

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 2nd Floor | Ozark, Missouri, 65721
On the 3rd day of July 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Presiding Commissioner, Lynn Morris	Public Administrator, Ken Davis
Eastern Commissioner, Bradley Jackson	Sheriff Cole
Western Commissioner, Hosea Bilyeu	Sergeant Graham
Commission Executive Assistant, Tammy Nuckolls	CC Links, Andrea Swope
Renee Brumett	EMA Director, Phil Amtower
Reggie Micham	IT Manager, Bill Rawlings
County Auditor, Amy Dent	Tonya Gardner
Samantha Burn	Bob Titus
Robert & Beverly Hughes	Ashley & Makayla West
Andy Iorg	Dan Cordier
Echo Alexander	IT Specialist John Beadles
Corey & Lola Smith	John Bazel
Dour Gardner	Jewel & Randy Sterner
Allen Iorg	Lana Rea
Michael Troy	Jacob Tate
Michele Taste	Vernon & Susan Lansdown
Mary Hernandez de Carl	Nicholas Holliday
Tanya Garner	John & Gretchen Garrity
Arianna Russell	Deborah Spindle
Brian Rohlman	Valerie Swearinger
Suzan Collins	Todd Hughs
R. Forbes	

A quorum was established at 9:01 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 June 27th, 2023, and approval of closed session minutes from June 27th per RSMO 610.021.2.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda as stated. Eastern Commissioner Jackson made the motion; Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed.

The Commissioners met with presenter Karen Matthews regarding the Court Funds Contract. We voted on this since last fall. Karen has been working on this for a couple of years. Nineteen counties have gone with this so far. Court funds are a different option instead of checks for Jurors. This is a debit card; the treasurer will scan the packet, meet the juror when they check in, hand them their packet, and explain it to them. When the trial ends, the circuit clerk will let us know what is due to each juror. We will then send a file to court funds, and they will upload it to the debit cards. Then let them know the money is ready. This is going to be a cost savings. If we can get the contract signed by July 9th it will only cost us .63 per card. If we wait

until July 9th, it will go up another 3 cents. If you lose the card, you can contact them, and they will reissue it. There are still things that Barb Stillings will do on their side. County Counselor has had a chance to review this, and one thing he didn't like is the limitation of liability of provision. They indicated that this is something that they are willing not to change.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve. Western Commissioner Bilyeu made the motion that we finalize the approval of that which Karen Matthews has presented to us, Eastern Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion

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

Motion passed

The Commissioners met with presenter Andrea Swope regarding the CC Links Board Appointments. We have three people that will be reappointed for another 3-year term. Amanda Barnes Adams, Tiffany Eggleston, Greg Williams. Brian Stone has a new appointment, and his term will end on 7-31-24.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve all four of these to fill the CCLinks Board. 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 regarding the New Library Board of Trustees Selection. The three of us worked independently to get the best two board members along with the other three to serve our county. We had 24 applicants in total. We interviewed 19 out of the 24. We had four people from Nixa and one from Sparta. The positions were not open, but we are saving these five applications. The two people we chose for the south district are Echo Alexander, and the Ozark district is Diane Brazeal. Presiding Commissioner Morris stated that all 19 people that we interviewed were awesome. It makes me proud of the people that live in our county. Western Commissioner Bilyeu noted the high quality of the people I interviewed; I was truly impressed with everyone I interviewed. Eastern Commissioner Jackson stated that it was a very difficult decision to make. I appreciated everyone that participated. It was a difficult decision. Western Commissioner Bilyeu – I was looking to those open to persuasion.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve these two board selections. 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 regarding the Discussion on Large Gatherings. Last week we had several residents from the Bruner area tell us of a party that wasn't permitted. I believe we will see more things like this happen in Christian County so that we will be ready for it. With the impact of the legalization of marijuana and add alcohol, you get hundreds of people together, and dangerous things can happen. We have Mr. Fax here, that has looked at the regulations. County Counselor – What happened in Bruner is not large enough for the state statute or large enough for the large festival statute to apply. In 2007, this Commission passed an order that applies to special event permitting. This is going to be something that looks smaller than a festival, somewhere around 500 people. This was an order that was passed back in 2007. I compiled a draft letter, cease or desist, Friday afternoon by certified mail. My guess is that it may not be received in time to go through the permit process. Presiding Commissioner Morris wants to have a work-study session. There

are no teeth in that 2007 document. It says on the brochures to bring your own plant medicine. This is serious. Everyone can document what is going on out there. My goal is that we will have something to protect our county before the end of July. Phil Amtower believes they had their event on the 2nd. Mr. Amtower sent the fire chief out there and also sent them an email last week. Sheriff Cole said they had one deputy assigned and dedicated to that particular event. At the previous party that was held, we received one complaint and one complaint only through 911. The deputy asked the event coordinator to turn the music down, and the event coordinator agreed to turn the music down to a lower level. We enforce the laws in the books, and that's what we did to that point. I would love to have more teeth to regulate some of this. A resident stated that he lives very close, and the music was not as loud as last time. I appreciate the deputy going down a few times. Presiding Commissioner Morris said we will develop a much better plan. A resident stated that she knows three phone calls were made to 911. She pulled the documentation. My call to 911 is not noted with any documentation. Presiding Commissioner Morris will have our director Becky Bacon at the work-study session. The resident said that the dispatch and the deputy told me it was properly permitted to stand down. Every 911 call should be as important as the other, whether one or one hundred calls. That one call should be treated the same. Presiding Commissioner Morris – I am concerned about the neighbors and everyone in that area. I am confident that we will come up with a better plan.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion. 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 regarding Communications.


Next week's meeting will start at 8:30 am

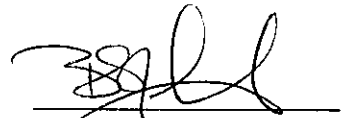
We are closing today at noon.

We have a large gathering this Friday & Saturday -Light the Way Festival.

This meeting adjourned at 9:52 am


Western Commissioner
Hosea Bilyeu
7-18-2023
Date


Presiding Commissioner
Lynn Morris
July 18, 2023
Date


Eastern Commissioner
Bradley A. Jackson
July 18, 2023
Date