



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 **22nd** day of **August 2024** at **9:00 a.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Absent		
Bradley A. Jackson	Eastern Commissioner	Present	9:00 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
Lynn Morris	Presiding Commissioner	Present	9:00 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
Kayla Countryman	Commission Executive Assistant	Present	9:00 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
Madi Raines	Minutes Secretary	Present	9:00 a.m.	10:20 a.m.

Attendees: Assessor Danny Gray, Auditor Amy Dent, County Clerk Paula Brumfield, Treasurer Karen Matthews, EMA Director Phil Amtower, Highway Administrator Miranda Beadles, Maintenance Supervisor Richard Teague, Resource Management Director Todd Wiesehan, Melissa Bilyeu, Kim Hopkins Will, Cheryl Mitchell, Jamie Orlando, Mitchel Urner

Chuck Branch, Johnny Williams

Jennifer Schatzer with KPM

9:00 a.m. 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, August 22, 2024, as revised to move KPM Delivery of Annual Audit Report to the last item, Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated August 08, 2024, Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated August 13, 2024, and two financials, Certified Court Order 08-22-2024-01, and Treasurer Matthews updating the bank signature cards to authorize Chery Mitchell to utilize Presiding Commissioner Lynn Morris's facsimile stamp, in addition the Commission will be authorizing Cheryl to utilize the facsimile stamps for all Commissioners. Eastern Commissioner Jackson so moved. Presiding Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Assessor Danny Gray and Purchasing Manager Kim Hopkins-Will for contract renewal ITB #2021-5 for Assessment List Processing and Mailing.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the renewal as presented for ITB #2021-5 Assessment List Processing & Mailing to Edward J. Rice Company, Inc. Eastern Commissioner Jackson so moved. Presiding Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Auditor Amy Dent for approval of the 2024 budget amendments previously presented on August 8th. These amendments for were the Treasurer, Public Administrator, and Emergency Management. Auditor Dent noted that the amendments are not currently on the table, but she will require them to finalize the amendments.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the budget amendments as previously presented on August 8th. Eastern Commissioner Jackson so moved. Presiding Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with County Clerk Paula Brumfield for certification of the August 6th Primary Election. Clerk Brumfield noted that the election was certified on Friday, August 9th and there was a low voter turnout of 25%, this is a much lower turnout than the previous two primary elections. Discussion was held, no action was taken.

The Commission met with Maintenance Supervisor Richard Teague regarding site grading at 2701 W Jackson. He is asking for a project amendment of approximately \$8,000.00 or concrete removal.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the project amendment as stated for concrete removal. Eastern Commissioner Jackson so moved. Presiding Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met to have a discussion regarding sales tax. No action was taken.

The Commission met with County Clerk Paula Brumfield for the 2024 Tax Levy Hearing.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to set the Common Road District 2 2024 Tax Levy at 0.0000. Eastern Commissioner Jackson so moved. Presiding Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

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

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to set the Common Road District 1 2024 Tax Levy at 0.0948. Eastern Commissioner Jackson so moved. Presiding Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

After the motion, Presiding Commissioner Morris stated that he would like it included in the minutes that in the next year he would like the Commission to study and find a way to eliminate this tax next year by increasing sales tax. As he does not like that the east side has a tax that the west side does not have.

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

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to set the General Revenue 2024 Tax Levy at 0.0446. Eastern Commissioner Jackson so moved. Presiding Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

After the motion, Presiding Commissioner Morris stated that he is seconding the motion to move forward leaving it set at the same rate as last year but would have preferred to set the levy at the maximum of 0.0522 to allow for an additional \$140,000.00 of revenue to the County.

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

The Commission had a brief discussion concerning communications.

9:55 a.m.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to enter into closed session per RSMo 610.021.17 (Auditor Communications) by means of roll call vote. Eastern Commissioner Jackson so moved. Presiding Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

10:19

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to leave closed session and resume regular session by means of roll call vote. Eastern Commissioner Jackson so moved. Presiding Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

The Commission met with Jennifer Schatzer from KPM for delivery of the annual audit. Discussion was held.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to accept the annual audit as presented. Eastern Commissioner Jackson so moved. Presiding Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.


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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.


_____ ABSENT _____

Date: _____

Hosea Bilyeu
Western Commissioner


Date: 8/23/24

Lynn Morris
Presiding Commissioner


Date: 8-23-2024

Bradley A. Jackson
Eastern Commissioner