

Christian County Commission Agenda Meeting 2/27/2024

9:00 am meeting called to order

This meeting was held at the Christian County Resource Management Building

Sign in sheet passed around the room

Rollcall & Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda: Motion to approve, Commissioner Jackson made the motion, Commissioner Bilyeu seconded.

Minutes: Approved as given from 2 meetings held on February 22nd.

Financials: CART funds disbursed to County Road Departments and Special Road Districts. \$

Black Mountain Energy Battery Storage System Presentation

Todd Wiesehan with Christian County Resource Management gave a brief PowerPoint overview.

This battery energy storage facility site is being proposed near Old Prospect Road & East of Elk Valley Road in Christian County. They would utilize 6-8 acres, placing 56 lithium battery storage units, 8-9 feet tall. This is estimated to be a 100-million-dollar project and would bring in 100-150 jobs during the initial construction, and start in 2027.

Concerns: Siting & visual impact, environmental, safety & removal.

If the Christian County Commission votes to allow this project to proceed, it will be adopted into an Order. The County will have the ability to place specific requirements for Black Mountains site plan.

Carolyn O'Brien-Black Mountain Energy Storage, Director of Permitting & Entitlement presented her PowerPoint corporate overview to the group.

Black Mountain was founded in 2021 and it is headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas.

Black Mountain Energy Storage Systems develop storage for lithium batteries that interconnect to electric companies. This resource would subsidize our area in weak times of brown outs & black outs.

The benefits would include the surrounding area to increase electric reliability, resolve transmission inefficiencies, and provide a significant tax contribution. Lifespan of the units are 20 years. This company has had 20 projects, and 4 are under contract at this time.

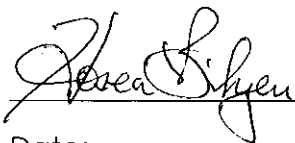
Questions were opened up to the crowd and the main concerns from Christian County citizens include: Thermal fires, contamination of the wells and water runoff, leaching, tax impacts, decreased property values, road damage from heavy equipment during construction, off gassing & shut off system procedures.

Residents are encouraged to call & email the County Commission & Planning & Development with their thoughts & concerns.

Other meetings concerning this topic will be scheduled at a later date.

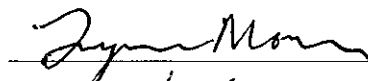
Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am

Town Hall continued after Commission Meeting



Date: _____

Hosea Bilyeu
Western Commissioner



Date: 3/5/24

Lynn Morris
Presiding Commissioner

Absent

Date: _____

Bradley A. Jackson
Eastern Commissioner