



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., Room 100
 Ozark, Missouri, 65721
 on the **13th** day of **December 2023** at **10:30 a.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	10:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Bradley A. Jackson	Eastern Commissioner	Present	10:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Lynn Morris	Presiding Commissioner	Present	10:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Madi Hires Raines	Minutes Secretary	Present	10:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.

Attendees: Auditor Amy Dent, Employee Services Director Amber Bryant, Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles, Maintenance Supervisor Teague, Resource Management Director Todd Wiesehan, and Krista Raleigh

A quorum was established.

Presiding Commissioner Morris noted the removal of closed session per RSMo 610.021.3 (Personnel) as it has been rescheduled to December 14,2023.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included Christian County Commission's agenda for today, December 13, 2023, as amended, Christian County Commission's closed session minutes per RSMo 610.021.3 (Personnel) dated November 22,2023 and Christian County Commission's closed session minutes per RSMo. 610.021.17 (Auditor Communications) dated December 05, 2023, there are no financials to address. 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 Resource Management Director Todd Wiesehan and Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles regarding updates of County projects.

Director Wiesehan updated the Commission on several aspects of the project concerning the 40 acres off Hwy 14 in Ozark. Discussion was held regarding the infrastructure, what buildings will be built first and the planned solicitation dates. It was noted that any part of the entire project that will utilize ARPA funding will be started as early as possible, hopefully under contract by the 2nd quarter of 2024. Director Wiesehan feels confident that the early buildings could be move-in ready by the end of 2024, with a focus on the health clinic.

Discussion was held regarding whether the point person on this building project should be a county employee or someone outside of the organization. Director Bryant noted that she had spoken with the County Counselor and as he read the state statute, he felt an outside person would need to be in the position of overseeing the construction. Western Commissioner Bilyeu stated that the Commission would need to speak to Counselor Fax about this more in detail and have something provided in writing to confirm this. Despite this question, he still feels the county needs an employee to move the progress of this project forward.

Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles added that a work-study session on this overall project would be beneficial prior to it landing on any regular agenda to be presented or any aspect voted on. The Commission agreed on this and added that regular updates monthly or bi-monthly would be appreciated. Eastern Commissioner Jackson added that a written update would be fine for bi-monthly updates rather than an additional in-person update.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion. Western Commissioner Bilyeu moved to appoint Director Wiesehan as the point person to move the project along concerning the 40 acres beginning today, requiring bi-monthly correspondence with one being in person regarding updates on the project. Eastern Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion.

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

Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles updated the Commission on various County projects concerning roads & bridges. A few projects to note are the Nelson Mill bridge, Hawkins bridge, Green bridge, and Chadwick Road bridge.

Nelson Mill bridge is the furthest along of the bridge projects, it is being prepped for its new girder installations in the coming months. Steel fabrication is taking place for the new outside girders at Delong's, Inc in Jefferson City, MO; the shop drawings were approved in late November allowing for the steel rolling and finishing. Once the new girders arrive it will take approximately 4 weeks of work prior to the bridge re-opening. She is hopeful for the anticipated date of April 2024. On the Green bridge project, it is still working through rights-of-way and property owners.

Green Bridge is currently in the phase of working through rights-of-way with the property owners and working on a marketing plan as well. The bridge should be advertised in January of 2024, receiving proposals in March with a decision by the Commission sometime after that. This project is receiving a grant from MODot for approximately \$500,000.00.

Red Bridge is about 90% complete in the design phase and they are in works on right-of-way discussions with the largest property owner which is the Forestry Service.

Hawkins and Red Bridge are to be advertised in February 2024; permits are done for Hawkins Bridge and an additional grant was received for it from MODot.

Chadwick Road Bridge is receiving a grant from the National Forestry Service, that replacement will take place in 2026; the design phase can start anytime on this project.

Employee Services Director Amber Bryant gave the Commission a brief update on the county health clinic. She noted that she had spoken with the clinic, and they had inquired about a contract for services to gauge when the county would be opening the facility. Director Bryant felt the contract would not be needed if they would be open by the end of 2024; if the clinic would be open later a contract might be something to consider.


Maintenance Supervisor Teague updated the Commission on the jail sewer improvement project since the amendment was approved and noted that the new jail a/c unit had been installed successfully.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.



Date: 12-19-23

Hosea Bilyeu
Western Commissioner



Date: 12/14/23

Lynn Morris
Presiding Commissioner



Date: 12-19-2023

Bradley A. Jackson
Eastern Commissioner