## **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 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

## **Meeting Minutes**

## Attendees:

Presiding Commissioner, Lynn Morris
Eastern Commissioner, Bradley Jackson
Western Commissioner, Hosea Bilyeu -Absent
Commission Executive Assistant, Tammy Nuckolls
County Auditor, Amy Dent
Highway Administrator, Miranda Beadles
Prosecutor, Kristen Tuohy
Sgt Graham
Nathan Beaver
Jason H.
Cour

Operations Asst., Jolene Cunningham
HR Benefits Coordinator, Krista Raleigh
Judge Johnson
Assessor, Danny Gray
Road Superintendent, Brent Young
IT Manager, Bill Rawlings
Planning & Dev. Administrator, Joan Doss
Judge Johnson
Admin., Cindy Childress
Tory Pegram

A quorum was established at 8:30 am.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda, which includes approval of today's agenda, approval of work-study session minutes from May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, approval of work-study session minutes from June 26th, 2023, approval of closed session minutes from June 13, 2023, RSMO 610.021.3, Personnel and approval of financials –Court Order #07-11-2023-01. We will remove Discussion & Vote on Latch Fund from the agenda today and put it on the agenda for next week.

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

Aye: Presiding Commissioner Lynn Morris, Eastern Commissioner Jackson Motion passed.

The Commissioners met with presenter Judge Johnson regarding The Policy of Cellphone Usage in Courthouses. We had an incident with a subject, and they call themselves Auditors. They believe they have a right to have any contact with the government they want, record anything they want, and live off the proceeds from lawsuits they put against law enforcement for stopping them from doing so. This incident occurred when the subject came to the door and refused to take his cell phone to the vehicle. He was advised of our rule; he insisted on taking his phone into the building and into the courtroom to record. He began recording me at the door. He refused to leave, so he was arrested. The charge couldn't stand, and he was released. The way our policies are currently set up, we prohibit cell phones in the courtroom and prohibit videoing in the courthouse. The first amendment auditor's purpose is to cause a confrontation. When this happens, you must have good legal grounds to arrest someone. The County Counselor has approved the documents that we have here today. We will continue to have the same policy as we follow now, but we now have the authority to deal with instances like this if it happens again.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve cell phones in the CC Judicial Facility Policy. Eastern Commissioner Jackson made the motion that we put this order in place, Presiding Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

Aye: Presiding Commissioner Lynn Morris, Eastern Commissioner Jackson

Motion passed.

The Commissioners met with presenter Krista Raleigh regarding Employee of the Quarter. Jolene Cunningham is our Employee of the Quarter. She has been with the county for three years. She is the operations coordinator for the Sheriff's office. She is exceptional, a true example and role model, and has a can-do attitude. She attended a pro training, and she has become the expert resource person in its use. Her knowledge and expertise regarding this program are invaluable in the daily operations of the sheriff's office. Congratulations Jolene!

The Commissioners met with presenter Danny Gray regarding 2023 Assessed Totals. We had a reassessment year and a new construction year. New Construction, we did 59,575,050.00 million, the biggest year we've had. It's slowing down now. Last year we had 687 new homes. It will be less this year. Real Estate with reassessment and new construction, we were close to a 160 million increase this year plus a 20-million-dollar increase. It will push our totals to a little over 41 million; we will be up around 1.8 billion in total assessed value for the county. These numbers are before the Board of Equalization. I don't look for any major changes, except I have Cox Health, which asked for an exemption. They are a 501C3.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the 2023 Assessed Totals. Eastern Commissioner Jackson made the motion; Presiding Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Aye: Presiding Commissioner Lynn Morris, Eastern Commissioner Jackson Motion passed.

The Commissioners met with presenter Joan Doss regarding the Conveyance of Right-of-Way within Maria's Meadow Subdivision. It's a major subdivision that has been improved and has been developed in accordance with county standards. The roads have been inspected by the highway department and have been signed off by them. Today you will sign the Right of Way to bring that road into the county maintenance.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve this conveyance of Right-of-Way within the Marias subdivision. Eastern Commissioner Jackson made the motion; Presiding Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

Aye: Presiding Commissioner Lynn Morris, Eastern Commissioner Jackson Motion passed.

We went into recess at 9:07 We came out of recess at 10:00

The Commissioners met with presenter Joan Doss regarding Rezoning.

2023-0145 (Roger & Carolyn Smith) The zoning A1 agricultural. Near Highlandville. Christian County's future land use plan notes this area as designated as an Agricultural/Dispersed Residential". This property would be serviced by a private well and septic system. There are no floodplains or sinkholes on the property. No members of the public spoke at the meeting. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed this application at its June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting. The commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of this rezoning request. The plan right now is only to have one house.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve case number 2023-0145. Eastern Commissioner Jackson made the motion; Presiding Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

Aye: Presiding Commissioner Lynn Morris, Eastern Commissioner Jackson Motion passed.

2023-0146 (Buckman Homes LLC) Agricultural Residence. The location is 491 Nicholas Road in Nixa. The proposed use is mini storage units, requiring a conditional use permit. Utility service is not needed for the proposed use, but public water is available. No sinkholes or mapped floodplains on the property. No members of the public offered comments at the meeting. One email was submitted prior to the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and was shared with the Planning Commission at the meeting. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed this application at its June 20, 2023, meeting. This is a total of 5 acres.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve case number 2023-0146. Eastern Commissioner Jackson made the motion; Presiding Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Aye: Presiding Commissioner Lynn Morris, Eastern Commissioner Jackson Motion passed.

The Commissioners met regarding Communications.

- -1:30 Work-study for Event Policy
- -Visitation at Adams Funeral Home from 6 8 for Hosea's Mother-in-Law

This meeting adjourned at 10:13 am

ABSENT Western Commissioner

Hosea Bilyeu

Date

Presiding Commissioner

Lynn Morris

Date

Eastern Commissioner

Bradley A. Jackson

Date