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May 15, 2025 9:00 AM **Christian County Commission Meeting**

The Historic Christian County Courthouse 100 W. Church Street, Room 100 Ozark, Missouri, 65721

Recognition of the 2025 Missouri Women's State Champions.

MSHSAA Record: Most Team Points Scored

State Championship Team

100- Hanna Egley (Sophomore) 4th Place at State *Academic All-State 105- Ashton Mayes (Sophomore) 4th Place at State, 2x Medalist 110- Mylee Harper (Junior) 3x State Qualifier *Academic All-State 115- Dani Hartley (Freshmen) 120- Abigail Weitzel (Senior) 125- Addison Harkins (Junior) State Champ, 2x Finalist *Academic All-State 130- Abigail Counts (Sophomore) State Qualifier 135- Brylee James (Junior) 2x State Qualifier *Academic All-State 140- Ava Frye (Senior) 6th Place at State, 3x State Qualifier *Academic All-State 145- Kamryn Bourbon (Freshman) 4th place at State *Academic All-State 155- Natalie Edmisson (Junior) 170- Cali Dupree (Senior) State Champion, 3x State Placer 190- Jessie Nelson (Senior) 4th Place at State, 2x State Qualifier *Academic All-State 235- Larissa Downs (Senior) State Qualifier Head Coach: Dustin Martin *In attendance Assistant Coach: Josh Downing *In attendance Assistant Coach: Ben Melton *In attendance Assistant Coach: Eric Luebbe Assistant Coach: Deagan Fugitt Assistant Coach: Gavin DeWitt Assistant Coach: Kevin Carey *In attendance Assistant Coach: Oswaldo Garcia

Assistant Coach: Jerry Inman

Athletic Trainer: Nate Allgaier

Athletic Trainer: Niko Helin

Athletic Director: Dr. Brandon Clark

Assistant Athletic Director: Mr. Jeremy McCoy



Christian County Commission Proclamation

Whereas the Nixa Eagles Women's Wrestling Team has demonstrated extraordinary skill, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the 2024-2025 season; and

Whereas the team finished their remarkable season with a state record of 139.5 points, earning their rightful place as the 2025 Class 2 Missouri State Women's Wrestling champions; and

Whereas the wrestlers, coaches, and staff of the Nixa Eagles have displayed incredible teamwork, dedication, and perseverance in every match, overcoming challenges and adversities along the way; and

Whereas the hard work and unwavering spirit of the team have not only made their school and community proud, but have also inspired countless fans, young athletes, and supporters throughout the state of Missouri; and

Whereas this achievement marks a significant moment in Nixa High School's history, establishing the Eagles as a dominant force in Missouri high school sports.

Now, Therefore, we, The Christian County Commission, do hereby proclaim:

May 15, 2025, as Nixa Eagles Women's Wrestling Team Day

In recognition of their victorious achievement in winning the 2025 Missouri State Women's Wrestling Championship.

Be it further resolved, that we commend the Nixa Eagles Women's Wrestling Team for their exceptional sportsmanship, teamwork, and resilience, and we celebrate their remarkable accomplishment that will forever be etched in the history of Missouri high school wrestling.



In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hand and caused the seal of Christian County, Missouri to be affixed on this day, May 15, 2025.

esiding Commissioner Lynn Morris

Western Commissioner Johnny Williams

Eastern Commissioner Bradley A. Jackson



Nixa City Hall P.O. Box 395 715 W. Mt. Vernon St. Nixa, MO 65714 Office: 417-725-3785

Christian County Commission 100 West Church St. Room 100 Ozark, Mo 65721

Dear Christian County Commission:

Please be advised that the City of Nixa has contacted the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) to request the voluntary annexation of approximately 2.86 acres of Missouri Route 14 rights of way. The request specifically includes the highway rights of way of Missouri Route 14 (West Mt. Vernon) from the western property line of 1401 West Mt. Vernon to the western property line of 1521 West Mt. Vernon. A map has been enclosed showing the subject right of way.

The City of Nixa has been awarded a grant from the State of Missouri Division of Tourism for the design, fabrication, and installation of a "Welcome to Nixa" sign. The sign will be on the 72-acre solar farm property on the south side of Missouri Route 14. To ensure that the welcome sign is adjacent to the city limits of Nixa, we are requesting the voluntary annexation of the subject right of way.

The MHTC process for evaluating voluntary annexation requests requires that all municipalities located within a 5-mile radius of the proposed area to be annexed, provide a letter stating whether they object to the annexation or not. Provided with this letter is a standard response letter for you to fill out and return via email. Should you have any comments you wish to share, please contact Scott Godbey via the contact information shown below. You may also send comments to the address shown above.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely, Scott Godbey | Director of Planning and Development sgodbey@nixa.com | 417-725-5850



To the City of Nixa,

I have received a letter from the City of Nixa notifying us of your request to annex approximately 2.8 acres of MoDOT right-of-way along Missouri Route 14.

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Please check one:

 \mathbf{V} I am in favor of the annexation request by the City of Nixa.

I am opposed to the annexation request by the City of Nixa.

If opposed, please provide your objections to the proposed annexation of MoDOT right-ofway.

Lynn Morris Presiding Commissioner **Christian County**

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Date

5-15-2025

Johnny Williams Western District Commissioner

Date

Christian County

Bradley A. Jackson Eastern District Commissioner Christian County

May 15, 2025

Date





Viewpoint short-form documentary (3-5 minutes) will be distributed to Public Television stations in all 50 states, airing for one year, for unlimited broadcast (estimated reach for one year is 60 million households). The short-form documentary is hosted by Dennis Quaid.

5-6 Minute CorporateProfile

Viewpoint will provide the production of one (1) broadcast quality, 5-6 minute educational documentary profile in HD with expansive and detailed information documenting the issues and educational message that concern your target audience.

Internet Media

Viewpoint will digitize the 5-6 minute documentary into a digital file for streaming on your company or organization's website, and will be delivered in a format for streaming on social media. Viewpoint will design and generate an email campaign to your narrowcasted audience sending up to 1,000,000 video emails from the Viewpoint email database.

Commercial Television Airings

Viewpoint will provide the production of one(1) highend one-minute educational commercial segment used for network distribution, broadcast once prime time in over 84 million homes via MSNBC, CNBC, or an equivalent network; and airing 400 times in the top 100 Designated Market Areas during peak and prime time on networks such as CNBC, CNN Headline News, The Learning Channel, Discovery Life, Discovery Channel, or equivalent networks.

Project Cycle: 90 – 120 Days

- Day 1: Contract signed, and organization is scheduled for participation in project
- Day 2 14: Project Fee is due on receipt of invoice; Questionnaire and Collaterals Sent (Due by Day 14)
- Day 15 45: Project assigned to field producer, producer reviews literature, acclimates and storyline
- Day 46 75: Scripts written and approved. Shoot location determined and shoot day set.
- Day 76 90+: Shoot day occurs; studio editing of 3 components according to approved script, segments are approved, and media schedule is set for airing.

VIEWPOINT with dennis quaid

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CONTENT PROVIDER BENEFITS

PARTNERING WITH VIEWPOINT

VIEWPOINT is uniquely positioned in the educational media market. The segments created are not just for a "general" audience; rather, these segments are customized to feature important aspects of your specific industry. Our partnerships allow VIEWPOINT to feature the biggest names, organizations, and breaking storylines to create the most intuitive and entertaining content available for the viewer.

PUBLIC TELEVISION SEGMENT

VIEWPOINT will develop and deliver a 3-5 minute educational segment comprehensively covering your field, hosted by Dennis Quaid. This cutting edge, network ready segment will feature topics specifically pertaining to your industry, and what role your organization plays in it. Every segment highlights new technologies, trends, and advancements being made while abiding by the strict educational statutes expected by Public Television.

PROJECT DELIVERABLES

As a thank you for participating as a Content Provider for the VIEWPOINT, a high end Commercial and Custom Documentary will be created and distributed to a wide array of national and international media outlets with millions of viewers. This content is high-quality, informative, and content-specific. These files will be provided as HD digital files at the completion of the project.



NETWORK EXPOSURE

COMMERCIAL DISTRIBUTION

VIEWPOINT utilizes strategic partnerships with various networks such as CNBC, MSNBC, The Learning Channel, CNN, Fox Business, The Discovery Channel, and many more to place commercial segments that are constructed to communicate the key issues impacting your target markets. These national spots reach over 84 million households nationwide, and only air in peak and prime-time slots.

Additionally, these spots are independently distributed on a regional basis in the top one hundred DMAs across the country, reaching an additional 30 million households.

DOCUMENTARY

CUSTOM CORPORATE DOCUMENTARY

The **VIEWPOINT** team understands that to have the proper content, it is critical to secure exemplary stories from our participant's. We also understand and realize the need for organizations such as yours to have a valuable set of deliverables at the conclusion of the project.

In addition to the other segments created, **VIEWPOINT** will utilize the resources provided, such as the additional footage obtained on the one-day location shoot, to produce a 5-6 minute corporate identity segment solely featuring your organization, and for your exclusive use. Using the driving industry story from our Content Providers as the backbone, this customized segment will feature the content in groundbreaking ways. The final segment can serve as a conduit to audiences online and elsewhere.



INTERNET EXPOSURE

INTERNET DISTRIBUTION & NARROWCASTING

VIEWPOINT has a unique laser targeted approach to internet branding for the series and our participant's educational content. Our Narrowcasting campaign involves the demographic targeting of audiences most inclined to take interest in your story and/or product. Content Providers and Partners of the **VIEWPOINT** have the ability to Narrowcast information and link directly to the video and/or applicable online content through a customized email campaign. Those receiving the email are demographically selected opt-in viewers who have an explicit interest in the topic and content presented.

PTV FACTS

PUBLIC TELEVISION FACTS

Public Television base is Affluent, Educated Adults as a Target Audience. Public Television Viewers in areas of: (% more likely than US Average)

WEALTH

- 84% more likely to own \$150,000+ in stocks
- 42% more likely to have used money management or financial counsel
- 21% more likely to own investment real estate
- 67% more likely to have spent \$6,000+ in foreign travel in the last year

EMPLOYMENT

- 14% more likely to have the job title of Vice President
- 13% more likely to have the job title of President

EDUCATION

- 25% more likely to have completed post-graduate education
- 25% more likely to have taken adult education courses in the last year
- 54% more likely to attend museums
- 44% more likely to be a book club member

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PRODUCTION CYCLE

PRE-PRODUCTION SCHEDULE

- Sign and Return Production Authorization Upon Receipt
- Pre-Production Fee Due Upon Receipt of Invoice, net 14 days
- Fill out and Return Project Research Questionnaire Within 2 weeks of Receipt
- Send Collateral Materials (Logos, documents, website, etc.) Within 2 weeks of Receipt

PRODUCTION SCHEDULE (90 DAY PROJECT SCHEDULE)

Day 1 - Field Producer Assigned to your Project at beginning of the Month

Day 2-3 - Field Producer reviews Project Research Questionnaire and Collateral Materials and Speaks with the Participant

Day 7-8 - Shoot Date and Location are confirmed by Participant

Day 30-45 - Script is Written and Story Board is developed

Day 35-50 - Participant Informs Field Producer of Script Approval or Technical Revisions within a Week of Receipt

Day 55-65 - Shoot Takes Place on Date and Location Selected by Participant

Day 65-80 - Segments are Edited based on Approved Script and Shot List

Day 85-90 - Segments are Approved by Participant within 10 days of Receipt

Day 90 - Segments are Delivered to the Participant in HD format on a Flash Drive

Day 90+ - Participant is Notified of Public Television Distribution and Scheduled for Commercial Airings and Internet Distribution

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION TO VACATE A PORTION OF HOLDER ROAD AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Christian County Commission received a Petition for the vacation of the following right-of-way of Holder Road, which is a County Road within the domain of Christian County, Missouri:

Starting at the centerline intersection of Kerr Road and Holder Rd, and following the centerline of Holder Rd north from that intersection a distance of 1080 feet to a point of beginning for the portion of Holder Rd to be vacated. Beginning at that point and following the centerline of Holder Rd north 2,107 feet to an end. The Petition to vacate includes the 2,107 feet of Holder Rd within an apparent 40 feet rightof-way, lying within Section 12, Township 27 N, Range 23 W. This is a general description of the area to be vacated and not an official legal description.

WHEREAS, the County Commission did set a date for public hearing on the matter and directed the County Clerk to prepare notice thereof for posting and publication pursuant to Section 228.110.2, RSMo.; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said public hearing on the Petition to Vacate the segment of Holder Road described above has been set for July 10, 2025 at ______ am at the Administration Building of the Christian County Commission 100 W Church Street, 2nd Floor Courtroom, Ozark, MO 65721 to hear testimony and evidence regarding whether a portion of said county road should be vacated pursuant to Section 228.110, RSMo. Interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing and will be given an opportunity to express their views concerning the Petition to Vacate the segment of Holder Road described above. This Notice is being given in conformity with Section 228.110, RSMo. Written remonstrances concerning the foregoing may be submitted to the County Commission at the hearing or by mailing it to the Commission, so they are received prior to the hearing.

Entered this 15^{th} day of M_{curr} , 2025.

DATED: 5-15-25

Lynn Morris, Presiding Commissioner

DATED: 5-15-25

Johnny Williams, Western Commissioner

DATED: 5-15-25

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Bradley A. Jackson, Eastern Commissioner

Attested By:

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Paula Brumfield, Christian County Clerk



Resource Management Department 2025 – 1st Quarter Report to the County Commission



May 1, 2025

RMD Summary

The First quarter of 2025 has been steady and stable beginning to the year for the three departments under the Resource Management umbrella.

We have been fortunate to experience no new staffing changes over the past eight months or so and we have assembled an effective team to serve the needs of our citizens, relative to each department.

Operational expenditures of all departments are on pace to allow for normal operations without exceeding the respective funding allocated withing this year's budget.

Revenues also appear to be on pace to meet the annual totals projected in the 2025 budget.

The Resource Management Department was awarded grant funding last year to help purchase two Ford F150 Lightning electric vehicles. After about 9 months of utilizing these vehicles, Karl and Josh seem to have gotten used to them and have expressed no complaints with their performance or capability for our purposes. The FordPro software package allows us to accumulate certain data which can be used to evaluate this purchase.

During the first quarter, the two vehicles were driven a combined 6,030 miles. By using EVs, we:

- Saved an estimated 320.1 gallons of gasoline by powering with electric.
- Reduced CO2 emissions by 1,383 Lbs.
- After accounting for the cost of electric, the department saved an estimated \$615.00 in fuel cost.

Planning and Development Department

Staff has been reviewing multiple aspects of the County's Zoning Regulations in areas where amendment or change may be warranted.

We plan to meet with the planning staff of Nixa and Ozark to discuss our existing Urban Service Area regulations to evaluate the intent and

the track record of implementation over the last 17 years. We plan to also discuss specific changes we believe will clarify the goals in the Urban Service Area and streamline intergovernmental processes and communication.



Land Use Change

The Planning and Development Department staff, working through the Planning and Zoning Commission and the County Commission processed a significant number of requests for land use change so far in 2024.

• 3 rezoning requests were recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission involving a total of 11.3 acres.

Residential Development

The climate for residential development remains somewhat suppressed as compared with recent years but still active. During the first quarter, our office processed 18 Administrative Minor Subdivision applications and re-plats resulting in the creation of 25 new parcels which are potential residential building sites.

We currently have two named subdivisions in the works which will add another 18 residential lots to the area.

Staff continues to work with developers regarding other new residential developments which will proceed through the Major Subdivision process in the coming months. Despite the slightly reduced numbers relative to recent years, the ongoing creation of buildable residential parcels and lots remains strong

From April 2020 to July 2024, Missouri gained 90,612 residents, or 1.5% of the state's population, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The total United States population increased by approximately 2.6% in that same time frame, mostly centered in the South. Here in Missouri, Christian County experienced an 8.1% increase in population from April 1, 2020, to July 1, 2024, according to the Census Bureau. This ranked third in Missouri, following only Lincoln and Warren counties which grew at 10.6% and 8.3% respectively. It is also interesting to note that during the same period, Christian County's increase in total population was only 126 persons less than that of Greene County which has more than triple our population.

Commercial Development

While our office continues to work with developers on various prospective and ongoing projects throughout the County, the lack of public sewer and water infrastructure in the unincorporated county limits the desirability for some businesses to locate outside the urbanized core. As always, we regularly work with the Cities of Ozark and Nixa through our Urban Service Area Agreement referring potential commercial projects which could be developed utilizing municipal water and sewer.

Despite this lack of desirable utility infrastructure, we are working with several projects throughout the area which contribute to growth in the commercial sector.

- Fiocchi of America reconstruction after fire damage
- New warehouse building on Hwy 60
- Signal Gas Station on Hwy 14

Work continued on:

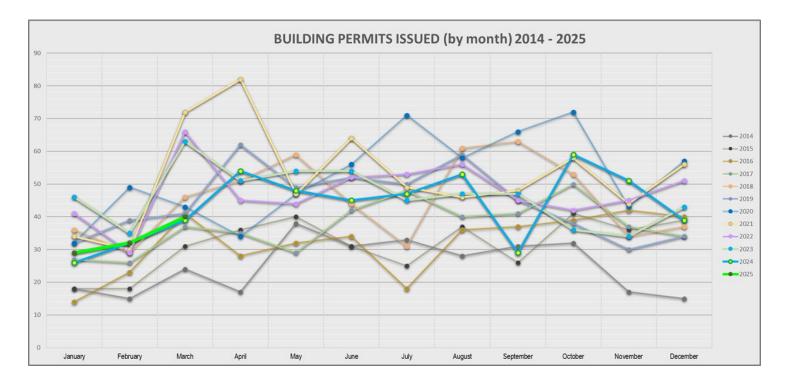
- Small winery facility near Billings
- Remodeling at Hopedale Baptist Church
- County employee health clinic

Building Inspections

While the climate for construction in Christian County throughout 2024 remained fairly strong, our department experienced a continued slight decline in the overall number of permits issued compared to the prior year. The first quarter of 2025 showed a mild increase over the same period in 2024, with the department issuing four more permits than we did over the first three months of last year. Hopefully, economic conditions are beginning to turn the corner, and we will continue this upswing throughout the year.



The chart below shows the number of Building Permits issued by month over the past 11 years. The current year is represented by the bright green line. As you can see, we have had a fairly average first quarter of activity. This also shows the degree of difference between now and the peak periods during 2019 – 2022. Christian County has not stopped being a great place to live, so these numbers will bounce back as external factors impacting the housing market change.



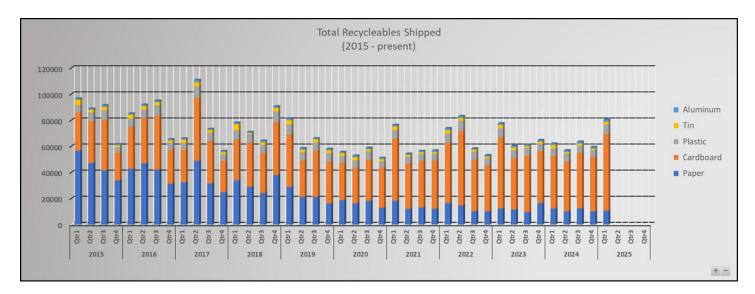
Recycling Center

Lee and Bobby at the recycling center continue to do a great job every day operating and maintaining this facility. These men are also tasked with transporting collected materials from our remote drop off sites in Sparta and Billings as well as making smaller pickups from County buildings and other various local businesses with significant amounts of materials.



Collections

The information reported here is based upon the weight of materials shipped out from the facility. Therefore, it does not truly reflect "collections" per se as the shipping schedule does not follow a calendar. Having stated that disclaimer, the information does, however, allow us to look at trends over larger time frames which is useful. The shipment weights shown for the first quarter of 2025 were somewhat higher than the same period of the preceding year. In fact, this was the second highest quarterly total in the past five years.



The chart above represents over 10 years of data. Clearly, from 2015 through 2017 we were shipping out a higher gross weight of materials. The source of decline is visible in the reduction of paper (blue) we now take in. What does this mean?

- Societal decline in paper use? Less newspapers, no more phone books
- More cardboard. Greater reliance on parcel delivery over in-person shopping

The reduction in paper is not necessarily concerning. Ever since China stopped buying paper to recycle, the value we get back for collecting it is minimal.

The chart below illustrates the continued increase in cardboard collections versus the ongoing decline in paper. The first quarter of 2025 represents the highest tonnage of cardboard we have ever shipped out. It will be interesting to see if that trend continues.



The used oil burning furnace which was used to heat the current recycling building for many years was finally retired over the winter. Lee has repaired this unit many, many times but it has reached the end of its life. The unit was replaced with a new ceiling mounted gas heater. Our intention is to eventually re-locate this unit into the planned storage/maintenance building at the new campus once it is constructed.

Environmental



Staff attended multiple MS4 workshop presentations offered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

We have been asked to participate in an Ozarks Environmental Collaborative which has a goal and purpose of reducing environmental impacts within the general Springfield metro area. This is purely voluntary, and we are hopeful that, at a minimum, our participation will aid in maintaining some related MS4 requirements.

Josh Bird will be representing the County as a volunteer at the annual James River Basin watershed education 5th grade field trip event taking place later this month at the OC.

Our Facility at 1106 W. Jackson

So far in 2025, our facility has hosted some large public meetings as well as a variety of groups using the facility for other meetings. At times, the room is filled beyond capacity, which reinforces the need for a larger venue to properly serve our citizens.

Examples of functions held in our large meeting room include:

- Election Judge training
- Commission Town Hall meetings
- EMA DART training
- Political party committee meetings
- Public meetings for road and bridge projects
- CERT training events
- Regular P&Z and BOA hearings
- Biometric wellness screenings

Progress Report on Campus Development Project

Overall site development:

- Storm sewer inlets and pipes were installed
- Curb and gutter has been poured along both sides of the road
- Sidewalks have been installed
- Terraced side wall and stairs in the main detention basin has been installed
- Topsoil has been re-spread over much of the area which was disturbed by grading
- The widened entrance from Hwy 14 onto Government Plaza Drive has been completed

Coming soon:

- Remaining finishing touches to concrete flat work will be completed
- Base rock for the trail component will be laid and compacted
- Recycled rubber surfacing layer will be installed
- All areas recently covered with topsoil will be hydroseeded
- The parking lot in front of the new building will be completed
- The road base will be finished with the top asphalt layer coming shortly thereafter

Building Progress

- Finishes on the exterior walls are being completed
- Framing for windows have been installed
- Framing for the clinic walls is complete
- Ductwork, fire sprinkler lines, water lines and electrical conduit are in place

Coming soon

- Sheetrock is going up in the clinic walls
- Interior finishes will follow quickly after the sheetrock is up
- Window glass and doors will be installed within the next 10 days

it is still our goal to have the clinic space ready for operation by the end of July.



Setbacks, concerns and issues

Electric:

Our contractor is very concerned that Liberty will not have us properly connected to electric by the end of July as we hope. This is somehow related to supply chain issues.

We are continuing to push for either a short term or permanent solution.

Water connection:

The City of Ozark has informed us that they are requiring that the backflow preventer equipment for the fire suppression be located in a vault outside of the building instead of the planned location inside. This will add cost to the project. Once we have a detailed cost estimate, I will be presenting a change order request.

Utility relocation:

As part of the plans for improving the connection from Hwy 14 onto Government Plaza Drive, MoDOT's approved plans required that we reduce the incline coming off of the Hwy. By doing this, the depth from the new surface to the existing water main passing underneath is reduced. The situation is worsened by the fact that the current depth was already substandard. In order to fully complete the entrance, we now need to excavate and lower that section of water main before finishing the road paving. Again, this will add a significant cost to the project as it is a fairly complex process. Once we have a detailed cost estimate, I will be presenting a change order request.

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Todd M Wiesehan Director, Resource Management Department

REMONSTRANCE AGAINST VACATION OF A PORTION OF HOLDER ROAD

STATE OF MISSOURI)) ss COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN)

COME NOW the undersigned Remonstrants, by counsel, and, pursuant to § 228.110 of the Revised Missouri Statutes, respectfully submit this Remonstrance against the proposed vacation of a portion of Holder Road. The undersigned assert that the proposed vacation is not in the public interest and would result in significant detriment to the community and state the following in support of their position:

1. Pursuant to § 228.110 of the Revised Missouri Statutes, a county road may be vacated only if it is determined that doing so is in the public interest and does not adversely affect the convenience of the public or the property rights of individuals.

Public Interest

2. The proposed vacation of a portion of Holder Road is not in the public interest. The road serves as a vital thoroughfare for residents, providing essential access to schools, businesses, and emergency services. Its closure would significantly inconvenience the community and disrupt daily activities.

3. On information and belief, Holder Road, including the portion at issue, was established in 1870, was recognized as a county road in 1875, and has been in continuous use as a county road since that time.

4. On information and belief, an average of 1,500 to 1,600 vehicles travel Holder Road each day, including the portion at issue.

5. On information and belief, closing the portion of Holder Road at issue would severely impact the ability of emergency vehicles to access residences and businesses on either side of the portion proposed to be vacated; and emergency services have expressed their opposition to vacating any portion of Holder Road.

6. On information and belief, school buses serving the Clever R-V School District use Holder Road, including the portion at issue, every day during the school year; and closing that portion would not only be an inconvenience but would likely add to School District costs and present challenges for ensuring student arrival and return times.

7. On information and belief, in 2023, the petitioners were presented with a proposal to widen Holder Road and install a walkway, and they rejected that proposal.

Adverse Impact on Property Rights

8. The vacation of the road at issue would adversely affect the property rights of the undersigned and other residents in the area. The road provides the most efficient access to certain properties, and its closure would diminish property values and limit future development opportunities.

Lack of Alternative Routes

9. There are no viable alternative routes that can accommodate the traffic currently using Holder Road. The proposed vacation would lead to increased congestion on surrounding roads, posing safety risks and increasing travel times.

10. Closing the portion of Holder Road at issue would severely impact the ease and timeliness of travel in general but, in particular, it would markedly increase the travel time between Nixa and Republic.

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Community Opposition

11. There is substantial opposition from the community regarding the proposed vacation. Numerous residents have expressed concerns about the negative impact on their quality of life and the potential economic consequences.

12. As just one example, after some of the undersigned created a private Facebook page called Say NO to Holder Road Closure on March 20, 2025, more than 1,400 Facebook users have joined the group/

13. For the reasons stated above, the undersigned respectfully request that the Commission deny the proposed vacation of a portion of Holder Road and, on their own behalf and on behalf of others who oppose this proposal, they request the opportunity to testify before the Commission to express the reasons for their opposition.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned pray that this Honorable County Commission:

A. Deny the proposed vacation of a portion of Holder Road;

B. Provide an opportunity for the undersigned and others who oppose this proposal to testify before the Commission on the matter; and

C. Grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

We, the undersigned residents of Christian County, being duly qualified and competent residents of Lincoln Township, respectfully represent and aver that the portion of Holder Road at issue in the Petition to Vacate a Portion of Holder Road is a vital and useful public roadway and that vacating the same would not be in the public interest and would result in significant detriment to the community.

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