



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 the 27th day of May 2021 at 8:55 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	8:55 a.m.	9:25 a.m.
Ralph Phillips	Presiding Commissioner	Present	8:55 a.m.	9:25 a.m.
Lynn Morris	Eastern Commissioner	Present	8:55 a.m.	9:25 a.m.
Madi Hires	Executive Administrative Assistant	Present	8:55 a.m.	9:25 a.m.
Karla Jenkins	Commission Receptionist	Present	8:55 a.m.	9:25 a.m.

Attendees: Auditor Amy Dent, Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles, Maintenance Supervisor Richard Teague, and Terry Kitterman.

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 27, 2021 as posted; Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated May 13, 2021; Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated May 14, 2021; Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated May 17, 2021; Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated May 20, 2021; a financial from Maintenance Supervisor Teague for a new AC unit in the Auditor's Office (\$7,100.00 approximate cost); the 2021 Annual Federal & Missouri Universal Service Fund Charge Certification; and record of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds request being completed by Presiding Commissioner Phillips and Auditor Amy Dent. Eastern Commissioner Morris so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles for a bid opening for concrete materials for the highway department. Highway Administrator Beadles stated that no bids were received, but that one vendor sent their bid via the U. S. Postal Service, and it did not arrive on time. Highway Administrator Beadles stated she will readvertise for an additional two to three weeks. No action was taken.

The Commission met with Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles regarding the Greene Bridge Consultant Contract. Administrator Beadles stated this is a large project and proposals were requested in February. Three proposals were received: Cochran; Olsson Associates; and Great River Engineering. An independent group reviewed, scored, and ranked all three proposals. Great River Engineering scored the highest. Highway Administrator Beadles stated that County Counselor John Housley has reviewed and approved the contract and that Auditor Amy Dent signed off on it this morning.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the consulting proposal contract with Great River Engineering as presented. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Eastern Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles regarding the renewal of the annual contract with RF Sealing and Striping.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the annual contract. Eastern Commissioner Morris so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met to discuss the Wayfair Bill. Missouri has passed the bill, but the Governor has not signed it yet. Once the Governor signs the bill, each entity will need to put it on the ballot and the citizens will have to vote on whether to capture online sales tax. Auditor Amy Dent said the ballot wording will need to explain that this is not a new tax. Western Commissioner Bilyeu stated that online sales are going to continue to grow, and it is a fairness issue to local businesses. Eastern Commissioner Morris stated that software has been developed to make sure accurate tax amounts will get distributed properly and that we will need to educate the citizens on how the money is spent and how much will be coming in. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips asked that the record state a Study Session will begin at 9:45 a.m.



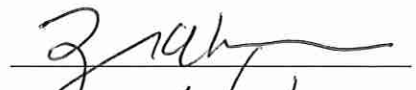
Date: 6-7-2021

Hosea Bilyeu
Western Commissioner



Date: 6/4/2021

Ralph Phillips
Presiding Commissioner



Date: 6/6/21

Lynn Morris
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On the 27th day of May 2021 at 9:45 a.m.

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Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	9:45 a.m.	10:46 a.m.
Ralph Phillips	Presiding Commissioner	Present	9:45 a.m.	10:46 a.m.
Lynn Morris	Eastern Commissioner	Present	9:45 a.m.	10:46 a.m.
Madi Hires	Executive Administrative Assistant	Present	9:45 a.m.	10:46 a.m.
Karla Jenkins	Commission Receptionist	Present	9:45 a.m.	10:46 a.m.

Attendees: Circuit Clerk Barb Stillings and Maintenance Supervisor Richard Teague.

A quorum was established. Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda which includes the Christian County Commission Study Session agenda for today, May 27, 2021, as posted. Eastern Commissioner Morris so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

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

The Commission discussed the process required to add items to the agenda. Western Commissioner Bilyeu stated that for the past four plus years the Commissioners have operated under a gentleman's agreement and deferred to the Presiding Commissioner to add items. He wanted to be clear that he and Eastern Commissioner Morris also have the ability to add items if they so desire. Western Commissioner Bilyeu wants to clarify the process and believes that items should never be added unless the Presiding Commissioner is aware and going to be present at the meeting where the item is discussed. Eastern Commissioner Morris stated he had no problem with the agenda, just did not understand the process. Eastern Commissioner Morris said he believes it is timely based on what is going on in the County. His question is when a request comes in and the Presiding Commissioner is not here, what is his (Eastern Commissioner Morris) role in adding something to the agenda. It was discussed that if the Presiding Commissioner does not want something on the agenda, the other two need to know why. Western Commissioner Bilyeu stated when he wants to add something to the agenda, he calls the Executive Administrative Assistant, but asks her to run it by the Presiding Commissioner first. Western Commissioner Bilyeu said when he was new, he found that folks would contact him personally instead of the Commission as a whole. He said he let folks know we have a process, and he will be happy to start the process, but he does not commit to anything with the caller. Presiding Commissioner Phillips stated when he was new, his learning curve was that he thought the process went one way, when actually it was another way. He always makes sure all parties impacted will be available to attend the meeting that the agenda item is added to. Western

Commissioner Bilyeu stated wisdom comes through conversation and the perspective of others. Presiding Commissioner Phillips said in the past he felt the Commission was involved in voting on things that were not their business to do so. No action was taken.

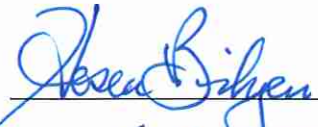
The Commission met Maintenance Supervisor Richard Teague regarding the sidewalk construction on the square. Maintenance Supervisor Teague stated he had Liberty look at moving the boxes along the sidewalk closer to the building. The cost to do so would be about \$60,000. The benefit to moving the sidewalk in will be to keep cars from parking right up to the sidewalk. There will be six feet of green space and then six feet of sidewalk. Maintenance Supervisor Teague said he has met with Jeremy from the City of Ozark and folks from the Historical Society, and all are in favor of the plan. They will square up the sidewalk by the trash dumpsters and the receiving area to eliminate congestion at the entryway when construction is taking place. He would like to add light bollards so vendors can plug in for electric at events on the square. Maintenance Supervisor Teague said they could also spotlight the canon on the square. He will work with the Historical Society regarding the paver project and the new sidewalks. Western Commissioner Bilyeu said he would like to see the County's portion of the square be a walking spot for citizens to utilize. Maintenance Director Teague said the light bollards are very expensive – starting at \$2,000 each. He would like to start getting bids out for the sidewalk project very soon. The County can move forward with this project and will not need to wait on the city to complete their project first. Eastern Commissioner Morris stated he believes this will be a good safety and security feature. No action was taken.

The Commission discussed the Commission Office and Chamber renovation project. Presiding Commissioner Phillips stated it would need to be added to the agenda before spending the funds. Maintenance Supervisor Teague said the quote to remove the vault in order to gain more floor space would allow for about six new chairs. Western Commissioner Bilyeu suggested using the entire office for chambers and moving the offices to the old coroner's office. Then the chambers could be used for outside meetings. Maintenance Supervisor Teague said we need to make sure the total project is under the \$75,000 cap and that it may be better to bid it out as a full project since CARES funding will not be available after June. Western Commissioner Bilyeu said he was not opposed to putting it out for bid. Western Commissioner Bilyeu said we might start looking at using some of the CARES funding to add the TV screens to the courtroom on the second floor. Presiding Commissioner Phillips said he has no opinion on which option to go with. He knows meetings are getting larger and the current space is inadequate. Eastern Commissioner Morris said he would be for doing smaller projects now to use the CARES funds and getting bids on upstairs and maybe using Americans Rescue funds once those funds are received and we know what they can be used for. He stated any project will be good, but he wants to keep the price down. Western Commissioner Bilyeu asked Maintenance Supervisor Teague to see how much seating we would gain if all the current office space was opened up. Once it is determined how much CARES funds are left, the renovation project will need to be added to the first available meeting's agenda. Presiding Commissioner Phillips will ask Auditor Amy Dent when she knows exactly how much CARES funding is left. No action was taken.


The Commission discussed office coverage for times when the Executive Administrative Assistant is out of the office. Western Commissioner Bilyeu stated he has zero issues with covering the desk, but the role of the Commissioners is not to answer phones, etc. Presiding Commissioner Phillips said he has a different opinion than Western Commissioner Bilyeu about that. He said that all job descriptions state "and other duties as assigned." Eastern Commissioner Morris said we just need to plan ahead, and that the office is limited with just one full time and one part time person. He stated that he likes the team, but we still need to plan for the future. Eastern Commissioner Morris said he has no problem helping to cover the office, but it should be an exception. Presiding Commissioner Phillips said staffing options are something to look at next year and needs to be a discussion for 2022. No action was taken.

The Commission discussed optional meeting days. Presiding Commissioner Phillips stated that some counties only meet one day per week. Eastern Commissioner Morris said he was comfortable with the Monday/Thursday format, but if there were not enough agenda items for a particular meeting, those items could be moved to the next meeting. Western Commissioner Bilyeu said citizens are used to the current meeting schedule and thought they should leave things as they are, but to look at opportunities to consolidate. All agreed to leave Mondays and Thursdays as typical meeting days. No action was taken.

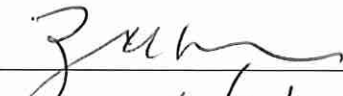
The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.


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