## **Christian County Boards and Commissions**

Christian County Board of Equalization: Hears property assessment appeals and may lower, raise, or affirm valuations to ensure fair, uniform assessments; typically convenes starting the third Monday in July, with additional sessions as needed; membership includes the three county commissioners (voting), the assessor (non-voting), the county surveyor, and the county clerk (secretary, non-voting), plus two appointed citizen members with real-estate experience; interested citizens may contact the County Commission/Clerk to be considered (*three year terms*); property owners should file with the Clerk in early July to be scheduled, and may appeal BOE decisions to the Missouri State Tax Commission by Sept. 30 or within 30 days of the BOE decision; local contact: Christian County Clerk, 100 W. Church St., Room 304, Ozark, MO 65721, 417-582-4340. Christian County Commissioners

Christian County Building Code Commission: Advises the County Commission on adopting and updating county building codes, reviewing proposed code editions and amendments and coordinating with the Building Regulations office to promote safe construction in unincorporated areas; meets as needed (historically convening multiple times during code-update cycles); the County Commission appoints members—generally local professionals with construction/engineering/inspection experience; interested residents with relevant expertise may contact the County Commission at 417-582-4300 or Building Regulations at 417-581-6064 to express interest (*two year terms*); the separate Building Code Board of Appeals handles appeals of specific code decisions. Christian County Commissioners

Christian County Law Enforcement Restitution Fund (LERF) Board: Oversees the county's LERF and approves spending for law-enforcement needs such as narcotics investigations, equipment, grant matches, crime-statistics reporting, and other expenses related to prosecuting criminal cases, as authorized by Missouri law, funded locally through LERF assessments added to specific criminal cases in the Christian County courts. The board consists of five residents, two appointed by the Presiding Commissioner, two by the Sheriff, and one by the Coroner/Medical Examiner (or the Treasurer if there is no coroner); members may not be current/former county elected officials or employees of specified county offices. Christian County maintains the LERF as Fund 255 in its budget; interested residents can contact the County Commission (417-582-4300) to express interest in serving (two-year terms). Christian County Commissioners

Christian County Library Board of Trustees: Governs the county library district by setting policy, approving the budget and tax levy, and overseeing the executive director; the board consists of five non-elected Christian County residents appointed by the County Commission to renewable *four-year terms* under RSMo 182.050; the board meets monthly with agendas/minutes posted and meetings open to the public; residents interested in serving may apply through the County Commission (417-582-4300). Christian County Commissioners

Christian County Planning & Zoning Commission: Reviews rezoning and conditional use permit requests, recommends zoning text/map changes to the County Commission, and approves subdivision plats and vacations for the unincorporated county; meets in public session on the third Monday of each month at the Planning & Development Department, 1106 W. Jackson St., Ozark; members are residents serving *four-year terms*; for agendas, applications, or to express interest in serving, contact Planning & Development at 417-581-7242. Christian County Commissioners

Christian County Board for the Developmentally Disabled (SB 40): operating as CC Links, is a nine-member, county-appointed board (*four year terms*) that administers the voter-approved SB 40 property-tax levy and contracts for services that support Christian County residents with developmental disabilities; meetings are open to the public with schedules posted by CC Links; for information or services, contact CC Links, 1548 N. Commercial Rd., Nixa, MO 65714, 417-494-4982. Christian County Commissioners

Senior Citizens Service Fund Board (Christian County): Administers the voter-approved Senior Citizens' Services Fund established under Missouri law, awarding grants/contracts for programs that improve the health, nutrition, and quality of life of residents age 60+; the board has seven directors appointed by the County Commission to four-year, staggered terms, and the Commission approves its budget; funds may not be used for political purposes; residents interested in serving can contact the Christian County Commission, 100 W. Church St., Room 100, Ozark, MO 65721, 417-582-4300 Christian County Commissioners

**Board of Zoning Adjustment (BOZA):** Hears public cases on zoning **variances** and specific appeals (and acts on conditional use permits forwarded by the Planning & Zoning Commission); composed of the **three County Commissioners**; public hearings are typically held on the **second Wednesday** of each month; for filings or meeting details, contact Planning & Development, 1106 W. Jackson St., Ozark, MO 65721, 417-581-7242. Christian County Missouri

Emergency Services (9-1-1) Board: Governs Christian County Emergency Services (central dispatch) under §190.335, RSMo; a seven-member board comprised of the heads (or designees) of fire, ambulance, police, emergency management, and the Sheriff; office at 110 W. Elm St., Room 50, Ozark, MO 65721, phone 417-582-1030. cces911.org

Health Department Board of Trustees: A five-member elected board that oversees the Christian County Health Department; open meetings are generally held on the **third Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.** at **301 E. Brick St., Ozark**; agendas are posted, and meetings are open to the public; call **417-581-7285** for details. Christian County, MO Health Department +1

**Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC):** County committee mandated by the federal **Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act**, bringing together local officials, law enforcement, fire, health/medical, and facilities handling hazardous chemicals to plan for hazardous-materials incidents; mailing address **100 W. Church St., Room 100, Ozark, MO 65721**; EMA office phone **417-582-5400**. ema.christiancountymo.govsema.dps.mo.gov

Soil & Water Conservation District Board: Locally elected supervisors direct conservation programs, personnel, and funds for the county's district (supported by the state Parks, Soils & Water one-tenth-of-one-percent sales tax); office at 1786 S. 16th Ave., Ste. 102, Ozark, MO 65721, 417-581-2718; see the district site for elections and how to serve. Missouri Soil and Water+1

MU Extension Council: An elected council established under Missouri statutes (§§262.563, 262.567, 262.573) that guides local University of Missouri Extension programs; Christian County holds January elections for council seats; office at 1701 W. Jackson St., Ste. B, Ozark, MO 65721, 417-581-3558. MU Extension Office email (used for council nominations/inquiries): Christianco@missouri.edu.