



## Christian County Commission

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

The Christian County Historic Building  
 100 W. Church St. Second Floor Courtroom  
 Ozark, Missouri, 65721

On **May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021** at **8:55 a.m.**

### MEETING MINUTES

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	8:55 a.m.	9:34 a.m.
Ralph Phillips	Presiding Commissioner	Present	8:55 a.m.	9:34 a.m.
Lynn Morris	Eastern Commissioner	Present	8:56 a.m.	9:34 a.m.
Madi Hires	Executive Administrative Assistant	Present	8:55 a.m.	9:34 a.m.

Attendees: Karla Jenkins, Judge Jennifer Growcock, Maintenance Supervisor Richard Teague, Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles, Circuit Clerk Barb Stillings, Terry Kitterman, Jacob Irvin and Chad Rohrer with Hambey Construction, Judge Laura Johnson, Resource Management Director Todd Wiesehan, Captain Koch, Collector Ted Nichols, Human Resources Director Amber Bryant, Shawn Latimer, and Nathan Jones with PCnet.

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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as amended. There are no minutes or financials. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Presiding Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion.

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

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The Commission met for a final discussion regarding the building modification of the Commission chamber and office space. Presiding Commissioner Phillips opened the floor for discussion or comments, adding that the quote provided by Hambey Construction for this renovation expires tomorrow, Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Western Commissioner Bilyeu noted he has great faith in Auditor Dent and her recommendation that funds are available if the project should move forward. He referenced an email Auditor Dent sent showing the total amount of the project that would be deducted from general revenue; totaling approximately \$366,031.00, after parts of the projects are submitted for either CARES or ARPA funding. Western Commissioner Bilyeu stated that doing this project (the 1<sup>st</sup> floor renovation) will supply a long-term solution as occupying the Historic Courtroom only serves as a short-term solution.

Eastern Commissioner Morris noted that the Commission has a choice to do a major renovation to get what is needed. When the initial project quote came in, it was viewed as a negative as everyone thought a lesser figure, although now knowing there is access to general revenue funds the total impact is significantly less. He also thinks the various projects would be a good use of CARES funding. He added that whatever decision is made he is on either side, he will support either motion.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips noted that he is personally opposed to any decision that would take funds out of discretionary general revenue funds, citing concerns towards the failing bridges in the County. Adding that using existing space to accommodate everyone's needs is in the best interest of everyone. Western Commissioner Bilyeu inquired of Highway Administrator Beadles if there is a bridge fund to help address the failing bridges in the County, Administrator Beadles replied yes.

Western Commissioner Bilyeu said that the decision to proceed or not proceed with this renovation is a willingness to do it, not a philosophical decision. He believes we can do this project and still leave a reserve fund better than most counties.

Western Commissioner Bilyeu moved that the Commission should move forward with the plan presented by Hambey Construction to renovate the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Historic Courthouse to make the Commission office and chamber a more usable space. Eastern Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

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

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The Commission met to discuss the Riverside Bridge property. Presiding Commissioner Phillips noted that this piece of property has been something the County has sought getting rid of due to liability purposes. There are limitations with what the property can be used for and it's been discussed previously that selling or donating the land would be in the best interest of the County. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

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The Commission met with Shawn Latimer and Nathan Jones from PCnet to discuss cybersecurity services for the County. Mr. Latimer presented two quotes to the Commission; quote 007555 listed cybersecurity services for the Sheriff's and Prosecuting Attorney's Offices and quote 007900 listed lite cybersecurity services for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office, and additional Courthouse Offices. Human Resources Director Amber Bryant noted that quote 007900 has been approved by the IT Security Committee. Discussion was held.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve quote 007900 for lite cybersecurity services as presented. Eastern Commissioner Morris so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

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

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

  
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Date: 5-20-21

Hosea Bilyeu  
Western Commissioner

  
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Ralph Phillips  
Presiding Commissioner

  
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Lynn Morris  
Eastern Commissioner