## ORDER OF THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY COMMISSION OZARK, MISSOURI

DATE ISSUED:

January 19, 2012

SUBJECT:

Proposed Continuation of existing One-quarter (1/4) of One Percent Sales Tax for Law Enforcement Services and a Proposed Additional One-quarter (1/4) of One Percent Sales Tax for Law Enforcement Capital Improvements to the County Justice Facility

WHEREAS, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2000, the voters approved a one-quarter (1/4) of one percent (1%) sales tax to provide judicial facilities for a period of fifteen (15) years from the date on which such tax is imposed or until all bonds issued for the construction of the facilities are paid, whichever occurs first, at which time the tax will be reduced to one-sixteenth of one percent and be used to operate and maintain the law enforcement services of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Christian County Commission on this 19th day January, 2012, at a meeting duly called, noticed, and held, considers the matters of the continuation of the one-fourth of one percent sales tax for law enforcement services by extending such tax beyond the term authorized by voters on April 4, 2002, subject to voter approval; and

WHEREAS, the Christian County Commission and other County officials believe it is necessary to acquire additional land and construct improvements to the County Justice Facility and construct additional law enforcement facilities and furnish and equip the same for the purpose of providing law enforcement services within the County and that said capital improvements be funded with a voter approved additional countywide sales tax at the rate of one-quarter (1/4) of one-percent (1%); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri, Section 67.582, the governing body of any county is authorized to impose a sales tax of up to one-half (1/2) of one percent (1%) on all retail sales subject to the provisions of Section 144.010-144.525, RSMo., for the purpose of providing law enforcement services within the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri, Section 67.700 the governing body of any county is authorized to impose a sales tax of up to one-half (1/2) of one percent (1%) on all retail sales subject to the provisions of Section 144.010-144.525, RSMo., for any capital improvement purpose designated by the county in its ballot of submission to voters; and

WHEREAS, the Christian County Commission and other County officials believe it is vital and appropriate that law enforcement facilities and services be safely and effectively provided in Christian County.

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NOW, THEREFORE, on motion duly made and seconded, the question was called and Commissioner Barnett voted "yes", Commissioner Huff was absent, and Presiding Commissioner Lapaglia voted "yes". Therefore, it is Ordered by the Christian County Commission that an election shall be called and held on April 3, 2012, to approve the continuation of a one-quarter (1/4) of one percent (1%) sales tax for the purpose of providing law enforcement services in the County and the imposition of an additional one-quarter (1/4) of one percent (1%) sales tax for the purpose of acquiring land and constructing additions and improvements to the County Justice Facility and furnishing and equipping the same.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, the ballot shall contain the following propositions:

Question 1: "Shall the County of Christian, Missouri, continue to impose the existing county-wide law enforcement sales tax of one-fourth of one percent by extending such tax beyond the term authorized on April 4, 2000, for the purpose of providing law enforcement services for the County?"

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If you are in favor of the question place an X in the box opposite "Yes". If you are opposed to the questions, place an X in the box opposite "No"."

Question 2: "Shall the County of Christian, Missouri, impose an additional county-wide sales tax of one-fourth of one percent for the purpose of providing funding for law enforcement related capital projects including acquiring land and constructing additions and improvements to the County Justice Facility and furnishing and equipping the same?

## []YES []NO

If you are in favor of the question place an X in the box opposite "Yes". If you are opposed to the questions, place an X in the box opposite "No"."

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, the Christian County Clerk take all steps necessary to advertise and properly submit each of the two ballot propositions set forth above to the voters at the election on April 3, 2012.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, if approved by voters, in accordance with Section 67.582, RSMo., and 67.700 RSMo., all revenues received by the County shall be

deposited in a special trust fund known as the "County Law Enforcement Sales Tax Trust Fund", and all expenditures from such funds shall be solely for the purpose of providing law enforcement services and funding capital improvements to the County Justice Facility within Christian County.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a copy of this Order shall be filed in the Office of the Christian County Clerk before 5:00 p.m. this date.

Done this 19th day of January, 2012.

1-19-2012 JM
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1-19-2012 JT
<u>ABSENT</u>

ATTEST:

Kay Brown County Clerk

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