

## **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 October 1st, 2020 at 8:45 a.m. MEETING MINUTES

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	8:45 a.m.	10:19 a.m.
Ralph Phillips	Presiding Commissioner	Present	8:45 a.m.	10:19 a.m.
Mike Robertson	Eastern Commissioner	Present	8:45 a.m.	10:19 a.m.
Madi Hires	Executive Administrative Assistant	Present	8:45 a.m.	10:19 a.m.

Attendees: Purchasing Agent Krista Raleigh, Auditor Amy Dent, Human Resources Director Amber Bryant, Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles, Collector Ted Nichols, Treasurer Karen Matthews, Assessor Danny Gray, County Clerk Kay Brown

A quorum was established. Presiding Commissioner Phillips noted that one (1) item will be removed from today's agenda; Employee of the Quarter. This item has been rescheduled for Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included Christian County Commission's agenda for today, October 1st, 2020 as published, Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated September 24th, 2020, Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated September 28th, 2020 and Christian County Commission's closed session minutes per RSMo 610.021.3 (Personnel). There are no financials. Eastern Commissioner Robertson so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met for a COVID-19 update along as a proposed mask order. Presiding Commissioner Phillips noted that the new free County testing facility facilitated through EMA is see a 24% rate of positive cases, an increase from the previous week's 8% positive rate. Human Resources Director Bryant added that 7 County employees tested positive in the Month of September. Today's masking order will be asking those who enter County buildings to mask for the safety of themselves and employees. Discussion continued.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the masking order as stated (Order No. 10-01-2020-01). Eastern Commissioner Robertson so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Recorder Kelly Hall for her quarterly report. Recorder Hall presented her report. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

The Commission met with County Clerk Kay Brown her quarterly report. Clerk Brown presented her report, noting how busy her office currently is as absentee voting for the Presidential Election started on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Since September 22<sup>nd</sup> the Clerk's office has processed 2,344 absentee requests as well 569 absentee voters. Discussion continued. No action was taken.

The Commission met via phone with Dr. Duitsman with MU Extension, for a monthly update. Dr. Duitsman presented her report. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

The Commission met with Assessor Danny Gray for his quarterly report. Assessor Gray presented his verbal report. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

The Commission met with Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles and Purchasing Agent Krista Raleigh for recommendation of award for a commercial lawnmower for the highway department. A bid tabulation was presented. Administrator Beadles recommended award to WCT Farm & Lawn as they were tied with the lowest bid but gave the highest trade in value for the current mower.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to award WCT Farm & Lawn for the commercial lawnmower. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Eastern Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles and Purchasing Agent Krista Raleigh for recommendation of award for surplus equipment from the highway department. A bid tabulation was presented. Discussion was held.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to award surplus equipment from the highway department was presented in the bid tabulation. Eastern Commissioner Robertson so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Human Resources Director Amber Bryant for a legal services contract. MeM our current provider does not offer the same legal services that MPR (Midwest Public Risk) previously did. Director Bryant contacted Attorney Matt Gist who is a Human Resources law specialist and inquired about providing this service to the County. The presented contract will be for his services rendered.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the agreement as presented pending review by County Counselor John Housley. Eastern Commissioner Robertson so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

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

10:05 a.m.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to enter into closed session per RSMo 610.021.1 (Litigation) by means of roll call. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Eastern Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Date: \_10-8

Hosea Bilyeu

Western Commissioner

Date: 10/8/2026

Ralph Phillips Presiding Commissioner Date: 10:09:217=

Mike Robertson Eastern Commissioner

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