

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 10th day of January 2023, at 9:00 a.m.
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Presiding Commissioner, Lynn Morris	County Auditor, Amy Dent
Eastern Commissioner, Bradley Jackson	Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles
Western Commissioner, Hosea Bilyeu - Phone	Purchasing Agent Kim Hopkins-Will
County Clerk, Paula Brumfield	Resource Management Director, Todd Wiesehan
Maintenance Supervisor, Richard Teague	Road Superintendent, Brent Young
Amber Bryant, Human Resources Director	Eryn Burton, Clerk Admin
Paula Brumfield, Clerk	Rocky Seiner, Captain
Brad Cole, Sheriff	Mark LaRose, Captain
CC PA, Kristen Tuohy	Renee Brumett
John Gardner	

A quorum was established at 9:00 am.

These individuals helped out the Commission office while Tammy was on vacation.
Ashley Hannah -Thank you for taking the minutes while Tammy was out of the office.
Cheryl Mitchell – Thank you for putting in the requisitions while Tammy was out of the office.
Mellissa Bilyeu – Thank you for getting the mail while Tammy was out of the office.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda, which includes approval of today's agenda, and Court Order #01-10-2023-01. It is the sales tax for roads and bridges. We have items that will be removed from the consent agenda today and two items that are the same. We will combine the Municipal Cost Share and Intergovernmental agreement, which are the same thing, and we will remove the gworks agreement. It will be brought up at a later date.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda as stated.
Western Commissioner Bilyeu made the motion, Eastern Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion.
Aye: Presiding Commissioner Lynn Morris, Western Commissioner Bilyeu, Eastern Commissioner Bradley Jackson
Motion passed.

The Commissioners met with presenter Amy Dent regarding the Approval of Appropriation Spending Christian County 2023 Budget. We have already approved all the budgets for all the departments and funds. Amy presented her report. A discussion was held.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the 2023 appropriations budget for Christian County. Eastern Commissioner Jackson made the motion to approve, Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.
Aye: Presiding Commissioner Lynn Morris, Western Commissioner Bilyeu, Eastern Commissioner Bradley Jackson
Motion passed.

The commissioners met with presenter Todd Wiesehan regarding the Resource Management Department 2022 4th Quarter Report. Todd presented his report. A discussion was held.

The Commissioners met with presenter Miranda Beadles regarding BNSF Railroad Crossing Upgrades Project Agreement. Because these railroad agreements are taking place in Christian County, and that's why we are involved in this contract stage. Whenever Modot has a project, whether in city limits, special road districts, or county, that it's their area of expertise, and they're involved, we still have to sign these contracts. We have no financial obligation, and we have no maintenance responsibilities. These contracts were delivered to my desk yesterday for our signature, and then they will go to Billings Special. Then they will go back to MoDOT, and then construction will begin.

The Commissioners met with presenter Miranda Beadles regarding the Municipal Cost Share – City of Highlandville. About a month ago, the City of Highlandville requested the use of our Municipal Cost Share Funds for a box culvert improvement last replacement project. They had requested 7500.00 dollars, and the total cost was 16,000.00. The Commission voted to approve that, but from that point, we needed to move forward into the actual cost-share agreement that allows us to give them that money. The Commissioners signed the Municipal Cost Share.

The Commissioners met with presenter Richard Teague regarding the Discussion of Christmas Lights 2023. What would we like to plan for the Christmas lights for 2023? Would we want to keep the same as in 2022, or would you like to add more lights? The plans typically take about six months if we have to buy the materials or build anything. Eastern Commissioner Bradley Jackson would prefer we not allocate more county funds to the project but stay at the status quo. He will volunteer to assist in fundraising through the Historic River District to raise money through them. He would like to get a sponsorship for the funds. He would instead use private money instead of public money to enhance the display. Presiding Commissioner Lynn Morris agrees with Mr. Jackson to refrain from using our county funds. He would like to work together to find donors from the Historic River District. Richard's team could build many displays at a fraction of the cost.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion for us to consider trying to add to the county Christmas display that we have around the courthouse that we try to find some outside funds that would be donated to the Historic River District and then given back to the county where we can do what we need to do to make the decorations. Eastern Commissioner Jackson made the motion not to use additional county funds to enhance the Christmas lights but to use outside sources. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed

The Commissioners met regarding the Discussion and Vote on the County's 3% Sales Tax on Recreational Marijuana. What we want to do today is to get a vote on whether we will put the 3% Sales Tax on the April ballot. After this decision, we need to all work together and collaborate on whether we need a work-study session or what we will do with the 3%. All Commissioners are in favor of a work-study on Thursday, January 12th, 2023, to discuss what we want to do with the 3% Sales Tax. Western Commissioner Hosea Bilyeu would like Amy Dent to be present in the discussion.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve today that this county will put a 3% sales tax on recreational marijuana and all accessories on the April 4th ballot. Eastern Commissioner Jackson made the motion to move forward with putting this 3% marijuana tax on the

ballot pursuant to the work-study session taking place Thursday morning. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed


The meeting adjourned at 9:46 am.



Western Commissioner
Hosea Bilyeu



Presiding Commissioner
Lynn Morris



Eastern Commissioner
Bradley A. Jackson