



## 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 **March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021** at **8:55 a.m.**

### MEETING MINUTES

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	8:56 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
Ralph Phillips	Presiding Commissioner	Present	8:55 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
Lynn Morris	Eastern Commissioner	Present	8:55 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
Madi Hires	Executive Administrative Assistant	Present	8:55 a.m.	10:20 a.m.

Attendees: Maintenance Director Richard Teague, Purchasing Agent Sarah Schafer, Auditor Amy Dent, Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles, Human Resources Director Amber Bryant, Krista Raleigh, Prosecuting Attorney Amy Fite

A quorum was established. Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included the Christian County Commission's agenda for today, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as posted, and the appointment of Mike Evans to the South Sparta Special Road District. Eastern Commissioner Morris so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles for presentation of the contract for GIS based software. Administrator Beadles recommended award to the number one (1) ranked vendor, PubWorks. The proposal is within the budget allotment for this year and the contract has been reviewed and signed by Counselor Housely.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve contract with PubWorks for GIS based software as recommended by Administrator Beadles Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Eastern Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met to discuss Commission meeting and office space. Presiding Commissioner Phillips noted that as our County grows and with the risk of COVID-19, the Commission showing signs of outgrowing their current office space is more pressing. As the chambers currently are, we have a hard time accommodating large meetings. Being proactive, Presiding Commissioner Phillips wishes to open discussion on possible solutions to the noted problems.

Two suggested options would be to expand the existing office space on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, creating a large chamber and additional office space or to utilize the courtroom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor more regularly and adjust existing office space on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor as needed. The Commissioners noted situations that might arise, such as the need for an additional judge when the County's population hits 100,000 and the need for another courtroom being utilized, possibly the Historic Courtroom. The need to have an updated chamber that can utilize technology for those who are not physically present and office space that allows growth and the Commissioners to be housed in one area instead of separate floors.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips inquired if Eastern Commissioner Morris would reach out to Judge Laura Johnson to discuss the Commission utilizing the Historic Courtroom for Commission meetings and making the discussed updates.

Auditor Dent noted that there is a deadline if any CARES funding will be utilized for a project. Human Resources Director Bryant noted that the project, whatever is decided, could be pre-paid to meet deadlines.

No action was taken.

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The Commission met to discuss face coverings in County buildings, Order No. 10-01-2020-01. Presiding Commissioner Phillips noted when this order was placed back in October the number of cases was increasing, especially employee cases and local municipalities were taking the same precautions. He added that we have a vaccine now and case numbers are low; is this order something we want to continue or change?

Western Commissioner Bilyeu noted that if the mandate in our buildings is not going to be enforced (referencing those who wear a mask improperly) then perhaps we should let it expire and just encourage those who wish to wear masks to continue doing so. Eastern Commissioner Morris agreed with Commissioner Bilyeu's message and noted that local municipalities are beginning to let similar orders expire or be repealed. He mentioned a candidate running for Ozark Mayor mentioning Ozark's being repealed when he takes office. Prosecutor Fite added that her staff members are fatigued with the masking and this could be a positive choice, encouraging the mask wearing instead of mandating it. Presiding Commissioner Phillips noted it could be a morale booster for all employees.

Let it be noted that the Courts will still be operating under the Missouri Supreme Courts and therefore masks or face coverings will continue to be required in public court areas and during all court proceedings.

Western Commissioner Bilyeu moved to drop Order No. 10-01-2020-01 for all County facilities, under the purview of the Commission at end of business on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Eastern Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Purchasing Agent Sarah Schafer for recommendation of award for County wide office supplies. Three (3) bids were received from Quill, Admiral Express and Office Depot. Purchasing Agent Schafer recommended award to all vendors, to give the County the best options.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the recommendation by Purchasing Agent Schafer and award to all three vendors for County wide office supplies. Eastern Commissioner Morris so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

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

9:41 a.m.

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

Roll Call Vote

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

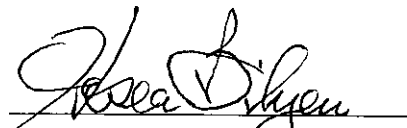
10:19 a.m.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to leave of closed session and resume regular session per RSMo 610.021.3 (Personnel) by means of roll call. Eastern Commissioner Morris so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

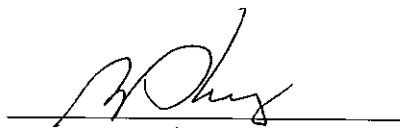
Roll Call Vote

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

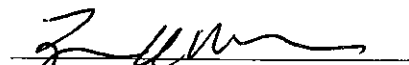
The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

  
Date: 4-1-2021

Hosea Bilyeu  
Western Commissioner

  
Date: 4/1/2021

Ralph Phillips  
Presiding Commissioner

  
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