

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2023, at 9:00 a.m.  
Meeting Minutes

### Attendees:

Presiding Commissioner, Lynn Morris	Highway Administrator, Miranda Beadles
Eastern Commissioner, Bradley Jackson	Assessor, Danny Gray
Western Commissioner, Hosea Bilyeu	Randy Sterner
Commission Executive Assistant, Tammy Nuckolls	Jewel Sterner
Purchasing Agent, Kim Hopkins-Will	Renee Brumett
Maintenance Supervisor, Richard Teague	County Auditor, Amy Dent
County Clerk, Paula Brumfield	SMCC, Ethan Swick
Lana Rea	Gretchen Garrity
SMCC, Anna Evans	Samantha Burn
Tory Pegram	Ashleigh Hawkins
Jody Pena	Shannon Stephens
Human Resources Director, Amber Bryant	Resource Management Director, Todd Wiesehan
IT Manager, Bill Rawlings	Rachel Campbell
Commercial Appraiser, Jeremy Burns	Linda Waddell
B Rohlman	Cirt Yancy
Tamara Yancy	

A quorum was established at 9:00 am.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda, which includes approval of today's agenda, approval of regular session minutes from May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, approval of closed session minutes from April 11, 2023, and approval of financials –Court Order #05-23-2023-01, April 2023 term. Two format changes to the agenda, Ashley with the Historic River District and Video Live Stream for Commission Meetings, will move to the top of the agenda.

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 Jackson

Motion passed.

The Commissioners met with presenter Amy Dent regarding Debt Book Renewal Follow-Up. Amy is asking for the renewal of our Debt Management Software. This tracks all of our leases or copiers for each department, any leased vehicles, any other equipment we might lease occasionally, and our debt for the neighborhood improvement districts and the circuit court building. This is more secure and has more reporting functionality. The cost is 8,000 for the next year and will be paid out of county operations. We renew this every year.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve this agreement to lease this system. Western Commissioner Bilyeu made the motion, Eastern Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion.

Aye: Presiding Commissioner Lynn Morris, Commissioner Bilyeu, Eastern Commissioner Bradley Jackson  
Motion passed

The Commissioners met with presenter Bill Rawlings regarding the Video/Live Stream for Commission Meetings Discussion. We discussed expanding this so other offices can use this space and TVs. We had someone out to give us a quote on the electrical. As soon as we receive the quote, we will update you. The one TV will be left where it is, and then we will put two behind the Commissioners, one in each corner.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion. Western Commissioner Bilyeu made the motion that we approved those previously discussed and studied options, Eastern Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion.

Aye: Presiding Commissioner Lynn Morris, Commissioner Bilyeu, Eastern Commissioner Bradley Jackson  
Motion passed

The Commissioners met with presenter Ashleigh Hawkins regarding Historic River District – Tree Planting. We are planning a memorial for our Historic River District member, Debbie Spencer, who passed last week. We want to dedicate a tree in her honor. We thought to plant a red maple tree on the square, but we don't think there is enough space, so we will move it to the OC trail or the new Chadwick Fire Trail. We are also going to make some improvements to the gazebo. Debbie Spencer had a grant written for outdoor furniture. The Historic River District will write up a donation fund that will go public on June 1<sup>st</sup>. All donations will go to the gazebo furniture and a memorial to Debbie.

The Commissioners met with presenter Paula Brumfield regarding Opening a New Bank Account. We are trying to have a new credit card system in the office so we can take debit/credit cards for payment for notaries, etc. We have a square but need a bank account where that money for the square will go to. So, at the end of the month, Paula can write a check back to the county for the funds. Auditor Amy Dent will look at this each month and will reconcile the statements.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the new bank account. Eastern Commissioner Jackson made the motion, Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

Aye: Presiding Commissioner Lynn Morris, Commissioner Bilyeu, Eastern Commissioner Bradley Jackson  
Motion passed

The Commissioners met with presenter Rachel Campbell regarding the Show Me Christian County Hospitality Study. We have been working with a consulting company since December of last year to conduct a feasibility study and a study of our local market for demand for hospitality development and potentially a hotel. They have done a market study of our local tourism demand drivers. Five potential sites evaluated are Nixa (three properties) and Ozark (two properties). The study's top recommended site for development was located in Ozark. Both Hwy 160 and Hwy 65 had adequate traffic counts. Financial projections included for the suggested facility is a 95-room select-service plus hotel. Four thousand five hundred square feet of divisible meeting space that could fit about 300 in a meeting and 95 parking spaces. We have multiple parties that are interested in this project.

The Commissioners met regarding the library board discussion and possible votes. We have two positions—one for the Ozark region and one for the Highlandville region. It is important that we accept applications from all over the county. We would not have to delay selections if we had other applications in a pool. Presiding Commissioner Jackson's intent with this application process is that this is a downloadable pdf that

they can print off, fill out by hand, and return to this office. IT Manager Bill Rawling intends to have a link off the Commission website, and we can get it up in two days. We haven't decided how to store this. We will ensure we are all doing this the same for each applicant.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve Eastern Commissioner Jackson would like to make a motion that we accept and adopt the application that Eastern Commissioner Jackson presented yesterday with the intent to select library board members based on the geographic regions. A caveat being if we can't find someone qualified, we will select that person at large to represent that area. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

Aye: Presiding Commissioner Lynn Morris, Commissioner Bilyeu, Eastern Commissioner Bradley Jackson

Motion passed

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve; Eastern Commissioner Bradley Jackson would like to make a secondary motion to establish a timeline for the 2023 Library Board of Trustees Application Process. The application process will start and be available to the public on or before May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. All applications are to be received at the Commission office no later than close of business (4:30 pm) on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Vetting individually between candidates and Commissioners from June 20<sup>th</sup> through June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Open public meetings with candidates from July 3<sup>rd</sup> through July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Selection of candidates via Commissioner vote on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Appointed candidates will be available to proceed with onboarding and orientation from July 11<sup>th</sup> through July 24<sup>th</sup> and be ready to join the Board of Trustees for the July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion that we follow the timeline that was presented to us by Eastern Commissioner Jackson.

Aye: Presiding Commissioner Lynn Morris, Commissioner Bilyeu, Eastern Commissioner Bradley Jackson

Motion passed

#### Communications –

- Congratulations, Amber Bryant, on being selected for the school board.
- Congratulations to Kim Hopkins-Will, who just received her Master of Business Administration. She walked across the stage with her son and daughter-in-law.
- This month is mental health month for May. Mental health is a serious issue in this country. This county is going to be working on drug and alcohol issues.
- Memorial Day is Monday – The courthouse will be closed.
- We will be meeting upstairs next Tuesday instead of the Court House. New 911 system
- It's National EMS week


The Commission meeting adjourned at 9:44 am

  
Western Commissioner  
Hosea Bilyeu

5/30/2023  
Date

  
Presiding Commissioner  
Lynn Morris

5/30/23  
Date

  
Eastern Commissioner  
Bradley A. Jackson

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Date