



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 **30th** day of **May 2024** at **9:30 a.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	9:30 a.m.	11:26 a.m.
Bradley A. Jackson	Eastern Commissioner	Present	9:30 a.m.	11:26 a.m.
Lynn Morris	Presiding Commissioner	Absent		
Kayla Countryman	Commission Executive Assistant	Present	9:30 a.m.	11:26 a.m.
Madi Raines	Minutes Secretary	Present	9:30 a.m.	11:26 a.m.

Attendees: Assessor Danny Gray, Auditor Amy Dent, County Clerk Paula Brumfield, Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles, John Beadles, Jeremy Burns, Kim Hopkins-Will

Amy Acker, Chief Justin Arnold, Jane Atteberry, Jim Atteberry, Sandi Baker, Laure Bowen, Becky Cash, BJ Cash, Ben DeClu, Kris Dryer, Katrina Green, Mike Green, Steve Haeffling, J.D. Haeffling, JeanAnn Hutchinson, Amanda Lindsey, Cale McAninch, David McCroskey, Kay McCroskey, Maria Neider, Jeremy Parsons, Dale Phillips, Paula Phillips, Hayden Ponsar, Tim Schowe, Daniel Shortt, Cliff Spangler, Ben Ward

A quorum was established.

Items to be removed from the consent agenda:

County Clerk Paula Brumfield appointed Eastern Commissioner Jackson Presiding Commissioner for today's meeting.

Eastern Commissioner Jackson entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included Christian County Commission's agenda for today, May 30, 2024, as amended, Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated May 23, 2024. There are no financials to address. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Eastern Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles and Purchasing Manger Kim Hopkins-Will for award of ITB #2024-07 Construction of Storage Building. This building is for the Common two road district to house winter equipment.

This is the second time the County issued a bid for this building as only one vendor submitted a bid originally and it was extraordinarily high. This time three vendors submitted bids; Base Construction (\$237,800.00); Kendall, LLC (\$195,000.00); and Truhome Excavating (\$211,960.00). Kendall LLC was determined to be the lowest bid and best provider for this project. Discussion was held.

Eastern Commissioner Jackson entertained a motion to approve the award of ITB #2024-07 Construction of Storage Building to Kendall LLC as presented. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Eastern Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Purchasing Manager Kim Hopkins-Will regarding an update on surplus property. Discussion was held, no action was taken.

The Commission met with Assessor Danny Gray and Purchasing Manager Kim Hopkins-Will for contract award of SS(Sole Source) 2024-3 Arc GIS Services.

Eastern Commissioner Jackson entertained a motion to approve the contract award for SS 2024-3 Arc GIS Services to SAM, LLC (Surveying and Mapping) as presented. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Eastern Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Assessor Danny Gray for his quarterly report. Assessor Gray noted that is not a reassessment year, that new construction is currently down 5 million in comparison to last year; despite this he would consider the healthy quite healthy. Real estate assessed value is up from 1.4 billion last year to 1.46 billion and personal property is running flat, currently 4 million under from last year. Discussion was held, no action was taken.

9:45 a.m. The Commission sat in recess.

10:00 a.m.

The Commission met with Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles regarding the reuse of Green Bridge. Administrator Beadles noted that at the previous meeting on May 14th, the proposal from the City of Ozark was presented to the Commission. The submitted proposal form the City of Ozark leaves Green Bridge in its original location and makes it a pedestrian/bike bridge that could become a trailhead or connect with other trails in the future.

Jeremy Parsons and Ben DeClu from the City of Ozark gave a short presentation on their proposal, stating that they are open to moving the bridge but at this point the most cost-effective option is to leave it in its original location.

Multiple property owners spoke in opposition of the proposal siting concerns that Green Bridge would become like Linden lure, the trailhead would attract people to the location instead of deterring them. BJ Cash stated that the property owners were told from the beginning that the original bridge would not be left for fear that high water would take the old Bridge into the new bridge and that the real estate and right of way would return to the original landowners after the new bridge was put in. He repeated that those were two promises made to each landowner before they signed off on this project; accepting the City of Ozark's new plan means going back on what they were told. He added that he and several of the other landowners would seek legal counsel if this proposed plan were approved.

Katrina Green stated that she would love to see the bridge left standing but does not think there needs to be a trail head or place created for anyone to park. She agrees is a beautiful area and a bike or pedestrian only path would be ok. She added that she loves the bridge and would love to see if stay, if possible, but if it needs to go, she hopes someone will find a place for it to go instead of destroying it.


Ben DeClu made the promise that no trail head will be planned any longer for that location. He added that the city is open to other options but knows there is a deadline set by the County for this to be completed.

The Commission stated that this meeting was purely informational, and they are neither for nor against the proposal; this meeting was to bring the proposal to the landowners, take their input, so everyone would be informed. Discussion was held, no action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.


Date: 6-6-2024
Hosea Bilyeu
Western Commissioner

Absent
Date: _____
Lynn Morris
Presiding Commissioner


Date: 6-6-24
Bradley A. Jackson
Eastern Commissioner