



**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 **14<sup>th</sup>** day of **February 2024** at **10:30 a.m.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	10:30 a.m.	11:38 a.m.
Bradley A. Jackson	Eastern Commissioner	Present	10:30 a.m.	11:38 a.m.
Lynn Morris	Presiding Commissioner	Present	10:30 a.m.	11:38 a.m.
Kayla Countryman	Commission Executive Assistant	Present	10:30 a.m.	11:38 a.m.
Madi Hires Raines	Minutes Secretary	Present	10:30 a.m.	11:38 a.m.

Attendees: Auditor Amy Dent, Circuit Clerk Barb Stillings, Collector Ted Nichols, Recorder Kelly Hall, Treasurer Karen Matthews, Employee Services Director Amber Bryant, Mikinzie Bacon, John Beadles, Krista Raleigh,

Nicholas Holladay, Gretchen Garrity, Tony Petrosino, Ken Spangler, Martha Spangler, Deborah Sprinkle

A quorum was established.

Items to be removed from the consent agenda: Selection Process – CC Library Board of Trustees – West County – Township Position.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included Christian County Commission's agenda for today, February 14, 2024, as posted with the removal of 1 item, Christian County Commission's closed session minutes per RSMo 610.021.3 (Personnel) dated January 30, 2024; Christian County Commission's emergency session minutes dated February 01, 2024; Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated February 06, 2024; Christian County Commission's emergency session minutes dated February 06, 2024; and Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated February 13, 2024. 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 Treasurer Karen Matthews and Circuit Clerk Barb Stillings to discuss a credit limit increase. Clerk Stillings is requesting an increase to \$10,000.00 as she needs to purchase airfare and housing accommodation for an upcoming drug treatment court conference. The current limit of \$5,000.00. is not sufficient for the purchase.

Auditor Dent requested Clerk Stillings to utilize the main County credit card for airfare and the Airbnb as it has a limit of \$20,000.00. She does not view that giving an individual office half the buying power of the entire County a responsible choice.

Treasurer Matthews gave each Commissioner a copy of statute RSMo 54.540 stating the County budgets for the Law Library fund but not the Treatment Court, that would cause a co-mingling of funds regarding the Circuit Clerk providing reimbursement for the credit card purchase. Treasurer Matthews added that she would do what the Commission wishes but does not want to be responsible for the co-mingling of funds; she wants it on the record that it is not her decision.

Western Commissioner Bilyeu noted that County Counselor Fax would need to be contacted to answer the question concerning the co-mingling of funds, once an answer is provided this discussion can be continued at the next Commission meeting next week.

Discussion was held. No action taken.

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The Commission met with Employee Services Director Amber Bryant to discuss vending machines and food trucks. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.



Date: 2-26-2024

Hosea Bilyeu  
Western Commissioner



Date: 2/22/24

Lynn Morris  
Presiding Commissioner



Date: 2-22-24

Bradley A. Jackson  
Eastern Commissioner