

## **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 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024 at 1:00 p.m. MEETING MINUTES

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	1:00 p.m.	2:02 p.m.
Bradley A. Jackson	Eastern Commissioner	Present	1:00 p.m.	3:09 p.m.
Lynn Morris	Presiding Commissioner	Present	1:00 p.m.	3:09 p.m.
Kayla Countryman	Commission Executive Assistant	Present	1:00 p.m.	3:09 p.m.
Madi Raines	Minutes Secretary	Present	1:00 p.m.	3:09 p.m.

Attendees: Assessor Danny Gray, Auditor Amy Dent, Collector Ted Nichols, County Clerk Paula Brumfield, County Counselor Austin Fax, Treasurer Karen Matthews, Employee Services Director Amber Bryant, Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles, Resource Management Director Todd Wiesehan, Maintenance Supervisor Richard Teague, Jeremy Burns, Valerie Carr, Cindy Childress, Sandy Liles, Bill Rawlings

A quorum was established.

Items to be 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, April 16, 2024, as posted, there are no minutes or 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 for an update on the development of the planned County Campus (minus the Sheriff's Office and Courts). Director Wiesehan gave a brief update, including a planned timeline for the initial phase of the project, including the construction of the operations building; a planned 18,000sqft building that would house Human Resources, Resource Management, Building Inspections, Purchasing, IT and the 4800sqft medical clinic. The other buildings to be constructed first are a maintenance building and the recycling center. Currently the infrastructure of the water and sewer has been completed. The next step in phase 1 of the project is the bidding of site grading, road construction and stormwater management construction. Great River Engineering (GRE) is handling this bid publication and has an opening scheduled for May 8th. GRE will assemble a bid tabulation to present to the Commission along with their recommendation to move forward with this step in the construction process.

The current house located on the property is planned to be demolished on May 1st which has caused offices that utilize it for storage to have to find temporary storage solutions. Due to these temporary storage solutions, Assessor Gray, Collector Nichols, and County Clerk Brumfield inquired about the permanent storage plans on the new campus. The new maintenance building will offer an overflow of space that could be utilized for storage for various offices. The main concern by the Elected officials would be secure storage.

Aside from storage concerns, additional concerns were voiced concerning the financing of this project as the County has another 16 years to pay towards the new Circuit Court Building and what ARPA funds were planned to be used. Auditor Dent stated that 1.2 million had been allocated from the ARPA funds for the medical facility, she added that her preference would be that all contracts are in place by the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter concerning any ARPA funds.

Presiding Commissioner Morris inquired on the establishment of a committee to review and oversee this project as it is too big a project for just one employee to be over. Western Commissioner Bilyeu felt the establishment of a committee would slow the progression of the project down and felt Mr. Wiesehan was doing a fine job. Many of the concerns mentioned he felt would be faced as the project continued. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

The Commission met with Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles to discuss Garrison Special Road District's funding. Currently GSRD is not part of the County's sales tax distribution due to the discovery in 2020 that they were not spending their sales tax distribution properly. Discovery of records showed that private drives had been paved in addition to other privately owned property. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

The Commission met with Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles to discuss road sales tax. Administrator Beadles listed how much each special road district has every year to spend per mile on their roads then compared that to what C1 and C2 has. With this comparison Administrator Beadles noted that \$100,00.00 per year is budgeted to share with each special road district and the County has no obligation or statutory requirement to continue sharing these funds. Discussion was held phasing out this fund sharing in order to further take care of the County roads rather than request a tax initiative be placed on the ballot. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

ABSENT

Date: NJA

Hosea Bilyeu Western Commissioner Date: 4/2/14

Lynn Morris Presiding Commissioner Date: 4-25-24

Bradley A. Jackson Eastern Commissioner