



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 St. 2nd Floor Courtroom
 Ozark, Missouri, 65721
 on the **12th** day of **December 2023** at **9:00 a.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	9:00 a.m.	10:13 a.m.
Bradley A. Jackson	Eastern Commissioner	Present	9:00 a.m.	10:13 a.m.
Lynn Morris	Presiding Commissioner	Present	9:00 a.m.	10:13 a.m.
Madi Hires Raines	Minutes Secretary	Present	9:00 a.m.	10:13 a.m.

Attendees: Auditor Amy Dent, Collector Ted Nichols, County Clerk Paula Brumfield, County Counselor Austin Fax Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles, Purchasing Manager Kim Hopkins-Will, Sheriff Brad Cole, Eryn Flood, Sgt. Dan Graham, Sandy Liles,

Bill Anchor, Jerry Ann Beadles, Marilyn Brown, Renee Brumett, Jerry Countryman, Lyndle Dorrell, Roger Fortner, Michael Hope, Larry Kirkland, Wanda Kirkland, Robert Lewis, Tory Pegram, Don Pettigrew, Laura Pettigrew, Richard Rice, Joan Rogers, Will Rogers, Arianna Russell, Chris Somes, Debbie Sullivan, Mike Sullivan, Terry Sweeney, Bob Titus, Pat Wright,

A quorum was established.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included Christian County Commission's agenda for today, December 12, 2023, as amended, Christian County Commission's emergency session minutes dated December 05, 2023, and 1 financial, Certified Court Order No. 12-12-2023-01. Eastern Commissioner Jackson so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

Aye: Bilyeu, Jackson, Morris. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The Commission met with Prosecuting Attorney Kristen Tuohy for approval of her VOCA grant. This grant funds four victim advocates for the Prosecutor's office.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the VOCA grant as presented. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Eastern Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion.

Aye: Bilyeu, Jackson, Morris. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The Commission met with Prosecuting Attorney Kristen Tuohy for a Digital Evidence Management MOU. Discussion was held.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the Digital Evidence Management MOU as presented. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Eastern Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion.

Aye: Bilyeu, Jackson, Morris. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The Commission met with Prosecuting Attorney Kristen Tuohy for presentation of her annual report. The annual report runs from December 1st of 2022 through November 30, 2023, giving the Commission an update on the Prosecutor's Office. Discuss was held. No action was taken.

The Commission met with Auditor Amy Dent and Prosecuting Attorney Kristen Tuohy for the Prosecuting Attorney's 2024 Budget Hearing. Auditor Dent noted a salary increase due to the Commission approved COLA, but no other increases to note.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the Prosecuting Attorney's budget for 2024 as presented. Eastern Commissioner Jackson so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

Aye: Bilyeu, Jackson, Morris. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The Commission met to discuss and vote on the County Order to activate Senate Bill 190. Presiding Commissioner Morris noted why there were no copies of the drafted order to present to the public as it has been in draft form undergoing changes and he is hoping the legislative body will further amend Senate Bill 190 which is amend the County Order as well.

County Counselor Austin Fax read aloud the drafted County Order. Eastern Commissioner Jackson spoke briefly regarding any information discussed at the Commissioner's annual meeting regarding Senate Bill 190 and the changes that have been requested to the legislative body. Western Commissioner Bilyeu inquired with County Counselor Fax regarding the options of how this bill could be put into action at the County level. Counselor Fax noted that an order by the County Commission could be passed, or the voters of the County could place it on a ballot to be voted on in a future election, he added that the language would be specific regarding the bill (as it's included in the bill), it cannot be changed. Presiding Commissioner Morris added that allowing the voters to place this on the ballot would possess a danger as it could not be changed, but a county order could be amended as many times as needed.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve County Order no. 12-12-2023-02, establishing Senate Bill 190 in Christian County by means of roll call. Eastern Commissioner Jackson so moved. Presiding Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

Western Commissioner Bilyeu noted, the phrase taxation without representation has always resonated with him, as a tax freeze without representation feels just the same. He added that he knows this order is going to pass and when it does, he will give it 100% of his effort. He is aware either of the Commissioners could be right or wrong, but he does believe this will impact every citizen in Christian County.

Roll Call Vote

Aye: Jackson, Morris. Nay: Bilyeu. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The Commission met with Auditor Amy Dent and Collector Ted Nichols for the Collector's 2024 Budget Hearing. Auditor Dent noted the salary increase due to the Commission approved COLA and staffing needs to support Senate Bill 190. The other increase is for computer software as the programming is having to be updated to allow for Senate Bill 190.

Eastern Commissioner Jackson inquired if the various offices affected by Senate Bill 190 would be tracking their expenses so the County can see the impact this is creating. Auditor Dent noted that the Commission can request that.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the Collector's budget for 2024 as presented. Eastern Commissioner Jackson so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

Aye: Bilyeu, Jackson, Morris. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The Commission met with Auditor Amy Dent and County Clerk Paula Brumfield for the Clerk's 2024 Budget Hearing. Auditor Dent noted a salary increase for the addition of the Commission approved COLA and additional staffing needs to support Senate Bill 190. Additional budget increases are due to next year being a Presidential election year, the Clerk's Office will host three elections and will be much busier.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the County Clerk's budget for 2024 as presented. Eastern Commissioner Jackson so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

Aye: Bilyeu, Jackson, Morris. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The Commission met with Purchasing Manager Kim Hopkins-Will for renewal of shredding services for the following County offices/departments: County Clerk, Commission, Collector, Prosecutor, Public Administrator, Juvenile & Human Resources. This renewal is with Big Bear Shredding LLC.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the renewal of shredding services with Big Bear Shredding LLC as presented. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Eastern Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion.

Aye: Bilyeu, Jackson, Morris. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The Commission met with Auditor Amy Dent and Sheriff Brad Cole for the Sheriff's 2024 Budget Hearing. Auditor Dent noted a salary increase for the addition of the Commission approved COLA, additional staffing that will be grant funded, and an increase for inmate medical as it was recently re-bid and rates were significantly higher.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the Sheriff's budget for 2024 as presented. Eastern Commissioner Jackson so moved. Western Commissioner Bilyeu seconded the motion.

Aye: Bilyeu, Jackson, Morris. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

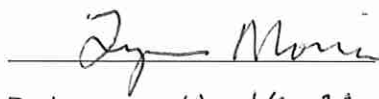
The Commission did not cover any additional communications in today's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.



Date: 12-19-2023

Hosea Bilyeu
Western Commissioner



Date: 12-19-23

Lynn Morris
Presiding Commissioner



Date: 12-19-2023

Bradley A. Jackson
Eastern Commissioner