



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 **June 3, 2021** at **9:30 a.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	9:30 a.m.	9:55 a.m.
Ralph Phillips	Presiding Commissioner	Present	9:30 a.m.	9:55 a.m.
Lynn Morris	Eastern Commissioner	Present	9:30 a.m.	9:55 a.m.
Madi Hires	Executive Administrative Assistant	Present	9:30 a.m.	9:55 a.m.
Karla Jenkins	Commission Receptionist	Present	9:30 a.m.	9:55 a.m.

Attendees: Human Resources Director Amber Bryant, Auditor Amy Dent, Treasurer Karen Matthews, Maintenance Supervisor Richard Teague, Jacob Irvin with Hambey Construction, Terry Kitterman, and Rance Burger with the CC Headliner.

A quorum was established. Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda which includes the Christian County Commission agenda for today, June 3, 2021 as amended; removal of the auditor's report; a financial from Treasurer Karen Matthews to finalize the Chadwick school grant which was already approved by the Commission, just required signatures. 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 Human Resources Director Amber Bryant regarding COVID-19 restrictions. The Courts dropped the masking mandate and asked Maintenance Supervisor Richard Teague to remove all signage in the Christian County Justice Center and Circuit Court Building related to mask requirements and social distancing. When Supervisor Teague said he could not do so without direction from his supervisor a court employee contacted Director Bryant asking her to instruct Supervisor Teague to do so. Director Bryant let them know she could not authorize that and would have to take the request to the Commission. Director Bryant stated that the CDC still asks that folks social distance and wear masks if not vaccinated due to the ongoing pandemic. Eastern Commissioner Morris said he believes the signs on the doors and floors should stay for now, until we go through another cycle of summer travel and winter. Director Bryant stated that since we are still in a pandemic, she 100% agrees that the policy should stay in place. Western Commissioner Bilyeu stated he is not opposed to leaving the signs in place, but realizes other businesses are not practicing social distancing. Director Bryant asked if we want to continue taking temperatures at the doors. She believes we should leave the machines in place, as well as the pandemic policy until we see a positive trend. No action was taken.

The Commission met with Maintenance Supervisor Richard Teague regarding the Commission Office Chamber and Renovation project. Presiding Commissioner Ralph Phillips stated he believes the urgency to use CARES funding for this project is a moot point based on information that he received from Auditor Amy Dent. Western Commissioner Bilyeu asked if there was anything we could use the CARES funding for. Auditor Dent said she believes the money will be used up by the requests from first responders for salary reimbursements. Human Resources Director Amber Bryant stated out of the seven entities that could make those requests, she has had five entities respond thus far.

Western Commissioner Bilyeu stated he believes whatever renovations are done in the days ahead, that this proposal would be a part of any other project, so he is in favor of doing this project. Presiding Commissioner Phillips stated that he wants to stay compliant with the rules regarding funding since the Commission office does not have discretionary funds to fall back on. Western Commissioner Bilyeu asked Auditor Dent which funds this project would be paid from. Auditor Dent replied, "Whatever the Commission votes." Eastern Commissioner Morris asked if the American Rescue funds could be used. Auditor Dent replied, "Yes." Presiding Commissioner Phillips wanted to know if this project needed to go out for bid. Auditor Dent said she believes that is preferred since it is federal monies. Western Commissioner Bilyeu said he wants Christian County Counselor John Housley's affirmation before finalizing. Presiding Commissioner Phillips asked Western Commissioner Bilyeu if he would take care of that with Counselor Housley.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved to proceed with the proposal as presented by Hambey Construction once the proposal has been reviewed by Counselor Housley. Eastern Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.



Date: 6-7-2021

Hosea Bilyeu
Western Commissioner



Date: 6/14/21

Ralph Phillips
Presiding Commissioner



Date: 6/16/21

Lynn Morris
Eastern Commissioner