



**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. Room 100  
 Ozark, Missouri, 65721  
 On **May 20<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.	10:37 a.m.
Ralph Phillips	Presiding Commissioner	Present	8:55 a.m.	10:41 a.m.
Lynn Morris	Eastern Commissioner	Present	8:55 a.m.	10:41 a.m.
Madi Hires	Executive Administrative Assistant	Present	8:55 a.m.	10:41 a.m.
Karla Jenkins	Commission Receptionist	Present	8:55 a.m.	10:41 a.m.

Attendees: Presiding Judge Laura Johnson, Judge Jennifer Growcock, Circuit Clerk Barb Stillings, Treasurer Karen Matthews, Auditor Amy Dent, Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles, Human Resources Director Amber Bryant, Resource Management Director Todd Wiesehan, County Counselor John Housley, and Brian Testeman.

A quorum was established. Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda which includes the Christian County Commission agenda for today, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as amended; Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021; Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021; Christian County Commission's emergency session minutes dated May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021; Certified Court Order No. 05-20-2021-01; a financial from Treasurer Karen Matthews regarding a tax surplus (Kharitonov, Aleksandr) and Paula Bishop's appointment to the CC Library Board of Trustees. 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 Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles regarding a renewal and amendment for storm water pipes and culverts. The vendors who were awarded last year were Harry Cooper Supply, Metal Culverts, Inc. and Viebrock Sales and Service. Highway Administrator Beadles requested that all contracts be renewed along with an attached amendment to keep all groups on contract with the County due to price increases for steel, plastic, and aluminum.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the renewal for stormwater pipes & culverts to Harry Cooper Supply, Metal Culverts, Inc., and Viebrock Sales & Service. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Eastern Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

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

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to accept the above-mentioned amendment as presented. Eastern Commissioner Morris so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles regarding the Sales Tax IGAs with the special road districts for 2021. Highway Administrator Beadles outlined the project requests and the monies required for each project (see attached document).

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the IGAs with the South Sparta Special Road District, Billings Special Road District, Ozark Special Road District, Stoneshire Special Road District and Selmore Special Road District as outlined. 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 Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles regarding first quarter sales tax distributions.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter sales tax distributions as presented. Eastern Commissioner Morris so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with County Counselor John Housley to discuss the Commission Office/Chamber renovation project. Presiding Commissioner Phillips opened discussion regarding the renovation of the Commission Office – particularly the original bid for the whole half of the floor and the process for the use of funds. County Counselor John Housley discussed his concerns regarding the bidding process and statutory procedures that need to be followed. General discussion continued. Western Commissioner Bilyeu asked Counselor Housley if we decided to use the courtroom on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse with minor modifications/renovations to use the space except when needed by courts – is that acceptable with bid from Hambey under \$75,000? Attorney Housley said he thought so and it would be an efficient use of the space. In his opinion, it would need to maintain its character and use as a courtroom, if needed.

Judge Johnson discussed a written agreement regarding what shared space looks like and felt this was a temporary solution, not a full-time solution. Judge Growcock said she's heard that Presiding Commissioner Phillips has said the Commission won't share the space, so Judge Growcock wants to make sure the judges will be invited to discussions about the renovations. Judge Growcock believes there's a "rub" with the Commission. Presiding Commissioner Phillips said he wanted to go on record stating that he apologizes to everyone for not engaging with Counselor Housley earlier in the process and takes responsibility for that. Presiding Commissioner Phillips also apologized to Judge Growcock if he made it appear that he was trying to keep anyone from doing his/her job. Judge Johnson will work with Counselor Housley on an agreement for use of the space to present to the Commissioners. No action was taken.

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9:49 a.m. The Commission sat in recess.

9:55 a.m.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to enter into closed session per RSMo 610.021.2 (real estate) by a means of roll call. Eastern Commissioner Morris so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

10:40 a.m.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to exit closed session and resume regular session by means of roll call. Eastern Commissioner Morris so moved. Presiding Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion.


Roll call vote:

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

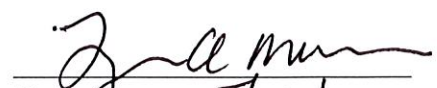
The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

  
Date: 5-27-2024

Hosea Bilyeu  
Western Commissioner

  
Date: 5/27/24

Ralph Phillips  
Presiding Commissioner

  
Date: 5/26/24

Lynn Morris  
Eastern Commissioner