



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 **22** day of **May 2025** at **9:30 a.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Johnny Williams	Western Commissioner	Present	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Bradley A. Jackson	Eastern Commissioner	Present	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lynn Morris	Presiding Commissioner	Present	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Kelsee Embree	Minutes Secretary	Present	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.

Attendees: Mitchel Urner, Resource Management Director Todd Wiesehan, Building Maintenance Supervisor Richard Teague, Purchasing Manager Kim Hopkins-Will, Treasurer Melissa Bilyeu, Chief Deputy Blair Mitchell, Collector Ted Nichols, Executive Vice President Treasury Whitney Morrow, Assistant Vice President Treasury Kelly Warren, Wayne Seibold, David Lundstrom, Marketing Manager Stevie Barfoot.

9:31 a.m. A quorum was established.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included Christian County Commission's agenda for today May 22, 2025, as posted, and one financial: Certified Court Order no. 05-22-2025-01. There are no minutes to address. Western Commissioner Williams so moved. Eastern Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met to Discuss CCLINKS Board Appointments. Three board members all officers Jim Vetter President, Felicia Von Holten Secretary, Lisa Christiansen Treasurer. They are seeking to be reappointed for another term.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve reappointments for Jim Vetter, Felicia Von Holten, and Lisa Christiansen. Western Commission Williams so moved. Eastern Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Building Maintenance Supervisor Richard Teague to discuss a change order in the Jail Sewer Improvement project. The change order is due to a manhole cover that is inside the garage that is no longer gas tight. It is warped and a trip hazard. It will be replaced with a new bolt down gas tight manhole casting. Once replaced, it is no longer a tripping hazard. This is a \$12,000 change order. They did not have to jackhammer out any limestone so they will still be coming in under budget with this change order. Currently they do not expect to see any more change orders as this project is nearing completion.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the change order for the Jail Sewer Improvement project. Western Commissioner Williams so moved. Eastern Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Resource Management Director Todd Wiesehan and David Lundstrom for Great River Engineering for approval of 2 Change orders for the Campus Construction Project. Change Order #6 with ESS. This covers additional cost for grade changes in the area near the block seating and where the future Green Bridge placement will be. This item also covers the issue of lowering the depth of the water main crossing the entrance from Jackson St. This work will need to be completed overnight with associated traffic control and service interruption notice. This project requires shutting off water supply everything to the west of that point while the line is routed to an acceptable depth below the planned finished grade. Adjustments were required to three water valve boxes to match the proper grade. The concrete block seating required grout to be added between the pieces which make up the top layer where people would be sitting. The creation of the concrete stairs between the two sections of seating required modification in order to contain the fill material. These changes will reduce the maintenance and make the overall component better for visitors. The overall change in total cost is \$67,992.36, which is 3.9% of the total contract.

Change Order #1 with DeWitt & Associates. With Weather delays and days lost due to solid rock breaking add days onto the back end of the project. The contract date for substantial completion gets moved to 9/5/2025 and final completion to 10/5/2025. DeWitt is aware of our goal to have the clinic operational by the end of July and they are working to make that possible. Certain sections of the sidewalk and downspout extensions around the building were removed or delayed for the second phase. The City's Public Works Department is requiring that our backflow preventer for water and sprinkler connection be located outside the structure in a below grade concrete vault. This is an added expense which was not originally part of the building plans. The overall change in total cost is \$37,031, which is 1.4% of the total contract.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve Change order #6 and Change order #1 for Campus Construction Project. Western Commissioner Williams so moved. Eastern Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met to discuss the Marketing Proposition for a second time. Stevie Barfoot Marketing Manager for Show Me Christian County looked over the questions and packets provided by Viewpoint. Her honest feedback is to Pocket the money for a future opportunity. She believes that it is not worth the cost, she would like to see more success stories. Do they follow up with the towns? Do they see actual success in doing this? Stevie does not see enough proof for this to be successful. With the amount of money they are asking she was hoping for better communication but that has been difficult. Presiding Commissioner Morris stated at this time they are not interested.

The Commission met with Purchasing Manager Kim Hopkins-Will and Treasurer Melissa Bilyeu for RFP #2025-4 Bank Depository Services. The Treasurer went out for bid for Bank Depository Services. Our current incumbent is Ozark Bank. By statute, the Treasurer is required to bid on these services. Although this is the Treasurer's Office solicitation, the pricing in the proposal has been extended to all Christian County's Offices and Departments.

Evaluation Committee:

Kim Hopkins-Will – Purchasing Agent – **Nonvoting**

Voting members include:

Melissa Bilyeu – Treasurer - Chairperson
Blair Mitchell – Chief Deputy Treasurer
Ted Nichols - Collector
Kathy Bray – Chief Deputy Collector
Danny Gray – Assessor
Kelly Hall – Recorder
Paula Brumfield – County Clerk

Bid issued: 4/15/25.

Closed: 5/5/25

A preproposal conference was held on 4/24/25. Six banks attended the meeting: Central Trust Bank, Southern Bank, Commerce Bank, Guaranty Bank, Oak Star Bank, and Ozark Bank. They received a no-bid from Great Southern Bank. Two proposals were received they are Guaranty Bank and Ozark Bank. The Evaluation Committee met on 5/14/25 and 5/19/25. The evaluation criteria is as follows: 70% Total Cost, 30% Adherence to RFP requirements, included but not limited to: Firm Qualifications, Declaration Page, Answers to Questions in the Attributes tab, exceptions to our T&C's and References.

Below is the final score for the RFP.

RFP 2025-4 BANK DEPOSITORY SERVICES

***** RFP SUMMARY *****	GUARANTY BANK	OZARK BANK
Cost	69.00	29.00
Non-Cost	30.00	29.00
Total	99.00	58.00

For the non-cost, both banks are solid. Ozark Bank took exception to the four-year contract term and requested a two-year contract with options to renew. One point was deducted by the Evaluation Committee for this.

COST:

- Guaranty Bank provided the highest interest rate at the Federal Fund Effective Rate (FFER) plus 0.12%, currently **4.45%**.
- Guaranty Bank provided a Business Credit Card with an APR of Prime + 4.95% if we choose to move our cards with them.
- Ozark Bank provided an interest rate of 70% of the Effective Federal Fund Rate, (FFER) which would be **3.031%**.
- Ozark Bank did not provide a credit card fee percentage and asked for additional information before they could make the decision.

References were checked for Guaranty Bank by the Treasurer and Collector.

Treasurer Bilyeu said a few words before they announced who their recommendation was. By MO statue 110.130 from Christian County is required to do an RFP every 4 years on or before the first Monday of July from banking corporations or associations in Christian County who desire to be selected as the depositories of county funds. This year they received two bids and although both bids were comparable, Guaranty Bank was scored higher by our evaluation committee.

The County would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Ozark Bank for their service and dedication for over 36 years. Their customer service and support went well above and beyond expectations and we look forward to working with them during our transition. Collector Ted Nichols also stated that he agrees with Treasure Bilyeu. He stated that they have been very good to work with in the thirty years he has been in office.

This contract should they approve, it would go into effect July 1st, 2025, through June 30th, 2029. They were bringing this to the commission so that all office holders could get prepared for this transition.

Our recommendation for the award is to Guaranty Bank.

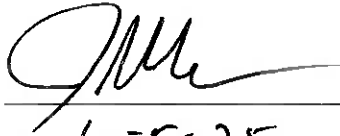
Eastern Commissioner Jackson wanted to clarify for anyone watching the reason we did not choose the bank across the street is because we are bound by statutory requirements. The difference of the interest rates is a substantial difference for the taxpayers. Hopkins-Will stated that nothing would be easier than walking across the street to take care of business. This decision came down to the numbers. Guaranty Bank offered a Courier Service as part of their proposal. Details are being worked out on where they will come into, the Collector and Treasurer are working out those plans.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the RFP #2025-4 Bank Depository Services. Western Commissioner Williams so moved. Eastern Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion.

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

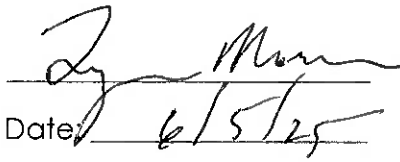
The Commission met briefly for communications.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.



Date: 6-5-25

Johnny Williams
Western Commissioner



Date: 6/5/25

Lynn Morris
Presiding Commissioner



Date: 6-5-25

Bradley A. Jackson
Eastern Commissioner