2019 vs2020). Currently the County shows a 117.52% loss ratio compared to 86.98% at this time last year. Human Resources Director Bryant noted that the County currently has several employees out on FMLA, the most she has ever seen at one time. Discussion was held.

Mr. Croley suggested the option of a benefit administrative system for open enrollment instead of in person classes. Director Bryant noted that a recent sexual harassment prevention training was 100% compliant and the County utilized small in person classes and a zoom option; she would prefer to keep in person meetings, just decrease the class size.

No action was taken.

The Commission met with Auditor Amy Dent for the award for transparency software. This is a sole source award and after publishing the notice for over 10 days the County will be rewarding ClearGov. The contract will be for 1 year with the option to renew.


Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the contract award for transparency software to ClearGov pending Counselor Housley's approval. Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the proposed 2021 budget for consolidated courts (fund 101-110) as presented. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Presiding Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion.

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

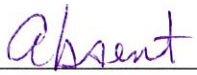
The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.



Date: 8-10-20
Hosea Bilyeu
Western Commissioner



Date: 8/10/2020
Ralph Phillips
Presiding Commissioner



Date: _____
Mike Robertson
Eastern Commissioner