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Greene County Commission Receives Ruling from Special Prosecuting Attorney

Special Prosecuting Attorney Amy Fite has released her findings today in Case No. 1831-MC00153 – a case designed to review actions surrounding community education for a sales tax increase presented to Greene County voters in November 2017.

The request for a special prosecutor was made by Greene County Presiding Judge Michael Cordonnier.

Following a thorough review of the matter and consulting applicable case law, the special prosecutor ruled Greene County Commissioner Bob Cirtin did not commit legal or ethical wrongdoing in his actions surrounding the tax-related Political Action Committee or community education activities. Further, the case concluded that conduct did not involve a willful or fraudulent violation or neglect of any official duty.

Among the case conclusions were:

- There is no law prohibiting Commissioner Cirtin from creating a Political Action Committee.
- Commissioner Cirtin was found not to be in violation of any Greene County personnel policies or state laws regarding his related work with the PAC.
- Commissioner Cirtin did not fail to perform his duties as Presiding Commissioner while working with the PAC.
- Greene County's tax-exempt status was not improperly used for push cards developed for community education.

To see the full ruling, visit: <https://www.greencountymo.gov/files/PDF/file.pdf?id=32861>

“I have the utmost respect for Amy Fite, I know she has an impeccable reputation and she brought that same sound judgement to this case and what was a thorough and complete look at all the facts and allegations,” Cirtin said.

Cirtin added: “This is great news and finally puts to rest these allegations. I am happy to be able to put my focus and the community’s focus on what we have wanted to do all along, which is working to grow and better Greene County.”

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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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