



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 the **26th day of August 2021** at **8:55 a.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	7:55 a.m.	10:50 a.m.
Ralph Phillips	Presiding Commissioner	Present	7:55 a.m.	10:50 a.m.
Lynn Morris	Eastern Commissioner	Present	7:55 a.m.	10:50 a.m.
Madi Hires	Executive Administrative Assistant	Present	7:55 a.m.	9:37 a.m.

Attendees: Terri Connors, Chief Juvenile Officer Perry Barnes, Judge Laura Johnson, Auditor Amy Dent, Cindy Childress, Circuit Clerk Barb Stillings, Maintenance Supervisor Richard Teague, Krista Raleigh, Prosecutor Amy Fite, Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles, Human Resources Director Amber Bryant, Sonya Anderson, Assessor Danny Gray, Amy York

A quorum was established. Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda which includes the Christian County Commission's agenda for today, August 26, 2021, as posted; Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated August 02, 2021; Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated August 09, 2021; Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated August 12, 2021; Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated August 16, 2021; and Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated August 23, 2021. There are no financials. 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 Chief Juvenile Officer Perry Barnes for his 2022 budget meeting for fund 101-150. Chief Barnes noted an increase in his budget request noting the additional statutory requirement for their department to now cover 17-year-olds. Additional staffing requests included: 1 full-time attorney, 1 full-time additional juvenile officer, and 3-4 reserve positions. Another noted budget increase included an additional vehicle; currently there are 9 officers and only 6 vehicles for the department. Chief Barnes added that one existing vehicle would be traded in to help off set the cost. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

The Commission met with Presiding Judge Laura Johnson for the 38th Circuit Court's Division I & II budgets, fund 101-121 and 101-122. Judge Johnson noted one line item they continue to see increases in are legal fees incurred in juvenile (abuse and neglect) cases; especially since 17-year-olds will now be added to that group. She stated that it's a difficult area to control. In an effort to help with the rising legal fees, Judge Johnson noted cutbacks in several other line items. Discussion was held.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the division I & II 2022 budgets as presented by Judge Johnson. 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 Circuit Clerk Barb Stillings for her 2022 budget meeting for Consolidated Courts and the Law Library, fund 101-110 and 269. Clerk Stillings noted that there were not many changes from the previous year's budget, a slight increase in dues, and as always increased jury expenses due to covid-19 restrictions. She also noted no changes in the law library fund. Discussion was held.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the law library fund 269 2022 budget as presented by Clerk Stillings. 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 Circuit Clerk Stillings regarding and IGA with the cities of Nixa and Ozark for an additional staff member in her office. Judge Johnson gave a brief background on the situation, noting it all started during Ferguson and the municipal court issues that came about, leading to State wide reforms for municipal courts. This new reform essentially encourages municipal courts to consolidate their dockets with the circuit courts. Currently Christian County has absorbed municipal court dockets for Billings, Highlandville, and Sparta. This new addition of Ozark and Nixa will be substantial. The cities of Ozark and Nixa have graciously agreed to an IGA to cover the expenses of 1 additional employee in the Circuit Clerk's Office, with the primary focus on these municipal dockets. The IGA will cover the salary and benefits for the employee. The request from Clerk Stillings and Judge Johnson is that the employee could be a county employee with the hope that the State would be encouraged to add additionally staffing in time to handle the increased case load. Once the State creates the additional position, this employee would become a fully funded state employee. Judge Johnson noted that they seek guidance on proceeding on this topic and asked that the Commission gives Ms. Bryant the ok to provide them with the information they need.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips noted concern when having a county employee housed in a state office. Director Bryant noted that she would need to speak to County Counselor John Housley and run some numbers and some time to think on this request.

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

The Commission met with Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles for annual contracts for engineering services. Administrator Beadles presented 3 contracts, noting GRE (Great River Engineering) had been renewed a few weeks prior. The three firms presented today, give the county 4 engineering firms to consult with, which will best serve the county as more than one project could arise at a time. The three firms are Olsson, Anderson Engineering and CFS.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the additional annual contracts with Olsson, Anderson Engineering and CFS for engineering serves as presented by Administrator Beadles. 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 Assessor Danny Gray for the bid award for GIS Services. Assessor Gray noted that 3 bids were received: Bruce Harris & Associates, Horner Shfrin, and SAM, LLC (current vendor). The low bid was from Bruce Harris & Associates; Assessor Gray noted all their references were out of state and they sublet their mapping. Assessor Gray recommended award to SAM, LLC.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to award SAM, LLC for the GIS Services bid per Assessor Gray's recommendation. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Eastern Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

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

9:32 a.m. The Commission sat in recess.

9:37 a.m.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to enter in to closed session per RSMo 610.021.3 (personnel) by means of roll call. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Eastern Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

10:12 a.m.

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

Roll Call Vote

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

10:14 a.m.

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

Roll Call Vote

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

10:50 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. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.


Date: 9-2-21
Hosea Bilyeu
Western Commissioner


Date: 9/2/21
Ralph Phillips
Presiding Commissioner


Date: 9/2/21
Lynn Morris
Eastern Commissioner