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## State Senate confirms John Russell as Greene County District 2 Commissioner

This week the Missouri State Senate confirmed John Russell as Greene County District 2 Commissioner.

Russell was appointed interim Commissioner on January 8 of this year and has been a fully active and voting member of the Greene County Commission since that time. He fills the District 2 Commission position left vacant by Lincoln Hough who was elected to the Missouri State Senate to represent District 30. Russell will serve the remainder of that term, which is December 31, 2020.

Russell holds a degree in business administration from the University of Missouri. In addition to his business degree, Russell brings extensive experience in business management. 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, he 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.

"This is an exciting time to be a member of the Greene County Commission and I look forward to all the opportunities we have to keep moving our County forward," Russell said. 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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