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## **Donna Barton named Greene County Commission Public Information Officer**

The Greene County Commission announces Donna Barton as the department's new Public Information Officer.

Barton holds a bachelor's degree in English with a minor in journalism from Missouri State University and brings an extensive background in public relations, marketing and corporate communications to her new role. Her experience includes time reporting a wide variety of area news for the Springfield News-Leader, PR and media relations for CoxHealth as well as several years developing marketing content and communication strategies for the nonprofit, accounting and insurance industries.

"I am excited to be a part of the important work being done through the Commission and I look forward to this opportunity to promote community awareness and understanding of civic issues," Barton said.

In addition to working with the media, she will also assist the Commission in the management of strategic communications efforts including community relations and digital communications.

"We are very pleased to welcome Donna to the Greene County family. Her education and work experience demonstrate that she possesses the skills needed to ensure the County's story is told in a positive, professional manner," said Bob Cirtin, Presiding Commissioner.

Barton's official start date was April 30, 2018.

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*Greene County is the State of Missouri's fourth most populous county, serving more than 275,000 people (2010 census). Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including*

*those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.*

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