



**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 **August 16, 2022** at **9:00 a.m.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	9:00 a.m.	10:35 a.m.
Ralph Phillips	Presiding Commissioner	Present	9:00 a.m.	10:35 a.m.
Lynn Morris	Eastern Commissioner	<b>ABSENT</b>		

**Attendees:** Auditor Amy Dent, Bradley Jackson, Karen Matthews, Michael Middleton, Jimmy Liles, Steve Childers, Mark Campbell, Brenda Campbell, Terry Kitterman and Kyle Whittaker.

A quorum was established with all Commissioners Bilyeu and Phillips present. Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included the Christian County Commission's agenda for today, August 16, 2022, which was posted in accordance to statute and minutes from August 9, 2022

Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Show Me Christian County (Economic Development) regarding partnering with the cities of Ozark and Nixa to conduct a hospitality feasibility study, a critical element to attract businesses to our county. A proposal to conduct the study was presented at the cost of \$13,000.00 for each entity, \$39,000.00 total. Nixa and Ozark board of aldermen have both agreed initially. Mr. Childers agreed to draft a Inter Governmental Agreement for review by each entities legal counsel.

**No Action Needed**

The Commission met with the MU Extension to receive an annual update (available on their website), programs and the 2023 budget. **No action needed.**

The Commission met with Purchasing Agent Kim Will to renew the annual contract The contract for the Office for Assessment List Processing & Mailing is Edward J. Rice (EJR). EJR has requested an 11% increase, while their bid provided for a 3% increase. Ms. Will negotiated that request down to 10%. Due to the double digit increases in paper this year, manufacturers letters presented by the vendor

showing increases, and after consultation with our attorney, I believe it is in the county's best interest to continue service with EJR at this time. We will rebid the service in 2024. The Assessor, Danny Gray agrees with this opinion. Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met to discuss the use of CourtFunds automated payment system. Treasurer Karen Matthews presented documentation to support the use of this system based on efficiency and significant cost savings. Currently Ms. Matthews and her limited staff spend countless labor hours canceling checks, tracking down individuals for payment and other unnecessary time related these transactions.

CourtFunds is the contactless way to disburse payments to everyone accurately and on time, no matter what part of the transaction they play a part in — jury payments, restitution, child support, bonds, witnesses, and more. Ms. Matthews has discussed this option with the Clerk of the Courts.

Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion.

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


9:42 a.m. Commission recessed until 10:00

10:00 a.m.

Mr. Phillips called for a motion to enter closed session per RSMo 610-021-1. Commissioner Bilyeu so moved, and Commissioner Phillips seconded. Aye: Bilyeu, Phillips. Nay: None. Absent: Morris Abstain: None.

The Commission went into closed session per RSMo 610-021-1 (litigation). Commissioner Phillips called for a motion to exit the closed session. Commissioner Bilyeu so moved, and Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. Aye: Bilyeu, Phillips. Nay: None. Absent: Morris Abstain: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.



Date: 8-22-22

Hosea Bilyeu  
Western Commissioner



Date: 8/22/2022

Ralph Phillips  
Presiding Commissioner

ABSENT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lynn Morris  
Eastern Commissioner