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 **8th** day of **October 2026** at **9:00 a.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Johnny Williams	Western Commissioner	Present	9:00 a.m.	10:05 a.m.
Bradley A. Jackson	Eastern Commissioner	Present	9:00 a.m.	10:05 a.m.
Lynn Morris	Presiding Commissioner	Present	9:00 a.m.	10:05 a.m.
Madi Hires	Minutes Secretary	Present	9:00 a.m.	10:05 a.m.

Attendees: Collector Ted Nichols, Public Administrator Susan Pathkiller, Amber Bryant, Mikel Dennis, James Fehrenbach, Toni Giuurbino, Kim Hopkins-Will, Brenda Porterfield, Brenna Rogers,

9:00 a.m. A quorum was established.

Items to be removed from the consent agenda: None

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included: Christian County Commission's agenda for today October 08, 2026, as posted

Financials:
Certified Commission Order no. 10-08-2026-01

Other Items for Approval:

Christian County Commission's regular session minutes dated:

Christian County Commission's closed session minutes dated:

Western Commissioner Williams so moved. Eastern Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met for announcement of Employee of the 3rd Quarter. Deputy Public Administrator, Mikel Dennis was awarded Employee of the 3rd Quarter for going above and beyond to support the Public Administrator's Office during a time of transition, taking on additional responsibilities without hesitation or complaint.

The Commission met with Employee Services Director Amber Bryant for the quarterly report on Human Resources, Purchasing, and IT. Director Bryant noted 21 new hires, 23 separations and 7 terminations in the quarter, which was the highest for the County since 2020. Discussion was held; no action was taken.

The Commission met with Collector Ted Nichols for his 3rd quarter report. Discussion was held; no action was taken.

The Commission met with James Fehrenbach on behalf of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to request the opening of a new bank account. This bank account is for the establishment of a diversion program. Discussion was held.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion approving the opening of 1 bank account for establishment of a diversion program by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Western Commissioner Williams so moved. Eastern Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Purchasing Manager Kim Hopkins-Will for renewal of RFP #2025-8 Detention Center Inmate Communications Solution with HomeWAV, LLC. Discussion was held.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to approve the renewal of RFP #2025-8 Detention Center Inmate Communications Solution with HomeWAV, LLC as presented. Western Commissioner Williams so moved. Eastern Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met with Emergency Management Director Phil Amtower for an update regarding the County's Burn Ban (Order no. 09-18-2026-01). Director Amtower noted that the County is still considered in a drought, but due to some rain he recommended canceling the burn ban. Discussion was held.

Presiding Commissioner Morris entertained a motion to cancel burn ban order no. 09-18-2026-01 effective today at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Commissioner Jackson so moved. Western Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

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

The Commission met to review the 2027 Holiday Schedule. Discussion was held; no action was taken.

The Commission met briefly for communications.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Date: 10-15-26

Johnny Williams
Western Commissioner

Date: 10/15/26

Lynn Morris
Presiding Commissioner

Date: 10-15-2026

Bradley A. Jackson
Eastern Commissioner