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## **Greene County acquires former bookstore property at Campbell Avenue and Central Street**

Greene County is adding some much needed space to its campus of governmental buildings.

The Greene County Commission recently approved the purchase of property at 311 W. Central Street, located on the corner of Campbell Avenue and Central Street. The 2/10-acre lot, which was purchased for \$120,000, will be used for parking and future campus expansion. With real estate closing costs, environmental testing, utility work and demolition, the final cost of the acquisition will be approximately \$165,000 from the County's General Revenue 2 fund.

While this location most recently housed The Book Rack bookstore, over the years the property has been home to a sheet metal business, dry cleaners, several gas stations and an auto glass business. Environmental Works is set to raze the property's current building the week of February 25, weather permitting.

"Property in this area does not become available often so we wanted to act on this opportunity to make a sound investment in the future of our campus," said Greene County Resource Management Director Kevin Barnes. "Anyone who works or conducts business with the County knows that parking is always limited, so we are pleased that this purchase will be a help with this issue."

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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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