



## 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 Street, Room 100  
Ozark, Missouri, 65721  
on **July 1, 2019 at 8:55 a.m.**

### MEETING MINUTES

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Adjourned
Ralph Phillips	Presiding Commissioner	Present	8:55 a.m.	10:58 a.m.
Mike Robertson	Eastern Commissioner	Absent		
Hosea Bilyeu	Western Commissioner	Present	8:55 a.m.	10:58 a.m.
Krista Raleigh	Executive Assistant	Present	8:55 a.m.	10:58 a.m.
Ida Hutcheson	Assistant to the Commission	Present	8:55 a.m.	10:58 a.m.

Attendees: Recorder Kelly Hall, Auditor Amy Dent, HR Director Amber Bryant, Building and Maintenance Supervisor Richard Teague, Sheriff Brad Cole, Alicia Monsanto, Captain Floyd, Captain Koch, Treasurer Karen Matthews, Sergeant Graham

A quorum was established. Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve all items listed on the consent agenda, which included approval of Christian County Commission's agenda for today, July 1, 2019 as published (which was amended to include the July 5, 2019 Possible Holiday item). There are no minutes or financials to address. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Presiding Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion.

Aye: Phillips, Bilyeu. Nay: None. Absent: Robertson. Abstain: None.

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The Commission met to discuss the possibility of giving county employees July 5, 2019 the day off as a paid holiday, as Governor Mike Parson had made the following statement, according to a press release on June 27, 2019:

"Governor Mike Parson announced that he plans to sign an executive order declaring state offices closed on Friday, July 5, 2019.

"The Fourth of July reminds us of the freedoms we cherish as Americans and the brave men and women who have fought to preserve this great country. Missouri is known as a state that honors our veterans. May we never forget their selfless sacrifice on behalf of freedom. I have witnessed it through my time in the military, law enforcement, and as an elected official," **Governor Parson** said. "Thank you to our state team members for everything you do for Missouri, and may God continue to bless you all. From my family to yours, we wish you a peaceful and joyous Independence Day weekend."

Governor Parson plans to sign the executive order July 3, the day he returns from his effective absence from the state."

Discussion was held, and Western Commissioner Bilyeu moved that in coordination with the State of Missouri's plans to close State offices on Friday, July 5, 2019, and in accordance with Governor Parson's press release on June 27, 2019, we will also follow their lead and close County offices on July 5, 2019. Presiding Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion.

Aye: Phillips, Bilyeu. Nay: None. Absent: Robertson. Abstain: None.

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The Commission met with presenter Auditor Dent for her monthly report. Auditor Dent presented her report for June of 2019. Western Commissioner Bilyeu moved to accept Auditor Dent's report into the minutes. Presiding Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion.

Aye: Phillips, Bilyeu. Nay: None. Absent: Robertson. Abstain: None.

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The Commission met with presenter Recorder Hall for her quarterly report. Recorder Hall presented her report. Western Commissioner Bilyeu moved to accept Recorder Hall's report into the minutes. Presiding Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion.

Aye: Phillips, Bilyeu. Nay: None. Absent: Robertson. Abstain: None.

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The Commission met with Sheriff Cole and Captain Floyd in regards to a bid award for inmate phone and video visitation services. Captain Floyd noted that nine vendors had submitted bids for the services, and the bids were reviewed thoroughly. Sheriff Cole recommended award to Homewav LLC, based in St. Louis, Missouri, for the following reasons: Homewav provides a permanent cost to the inmates that matches what we currently have and is lower than other bidders, and the Sheriff believes it is important to provide a rate to the inmates and their families that doesn't place a huge burden on them; the equipment they provide matches what the jail currently has; a legal library will be provided at no cost; their technical assistance is based locally, so if there's an issue they can be here fairly quickly; Homewav will afford the County a 40% commission, and they also provide a minimum monthly guarantee of \$6,000.00 revenue for the facility; Homewav has already reached out to our current I.T. provider to guarantee that they can contract with them and they've ensured that they can partner and integrate with PC Net if awarded the bid. Captain Floyd noted that all of the references Homewav listed gave great reviews. Presiding Commissioner Phillips entertained a motion to approve awarding the bid to Homewav as presented by Sheriff Cole and Captain Floyd. Western Commissioner Bilyeu so moved. Presiding Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion.

Aye: Phillips, Bilyeu. Nay: None. Absent: Robertson. Abstain: None.

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The Commission met to discuss the obstruction of view caused by the spruce trees on the south side of the Historic Courthouse lawn. Building and Maintenance Supervisor Richard Teague noted that he's had a lot of requests by security that the trees be trimmed or be removed. Discussion was held, and Sheriff Cole noted that the trees do present a security issue, however, he does not want to see any trees be removed. His suggestion was to place extra security cameras where there is need. Mr. Teague noted that he had the trees in question evaluated by the Conservation Commission two years ago and they let Mr. Teague know that if you trim the trees it could easily kill them. Western Commissioner Bilyeu noted that there is no way to make all of the Courthouse property visible by one site simply because of the size of the building. He did not believe any action was needed. Presiding Commissioner Phillips agreed. Sheriff Cole and Mr. Teague concurred. No action was taken.

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HR Director Amber Bryant presented the Employee of the Quarter award to Deputy Sean Carleton. Deputy Carleton was praised for his actions and his work ethic.

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The Commission entered into closed session per RSMo 610.021.17 (regarding auditor communications) by means of roll call vote.

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The Commission terminated closed session by means of roll call vote, and after entering regular session the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Absent

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eastern Commissioner  
Mike Robertson

R Phillips

Date: 7-8-2019

Presiding Commissioner  
Ralph Phillips

Hosea Bilyeu

Date: 7-2-19

Western Commissioner  
Hosea Bilyeu