

Christian County Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Christian County Commission met in regular session at:
The Historic Christian County Courthouse | 100 W. Church Street Room 100 | Ozark, Missouri, 65721
On the 21st day of June 2022, at 9:00 a.m.
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Presiding Commissioner, Ralph Phillips
Eastern Commissioner, Lynn Morris
Western Commissioner, Hosea Bilyeu
Brad Jackson, Mayor
Tory Pegram, CC Library Board
Debbie Spencer, Historic River District

Executive Assistant, Mindi McCoy
Highway Administrator, Miranda Beadles
Maintenance Supervisor, Richard Teague
Renee Brumett, CC Library Board
Jillian Johnson, Historic River District
Suzan Collins, Historic River District

A quorum was established. Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda which includes approval of today's agenda (June 21st, 2022) which was posted in accordance with statute. Removal of open minutes from June 17 and removal of Court Order 06-21-2022-01 as none received. Commissioner Morris made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

Aye: Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Bilyeu and Commissioner Morris.
The motion passed.

The Commission brought up the appointment/reappointment of Christian County Library Board which was removed from May 31, 2022. Ozark Mayor Brad Jackson spoke about the public not having access to candidate information. He requests that a packet be sent along with the agenda so the public will have knowledge of the business being discussed. This is a follow-up request from an email sent to the commissioners 2 weeks ago. Commissioner Bilyeu stated there are several organizations that have appointments come through. Mayor Jackson advised the difference between the county and city appointments is financial accountability. The city appointments have no financial approval. Commissioner Morris stated that over the last year, 35-36 people have mentioned concerns with board appointments and was told by another commissioner that they act as a rubber stamp and the commission doesn't need to know who the candidates are however, citizens question the knowledge of people being appointed. Additionally, he has visited with Candidate Sekscinski while on vacation and has also talked with Candidate Tuckness. He has found they both have a love of reading, their districts, and libraries and as a commission, we want users as advocates for the library. Meeting with Tory Pegram, he is now knowledgeable of the processes within the library board. Public concerns should be taken to the library board meetings during the 4th week of each month. Tory confirmed the 4th week of each month. Commissioner Morris proposes that moving forward, the board brings candidates in the week prior for questions from the commissioners as well as citizens. Commissioner Bilyeu advised that things come before the commission without knowledge of the topic. He feels it an improper use of time to question the expertise of others. He does not agree to vet each board and he has trust in the library system/board. Additionally, he is not trying to hide but doesn't feel it's an organization plus to vet other processes. Dissemination of information is good, but there is no need to reinvent the wheel. Rubber stamping affirms the decision of knowledgeable people. He doesn't feel it's the best use of taxpayers' dollars. Commissioner Phillips stated the boards are comprised of expertise. Commissioner Morris admits he is outnumbered again but honors the library and doesn't see it as a waste of time. The commission has cut the meetings from 2 to 1 each week which last approximately 10 minutes, so this is not a waste of time. Additionally, he is not questioning the choices of the board. This is a concern heard on both the east and west side of the county. Again, last year he was told by a commissioner that the commission is just a rubber stamp. Commissioner Bilyeu made a motion to affirm

the decision and appoint the 2 for the Christian County Library Board. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion.

Aye: Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Bilyeu and Commissioner Morris.
The motion passed.

Miranda Beadles presented the FY22 Sales Tax Intergovernmental Agreements with a total of \$806,768. Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Bilyeu made the motion. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

Aye: Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Bilyeu and Commissioner Morris.
The motion passed.

Miranda Beadles presented the FY22 Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 Sales Tax Distributions for a total of \$415,884. Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Morris made the motion. Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

Aye: Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Bilyeu and Commissioner Morris.
The motion passed.

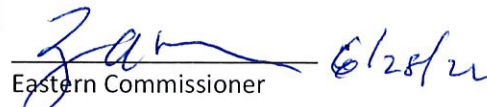
The Historic River District presented a request to store the POW (Piano on Wheels) under the mailbox awning, where a bench currently resides. This has been approved by the Post Office and Maintenance Supervisor, Richard Teague. Richard added that should the piano become too weathered or unsightly, the expectation is that the piano will be removed and replaced by the HRD. Commissioner Bilyeu inquired why they didn't place the piano at the Gazebo. HRD felt that area of the square might impact the apartments above the businesses and having the piano on the east side will bring attention to the museum as well as other shops that may need more pedestrian traffic. Commissioner Phillips entertained any motions. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Bilyeu seconded with an addition that this should be a trial through June 30, 2023 to ensure the county offices aren't bothered by excessive noise, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 09:49 a.m.


Western Commissioner
Hosea Bilyeu

6-28-22


Presiding Commissioner
Ralph Phillips


Eastern Commissioner
Lynn Morris