

Christian County Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Christian County Commission met for a work-study session at:
The Historic Christian County Courtroom | 100 W. Church Street 2nd Floor | Ozark, Missouri, 65721

On the 3rd day of August 2023, at 9:00 am

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Presiding Commissioner, Lynn Morris	Highway Administrator, Miranda Beadle
Eastern Commissioner, Bradley Jackson	Resource Management Director, Todd Wiesehan
Western Commissioner, Hosea Bilyeu	Maintenance Supervisor, Richard Teague
Commission Executive Assistant Tammy Nuckolls	Highway Superintendent, Brent Young
Rick Parham	Tucker Jobe

A quorum was established at 9:00 am.

The Commissioners met to discuss Finbrooke Rd. Discussion.

- Mr. Parham – I believe it was platted back in 2006
- Mr. Parham – I bought 15 acres in 2006. The county raised Finbrooke about 3 – 4 feet. Mr. Brown went and talked to them and told them they were creating a lake, that it would back up the water into his and my property, and that’s what happened. This was in late 2006, and they came out in 2007 and installed more culverts. Then came out in 2010 or 2011 and put in a couple more culverts. This still hasn’t completely fixed the problem; we still flood during heavy rains. I was trying to do my road in 2006, but I couldn’t do the road because it flooded at the bottom every time it rained. I had been carrying a letter of credit for several years, costing me money. In February 2014, I gave the county the money, and the county has the money now (12 or 13 thousand, not sure). Nothing has been resolved yet.
- Mr. Parham – In 2016, a county engineer came out once and looked at it. I told him where all the water came from and that a 4x4 concrete culvert needed to be there. He looked at the situation and agreed with me when he returned.
- Ms. Beadles – The highway dept didn’t initiate it. If it occurred before 2014, it could have been someone from Great River Engineering.
- Presiding Commissioner Morris - I thought Mr. Brown was going to send us an email, and I haven’t received an email.
- Mr. Parham – He told me he would send you an email.
- Ms. Beadles – The height to which it’s being claimed that it was raised; Todd calculated over 250 truckloads of material to do it from Homestead down past High Meadows.
- Presiding Commissioner Morris – What you claim is that we have 13 thousand dollars in escrow, and you were going to do the road, and the county was going to take it over. You never did it because you had flooding, and I’m not sure what was said to any commissioners before us. I want to get your money back to you legally. You might have been able to do your road close to that, but today, that will not go anywhere with inflation. You are still in a pickle. The county can’t take over your road until you meet our specifications and the code.
- Mr. Parham – The reason I couldn’t do the road is because of what the county did.
- Ms. Beadles –I disagree; after you hit the approach off of Finbrooke, High Meadow rises out of the Floodplain. I didn’t understand why the road wasn’t done, and then the connection to Finbrooke was discussed because 90% of the road could have been chip n sealed and saved and preserved.
- Mr. Todd – With the approval of the subdivision, the obligation fell on the developer to build the road, and if that included putting in an appropriate culvert to accommodate water conditions,

that's part of the deal.

-Western Commissioner Bilyeu – We are in a classic, he said, she said, they said. We would need to look for some paperwork from meetings.

-Mr. Parham – I never came to a county meeting to get a renewal. It happened automatically somehow.

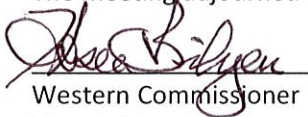
-Eastern Commissioner Jackson – I have a hard time believing our county people would have gone on private property and tore up a road, taking property that was yours.

-Mr. Parham – They didn't take it; they left it there.

-Presiding Commissioner Morris - Have you had an estimate in 2023 of what it would cost to do your road? I think you need to get some estimates from two or more people. We want to settle this as much as you want to settle this. I did listen to you, and I was concerned in 2020, and I heard your issues, and my comment to you was that if I could help you, I would help you. Now that I am in office, there are other stories that we have to look at. I am getting other facts and information that make other things cloudy and unclear. Unless we can go back and get more information, I don't know at this point; I don't know what we can do. The lesson for the Commission, the county, and you all is not to let something go for that many years.

-Western Commissioner Bilyeu – If I knew for certain that the county messed up, I would still have to go to our county attorney. Unless we have some documentation of what was being said and done at that time as opposed to hearsay and memory, I don't know that we will be authorized by state statute to expend money to do certain things. Any information we can get besides a handshake would be beneficial. My advice would be to make one more effort to look through minutes, check with Great River Engineering and attorneys, and if we think there is a need for an independent person to come out and do that, then we will take action on that at another time. Anyone that we talk to let's get them to put it on paper, so we have documents.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.


Western Commissioner
Hosea Bilyeu


Presiding Commissioner
Lynn Morris


Eastern Commissioner
Bradley A. Jackson