



Christian County Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Christian County Commission met in regular session at:

The Resource Management Building

1106 W. Jackson St.

Ozark, Missouri, 65721

On **May 3rd, 2021** at **8:55 a.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	8:59 a.m.	10:35 a.m.
Ralph Phillips	Presiding Commissioner	Present	8:55 a.m.	10:35 a.m.
Lynn Morris	Eastern Commissioner	Present	8:55 a.m.	10:35 a.m.
Madi Hires	Executive Administrative Assistant	Present	8:55 a.m.	10:35 a.m.

Attendees: Auditor Amy Dent, Judge Laura Johnson, Human Resources Director Amber Bryant, Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles, Circuit Clerk Barb Stillings, Chief Juvenile Officer Perry Barnes, Sheriff Brad Cole, Maintenance Supervisor Richard Teague, Terry Kitterman, Jacob Irvin and Chad Rohrer with Hambey Construction, Jim Viebrock, and Cody Viebrock

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, May 3rd, 2021 as posted, and the Auditor's Monthly Report. There are no minutes or financials. Eastern Commissioner Morris so moved. Presiding Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Jacob Irvin and Chad Rohrer from Hambey Construction and Maintenance Supervisor Richard Teague to continue discussion of possible building modifications to the Historic Building, specifically the Commission office and chamber. In a previous meeting, Mr. Irvin presented a budgetary proposal showing the breakdown of costs with a final amount not to exceed \$751,589.00; with an included \$50,000.00 contingency. Mr. Irvin and Mr. Rohrer presented a PowerPoint to the Commission with a detailed breakdown of each phase of the projects.

Demolition would be completed in two phases, allowing for new ADA compliant restrooms to be constructed on the west side of the first floor prior to the existing restrooms on the south side of the first floor to be demolished. Demolition Phase 1 (including labor and equipment) is listed at \$43,250.00 and Demolition Phase 2 is listed at \$53,710.00.

IT Consolidation & Fiber Relocation is listed at \$70,786; this includes the entire Historic Courthouse being re-wired for phone and data, and all new cabling installed comes with a 25-year warranty. The bulk of this project would be completed during normal business hours. The equipment relocation would happen on a weekend/after hours to minimize interruption to normal business.

Additional line items included: Electronics Installation and Security Relocation (\$60,750.00) for all audio/visual equipment for the Commission Chamber, relocation of surveillance equipment and existing cameras; Chamber Stage/Doors & Trim (\$74,400.00); Framing, Drywall & Ceilings (\$68,200.00) allowing for all new metal stud framing in new walls, new sheetrock and new ceiling gridwork tiles; Paint, Cabinetry, Countertops & Flooring (\$74,250.00); Restroom Hardware etc. (\$33,250.00); Plumbing (\$24,944.00); HVAC (\$48,174.00); Electrical (\$57,400.00); Fire Alarm System (\$6,075.00); Window & Masonry work (\$18,900.00 – to change an existing south facing door into a window).

The Commission thanked Mr. Irvin and Mr. Rohrer for their hard work and detailed presentations.

Judge Laura Johnson noted that the IT Consolidation/Fiber Relocation portion of the project would be a huge benefit to the entire Courthouse.

Eastern Commissioner Morris noted that this project is long overdue, that something needs to be done, but the Commission needs to ensure the funding falls in line. Presiding Commissioner Phillips noted that the Commission could do nothing, they could proceed with the renovation as presented with the Auditor's approval, they could relocate to the second floor (to utilize the Historic Courtroom), or possibly plan new construction of a free-standing structure on the newly purchased land. He also noted that he wanted to be cautious with whatever decision is made. CARES funds to him is still considered taxpayer money. Western Commissioner Bilyeu inquired of Auditor Dent, in a worst-case scenario, if the full project balance does not fall within CARES funding or is denied, could the Commission draw from reserves? Auditor Dent replied that there is currently \$6 million in reserves (approximately 10 months of County operating costs), and if necessary, the reserves could be drawn from.

Western Commissioner Bilyeu inquired of Judge Johnson if using the Historic Courtroom, rather sharing the space would be an option. Judge Johnson stated that she has certainly always indicated that sharing the space is something she is happy to do, but there is one looming issue regarding the possibility of adding a fifth judge if the County's population hits 100,000. In the event of a fifth judge being added, the availability of the space will certainly lessen. Presiding Commissioner Phillips said to be clear, there is no way to tell how many attendees the Commission meetings might have. In the best interest of the taxpayer, the 2nd floor space should be considered a chamber space, but able to accommodate a hearing etc. for the courts; we need a consistent space as our chamber. Judge Johnson additionally stated that the second-floor courtroom has always been a courtroom space and will continue to be a courtroom space. Working cooperatively to provide space, if needed to the Commission is something that can be done, perhaps a written memorandum to spell out the expectations of that space would be beneficial.

Western Commissioner Bilyeu suggested that the issue at hand be settled swiftly, adding that the Auditor needs time to review the figures presented today and additional options. No action was taken.

The Commission met to recognize the week of May 9th – 11th, 2021 as National Economic Development Week, with a presented proclamation.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the proclamation as presented. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Eastern Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Resource Management Director Todd Wiesehan for a rezoning hearing. Mr. Wiesehan presented case no. 2021-0038 (with attached order no. 05-03-2021-01), the applicant being Cody Viebrock. The 8.5 acres of property located at along N. US Highway 60 between the highway and the railroad line is currently zoned as A-1 (Agriculture District), rezoning request is for C-2 (General Commercial District). Director Wiesehan noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the request and voted unanimously to recommend approval of this request.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve case no. 2021-0038 as presented, regarding a request for a zoning change. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Eastern Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

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


The Commission met with Chief Juvenile Officer Perry Barnes for a proposal for a reserve juvenile officer program. Chief Barnes presented to the Commission a memorandum requesting a reserve deputy juvenile officer as well as reasoning why this program would benefit the County. Discussion was held. Western Commissioner Bilyeu asked that this new information be discussed with needed parties and revisit this proposal at a later date. No action was taken.

10:34 a.m.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to amend the consent agenda to include approval of Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated April 23rd, 2021; Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated April 26th, 2021; and Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated April 29th, 2021. Eastern Commissioner Morris so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.



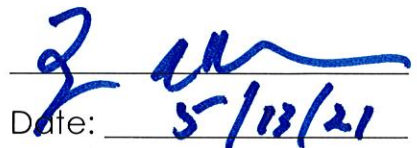
Date: 5-13-21

Hosea Bilyeu
Western Commissioner



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Ralph Phillips
Presiding Commissioner



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