

Christian County Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Christian County Commission met in Emergency Session at:

The Historic Christian County Courthouse

100 W. Church St. Room 100

Ozark, Missouri, 65721

on the 1st day of February 2024 at 10:00 a.m. MEETING MINUTES

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	10:00 a.m.	10:50 a.m.
Bradley A. Jackson	Eastern Commissioner	Present	10:00 a.m.	10:50 a.m.
Lynn Morris	Presiding Commissioner	Present	10:00 a.m.	10:50 a.m.
Kayla Countryman	Commission Executive Assistant	Present	10:00 a.m.	10:50 a.m.
Madi Hires Raines	Minutes Secretary	Present	10:00 a.m.	10:50 a.m.

Attendees: Sheriff Brad Cole, Employee Services Director Amber Bryant, Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles, Resource Management Director Todd Wiesehan,

A quorum was established.

Closed Session per RSMo 610.021.2 (Real Estate) was removed from the consent agenda.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included Christian County Commission's agenda for today, February 01, 2024, as amended, noting that the Commission is meeting in emergency session due to this bridge closure being a safety factor. 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 Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles and Resource Management Director Todd Wiesehan to discuss the closure of Green Bridge. Administrator Beadles gave a brief overview regarding the bridge having multiple repairs over the years and being notified in a MODot maintenance report that the bridge may need to be closed. Administrator Beadles noted that procedurally, MODot sends a letter giving the County 30 days from the date of receiving to close a bridge. Seeing that the maintenance report noted that the bridge had a "high risk for sudden failure", Administrator Beadles started immediate action to close the bridge due to safety concerns. Residents were notified and a final closure date was posted; the bridge is now closed as of yesterday, January 31, 2024, and will remain closed permanently. She added clarification that the plan to replace Green bridge is still in place and in process.

Presiding Commissioner Morris brought up several safety concerns based on phone calls he has received from residents. Discussion was held.

Western Commissioner Bilyeu recommended that a press release be created by Administrator Beadles and Director Wiesehan regarding the sudden bridge closure. This would help to keep the public informed and updated on the replacement project. Eastern Commissioner Jackson also requested that Administrator Beadles and Director Wiesehan prepare a physical meet and greet at Resource Management, giving the public an opportunity to be informed in person on the bridge project and make sure they are aware of the bridge closure.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Date: 2-14-202

Hosea Bilyeu Western Commissioner Date:

Lynn Morris Presiding Commissioner Dáte:

Bradley A. Jackson Eastern Commissioner

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