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John Russell appointed interim Greene County District 2 Commissioner

Today Missouri Governor Mike Parson appointed John C. Russell as the interim Greene County District 2 Commissioner.

Greene County Clerk Shane Schoeller will conduct the swearing-in at 4 p.m. today, Jan. 8, 2019, at the Commission offices located on the tenth floor of the Cox North Medical Tower building.

Russell holds a degree in business administration from the University of Missouri and fills the position left vacant by Lincoln Hough, who was elected to the Senate last November. The Senate has 30 days from when they convene to vote to approve Russell's appointment. In the interim, he serves as a fully active and voting member of the Greene County Commission.

In addition to his business degree, Russell brings extensive experience in business management, having developed and launched a local insurance and risk management firm. He also previously served as the deputy chief of staff for former Governor Matt Blunt where he oversaw operations, as well as serving as the liaison between the governor and the Department of Economic Development.

Currently, Russell serves as the board president-elect for the Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks and is a member of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

"I look forward to the leadership and expertise that John can bring to the Commission and the citizens of Greene County," said Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon. "This is an exciting time for the County because we have an opportunity to work together to bring a lot of important projects to fruition."

Russell echoed that sentiment:

“I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and honored to work alongside the more than 800 dedicated and committed County employees to continue to move us forward as a community,” Russell said. “My door is always open.”

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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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