## **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 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

## Attendees:

Presiding Commissioner Ralph Phillips
Eastern Commissioner Lynn Morris
Western Commissioner Hosea Bilyeu
Commission Executive Assistant Tammy Nuckolls
Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles
Coroner, Mandi Armitage
Sheriff Executive Assistant, Alicia Chaves
HR Director, Amber Bryant
County Clerk, Kay Brown
Chief Deputy Payroll, Paula Brumfield
Ozark City Administrator, Steve Childers
City of Nixa Mayor, Brian Steele

City of Ozark Mayor Brad Jackson
County Auditor Amy Dent
HR Generalist Krista Raleigh
Purchasing Agent Kim Hopkins-Will
Circuit Clerk, Barb Stillings
Sheriff, Brad Cole
IT Manager, Bill Rawlings
CCHD, Brent Young
Planning & Dev. Administrator, Joan Doss
Collector, Ted Nichols
CC Show Me, Kristen Haseltine

A quorum was established at 8:30 a.m.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda, which includes approval of today's agenda, approval of regular session minutes from November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and closed session minutes from November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, per RSM. 610.021.3, regarding personnel and approval of Emergency Purchase – Walk-in freezer, Cart Court Order #11-29-2022-01, and Optimum Contract.

Emergency Purchase – Walk-in freezer –The large walk-in freezer in jail is 23 years old, and the compressor decided to quit working on it. Complete Kitchen fixed it for 14,782.16.

Court Cart Order #11-29-2022-01 – This is the October 2022 Term of Cart funding in the amount of 169,426.69 to be distributed as listed in the order.

Optimum Contract – On October 28, the Commissioners signed the Technology contracts. One of those contracts had an incorrect address on it. Kim needs the updated agreement initialed.

Eastern Commissioner Morris made the motion; Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

Aye: Presiding Commissioner Phillips, Western Commissioner Bilyeu, and Eastern Commissioner Morris.

Motion passed.

The Commissioners met with presenter Brad Cole and Kim Hopkins-Will, regarding a Renewal of the Rapiscan Systems Award. This is a powerful, mobile x-ray inspection system for screening in small spaces. This is a renewal for the maintenance of the x-ray equipment.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained the motion to approve the contract for Rapiscan Systems as presented; Western Commissioner Bilyeu made the motion, Eastern Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

Aye: Western Commissioner Bilyeu, Eastern Commissioner Morris, and Presiding Commissioner Phillips

Motion passed.

The Commissioners met with presenter Kim Hopkins-Will regarding Quill.com. Christian County shall not receive "free" or "at no cost" goods if any purchase is required to qualify for the free item, merchandise, or service. Nothing in this policy shall prevent any public agency from complying with the terms and conditions of any grant, gift, or bequest that is otherwise consistent with state or federal law.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to adopt the no-gift policy presented by Kim, Eastern Commissioner Morris moved, Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion. Aye: Presiding Commissioner Bilyeu, Eastern Commissioner Morris, and Western Commissioner Phillips

Motion Approved

The Commissioners met with presenter Kim Hopkins-Will and Bill Rawlings regarding the PCnet Contract Extension Award. With our transition, the PCnet contract ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>. We have asked PCnet if they would agree to an extension for two months with all the same terms and conditions, and they have agreed.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the contract extension as presented with PC Net, Western Commissioner Bilyeu moved, Eastern Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

Aye: Presiding Commissioner Bilyeu, Eastern Commissioner Morris, and Western Commissioner Phillips

Motion Approved

The commissioners met with Amy Dent and Miranda Beadles regarding the 2022 Budget Amendment Hearing. We were here on November 8<sup>th</sup>, requesting changes to several line items in the highway department budgets across several funds. It has been laid out for at least ten days under the statute, and Amy/Miranda has not received any public comment.

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

Aye: Presiding Commissioner Bilyeu, Eastern Commissioner Morris, and Western Commissioner Phillips

Motion passed.

The Commissioners met with presenter Amy Dent and Mandi Armitage regarding the 2022 Budget Adjustment. One line item in the coroner's budget that we can never guess is the autopsy and inquest expense. We were a little short. During the last two months of the year, the commission can move funds from one budget to another to help cover any shortfall. Amy is requesting that we take an additional 20 thousand dollars from the county operations external audit line item because we had budgeted about forty-five thousand dollars on that line item and were able to use federal funds, the American Rescue Plan Act money for that, so Amy is requesting twenty thousand dollars be transferred from that line item to the inquest and autopsy expense line item in the coroner's budget.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the adjustment as presented made by Amy Dent, Western Commissioner Bilyeu moved, Eastern Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

Aye: Presiding Commissioner Bilyeu, Eastern Commissioner Morris, and Western Commissioner Phillips

Motion Approved

The Commissioners met with presenter Amber Bryant regarding the Discussion on COLA. Last year when talking about a COLA, Amber suggested that we do a higher number, about 8%. So, as you had mentioned last year, we would do a five and then discuss a three this year. The inflation rate is higher than anticipated. Amber suggested that we try to do another 5% this year, and Amy has proposed 3½% based on the increase in revenue is just not keeping up with the rise and expenses.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve; Western Commissioner Bilyeu made a motion that we give a 3.5% COLA to all our employees and elected officials because that is how it is structured. Eastern Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

Aye: Presiding Commissioner Bilyeu, Eastern Commissioner Morris, and Western Commissioner Phillips

Motion Approved

The Commissioners met with presenter Kay Brown regarding the Certification of the November 8, 2022, Election. Kay estimated they would have a higher turnout than we had. We had a 51.53% turnout, 33,632 ballots were cast, and we certified on the 15<sup>th</sup>. We used our new equipment, and it was beneficial.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the certification of the November the 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, election results presented by Kay Brown, Eastern Commissioner Morris moved, Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

Aye: Presiding Commissioner Bilyeu, Eastern Commissioner Morris, and Western Commissioner Phillips

Motion Approved

The Commissioners met with presenter Miranda Beadles regarding the Concurrence in Award. MoDOT concurrence for the award for the bridge project. We have bid it out and reviewed the bids, made a recommendation to Modot, and they concurred that we met all federal requirements. They approved us for seven hundred fifty-six thousand, six hundred thirty-four dollars and seventy cents. We will be replacing some of the substructures on the Nelson Mill Road Bridge, and for the pieces we don't replace, we are sandblasting and painting those and are putting on a whole new deck at 22 feet wide instead of 16 and a new guard rail that meets the current standard.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve as presented, Eastern Commissioner Morris moved, Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

Aye: Presiding Commissioner Bilyeu, Eastern Commissioner Morris, and Western Commissioner Phillips

Motion Approved

The Commissioners met regarding the Commissioner 2023 Budget Discussion. This year, we want to support Show Me Christian County at the fifty-thousand-dollar level. The majority of their funding comes from private funding. All of the projects that they are going to do is going to increase. Show Me Christian County has a good team that works for the whole county and is a nonprofit. In 2022 we allocated twenty-five thousand. It is voted in 2023 that we give fifty thousand dollars.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to fund Show Me Christian County at the fifty thousand dollar level; Eastern Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve fifty thousand for Show Me Christian county for the 2023 budget. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

Aye: Presiding Commissioner Bilyeu, Eastern Commissioner Morris, and Western Commissioner Phillips

**Motion Approved** 

The Commissioners met with presenter Bill Rawlings regarding the Phone in Commission Chambers. We can have an outside number attached to the phone, or we could have it internal only. Right now, you can dial out at all times, and you can be able to dial internally. It is set up right now not to have incoming calls. We will leave it the way it is set up for now.

The Commissioners met with presenter Joan Doss regarding the Right of Way Deeds. Joan has a list of sixteen Right of Way conveyances for you to accept. J and CS LLC, John W Vest, Carolyn S Millsap, Meghan den Hartog, Carolynne Den Hartog, Zachariah & Eva Patterson, and Sarah Den Hartog, SNB LLC and Bryant Landscaping and Development, Catherine D Whitworth, Nancy Rose, and Jeffrey C Morton, Gary B and Carol Y Hopkins, Greg and Leigh Hale, Sean M Balisle and Cynthia N Balisle, Selmore Investments LLC, James Bloomer, Abbigail Vanzandt, Karen Bloomer, and Catherine L Sanderson, Vince Hilt and Jana Hilt, Tanis Hilt, Selmore Investments LLC, James August Kohler, and Janice Marie Kohler, Carl D Curran and Michele I Curran.

Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve the right-away presentation as presented by Joan Doss; Western Commissioner Bilyeu moved, Eastern Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

Aye: Presiding Commissioner Bilyeu, Eastern Commissioner Morris, and Western Commissioner Phillips

Motion Approved

Closed Session RSMo 610.021.3

The Commissioners met regarding the CC Links Update. Terri Crouse resigned effective December 31, 2022. Her term expires in August 2025. The board voted to request that the County Commission appoint Tiffany Eggleston to replace Terri to a 7-month term beginning January 1, 2023, and expiring July 31, 2023. Tiffany Eggleston was

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

Aye: Presiding Commissioner Bilyeu, Eastern Commissioner Morris, and Western Commissioner Phillips

Motion Approved

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

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Hosea Bilyeu

Presiding Commissioner

Ralph Phillips

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