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GREENE COUNTY AT A GLANCE

COUNTY SIZE
677.9 SQUARE MILES

ASSESSED VALUATION
$5.2 BILLION

MILES OF ROADWAY
1,250 MILES

NUMBER OF BRIDGES
220 OVER 20’ IN LENGTH

NUMBER OF BRIDGES
678 LESS THAN 20’ IN LENGTH

NUMBER OF GREENE COUNTY EMPLOYEES
957

TOTAL BUDGET (ALL FUNDS):
$234 MILLION BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

GENERAL REVENUE FUND
$62.8 MILLION BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

TOTAL NUMBER OF BUDGETED FUNDS
40

NUMBER OF GREENE COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS
13

NUMBER OF CIRCUIT JUDGES
6 CIRCUIT JUDGES, 6 ASSOCIATE JUDGES & 6 COURT COMMISSIONERS
THEY HANDLE CASES 36,800 CASES PER YEAR.

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I there was one word to sum up the last 12 months it would likely be this: unprecedented.

This has been a time of many unknowns, challenges, working far beyond our normal day-to-day and, most of all, numerous opportunities to collaborate and show what we are made of as a County. Not surprisingly, the anchor throughout has been the 90+ plus Greene County employees as well as your Greene County officeholders and municipal partners who have remained more committed than ever to serving this community during this unprecedented time.

When we entered 2020 we had no way of knowing that in addition to managing the largest building project the County has undertaken, that a pandemic greater than any pandemic since the 1918 Spanish Flu would be just around the corner. Never have we in government contemplated decisions with such gravity and worked with such trepidation as we have this year. From the Stay at Home Order in March and the closing of the Historic Greene County Courthouse to walk in traffic to the distribution of 34.4 million CARES Act Relief Funds and the procurement of thousands of pieces of PPE, at every turn we have operated as one Greene County team.

This report offers a glimpse into these extraordinary efforts. The following pages highlight the latest on the Greene County Jail construction and other building projects such as the Barrington Avenue Bridge that have remained on schedule, the processes and procedures put in place at the County to properly manage and fairly distribute CARES dollars, as well as a timeline of actions taken to help curb COVID-19 in our community. You will also find highlighted how the 1/2-cent sales tax is benefiting area municipalities and a nod to some of our awards and achievements this past year. While the novel coronavirus undoubtedly defines 2020, this report shows Greene County is defined by an ongoing resilience in the wake of a pandemic and beyond. We have done this together and we continue to make progress. We would be remiss if we didn’t pause to say thank you.

So, thank you to all who have worked so hard this past year to mitigate COVID-19 and provide some sense of normalcy to our operations. Your actions are noticed, appreciated and they foster pride to be a part of Greene County.

Stay safe. Stay well.

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**“Some people might say I’ve had long, varied career in public service, but I say I have been blessed to be an active part of community that I care so deeply about,” Bengsch said.**

For District 2 Commissioner John Russell, what stands out most about Bengsch’s leadership is his ability to be firm, but at the same time genuine and kind.

“There are many improvements to our County that would not exist if it were not for Harold Bengsch and we are better because of him. He has served for decades because he genuinely cares about this community and every single person in it,” Russell said. “I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve with him.”

Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon echoed that sentiment.

“Harold is the model of humility, integrity and common sense, and working with him has brought a greater awareness to me of what a principled public servant really is,” said Dixon.

County Administrator Chris Coulter has worked with Bengsch for 12 years – a time he refers to as some of the most impactful of his career.

“I consider it a privilege to be able to watch and learn from his ability to stay calm in any situation, his ability to consume information, maintain a schedule that would drop a draft horse and his passion to ensure our community is always put first,” Coulter said. “I know that I will miss him greatly and the time we spend each day catching up on Greene County history and his wise counsel.”
Greene County Assessor Rick Kessinger
417-868-4101
Maintains records and establishes assessed values for 120,000 real estate parcels and 120,000 tangible personal property accounts. Statute stipulates a bi-annual reassessment of real property and an annual reassessment of tangible personal property. The Greene County Assessor’s Office is responsible for real estate appraisals.
Number of office employees: 31

Greene County Auditor Cindy S. Stein
cstein@greenecountymo.gov
Greene County Auditor Cindy S. Stein serves on the executive and legislative board of the Missouri Auditor’s Association. This year her office processed 20,000 invoices for payment.

Greene County Clerk Thomas R. Barr
tom.barr@courts.mo.gov
Thomas R. Barr is the elected Clerk of the Court in Greene County and functions as the business office for the courts in the 31st Judicial Circuit. The office is divided into several departments, including Civil, Domestic, Criminal, Traffic, Finance, and Criminal. Civil and assigned to court departments. Fine and court costs are paid in the Clerk’s office. In addition, all requests for records are handled in this office as well as Order of Protection applications. Missouri Revised Statutes appoints the Clerk as the Custodian of all court records.

The Circuit Clerk’s office also maintains the court website and updates it on a daily basis. In addition, the office has implemented an award-winning enhanced court technology, including digital sign boards with case information throughout the Greene County Judicial Facility.

Greene County Collector of Revenue, Jo Ann Betts
betts@greenecountymo.gov
417-868-4036
Collects and distributes nearly $100 million each year to approximately 40 taxing districts (primarily schools as well as fire, library, parks, library, state and blind fund, etc.). There are many other local and state collections such as tax collector also includes tax service. The collector’s office alsoissues tax bills for new residences and first time car owners throughout the year.

Number of office employees: 18

Betts and her team recently were honored in 417 Magazine for providing unusually friendly customer service. This year Betts also won Employee of the Year at the Springfield Business Journal.

The Greene County Clerk’s Office handles a wide range of administrative services that includes voter registration administration, tax administration, payroll and retirement administration, and issuance of liquor licenses, auctioneer applications and notary commissions.

Number of office employees: 15

Schoeller is the First Vice-President of the Missouri Association of Counties and an active member of the Missouri Assessors’ Association. The office offers numerous educational opportunities to appraisers.

Greene County Treasurer Justin Hill
jrhill@greenecountymo.gov
Treasurer Justin Hill has been serving the citizens of Greene County for the past 32 years. He recently completed his term as an officer of the Missouri Sheriff’s Association, President of the Missouri Sheriff’s Association and sits on numerous other community panels. The Sheriff and members of his staff are currently overseeing the $150 million construction project for the new sheriff’s office, which will include a 1,344 cell jail.

Greene County Public Administrator David Yancey
dyancey@greenecountymo.gov
417-868-4022
Assumes responsibility for individuals who cannot take care of themselves. Approximately 10 percent of the clients suffer from mental illness, 20 percent developmentally delayed and 50 percent suffer from dementia. The authority comes from the Probate Court which appoints the office as guardian/ conservator for clients. Guardianship is for the person while conservatorship is for the assets and resources of the individual. The office also provides services to legal appointed as and personal representatives for deceased estates.

Number of office employees: 9

Greene County Sheriff Jim A. Fast
jafa@email.greenecounty.mo.gov
417-868-4040
Maintains law and order for the citizens of Greene County by offering patrol deputies to patrol the streets and respond to calls for assistance, criminal investigative services and civil processing in addition to housing at times over 1,000 inmates in the Greene County Justice Center.

Number of office employees: 456

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Greene County Public Administrator Dyancey Schoeller
dyancey@greenecountymo.gov
417-868-4053
The Clerk issues driver’s licenses and merchant licenses, for example. The Collector’s Office issues 158,210 voter identification cards, processed payroll for 18,169 employee paychecks, preserved and archived 1,190 records, and processed 7,754 absentee ballot documents.

The Recorder alsocertifies an unencumbered balance for expenditures and maintains ownership/title maps. The Mapping Department recently processed 14,970 documents, of which 91% were deeds transferring ownership of real property.

Number of office employees: 29

Kessinger is a past President of the Missouri State Assessor’s Association. The Southwest Missouri Chapter of the International Association of Assessors Officers was formed largely through the efforts of the appraisal staff of the Greene County Assessor’s Office. It offers education classes for both government and private sector appraisers.
GREENE COUNTY BOARDS

Civic boards are an important part of local government and provide an opportunity for citizens from a variety of backgrounds, education, skill sets and interests to help shape and better our community. Currently more than 100 individuals serve on 14 Greene County boards and committees. For more information or for a board application, visit the “Boards” tab on the homepage of greenecountymo.gov.

ABILITIES FIRST BOARD
Established: August 1978
The nine member board develops and provides community based services for developmentally disabled citizens in Greene County through public and private agencies.
Meetings: Third Thursday of each month at 4 p.m.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
Established: January 1981
The eight member board hears all cases arising from a county commission for adoption and enforcement in the unincorporated territory of the County.
Meetings: Second Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m.

BUILDING COMMISSION BOARD
Established: February 1979
The five member board prepares building and electrical code of regulations and submits to the County Commissioner for adoption and enforcement in Greene County.
Meetings: As required

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BOARD
Established: November 1982
The 11 member board works with Greene County organizations whose mission and purpose involves the prevention of domestic violence and provides assistance to victims of domestic violence.
Meetings: Second Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m.

HISTORIC SITES BOARD
Established: August 1979
The 12 member board acts as an advisory board to the County Commission and other County agencies relating to the identification, protection, retention and preservation of historical sites in Greene County.
Meetings: Second Monday of every month at 4:30 p.m.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Established: August 1979
The five member board prepares building and electrical code of regulations and submits to the County Commissioner for adoption and enforcement in Greene County.
Meetings: As required

PLANNING BOARD
Established: November 1978
The six member board reviews zoning petitions and amendments to the zoning regulations as well as advises the Board of Zoning Adjustment concerning conditional use permits.
Meetings: Third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. followed by a public hearing at 7 p.m.

SALES TAX OVERSIGHT BOARD
Established: October 2017
The seven member board provides oversight of the ½ percent sales tax increase and also include publication of a report to keep citizens informed of the revenue and expenditures specific to this tax.
Meetings: Every January and July at 2:00 PM

SENIOR CITIZEN BOARD
Established: June 2005
The seven member board advised the on the use of the Senior Citizens’ Service Fund to provide services and programs that will improve the health, nutrition and quality of life for Greene County residents 60 and older.
Meetings: Fourth Monday of every month at 9 a.m.

SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
Established: August 1990
The 12 member board makes recommendations to the various departments, boards and agencies of the City and to County on programs or activities which will improve, preserve and/or protect the natural environment of the community.
Meetings: Second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 a.m.

SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
Established: 1961
This six member committee works to sustain and improve the water resources of Springfield and Greene County through education and effective management of the region’s watersheds.
Meetings: First Friday of every month at 7:30 a.m.

SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY PARK BOARD
Established: October 1990
The nine member board works to make positive impact on the overall quality of life, health, environmental, social, and economic aspects for our resident families and visitors alike through our area parks and trails.
Meetings: Second Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m.

WATERSHED COMMITTEE OF THE OZARK
Established: 1984
The nine member board provides assistance to those in need of emergency services for the emergency response notification system (911) within Greene County.
Meetings: Second Wednesday of every month at 3 p.m.

911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD
Established: February 1990
The nine member board provide administrative support for the emergency response notification system (911) that is available to those in need of emergency services within Greene County.
Meetings: Second Wednesday of every month at 3 p.m.

Established: 1961
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COVID-19 TIMELINE

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11 April 7 Greene County Commission announces roadmap to lift COVID-19-related restrictions on mass gatherings, effectively allowing mass gatherings of 25 people and the reopening of most businesses including bars, entertainment venues and in-person worship services.

18 May 14 Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management activates Doling Park as a cold weather shelter for COVID response.

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30 June 12 First Greene County case reported. Springfield-Greene County Health Department asks community to voluntarily suspend or postpone events gathering 250-plus people.

31 March 3 Missouri Governor Mike Parson issues Stay Home Missouri Order

19 March 16 Greene County Commission hold emergency session and signs:

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As a further means to ensure the fair and equitable allocation of these funds locally, on July 23 the Greene County Commission appointed a citizen advisory council from a diverse number of sectors to bring their expertise to the County’s CARES Act Relief Fund application review and approval process. The 30-member advisory council was then divided into subcommittees to review applications according to categories for the following allotments:

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While an official groundbreaking ceremony had to be put on hold due to COVID-19, sporadic nice weather in April provided construction crews the opportunity to turn the first pieces of earth at the future home of the Greene County Sheriff’s Office and Jail. On April 8, Vaughn Construction brought in equipment to clear trees for construction entrances. On April 13, crews started grading the site.

Another major milestone was marked on August 24 when the first precast concrete module was placed. The module, which happened to be a shower unit, weighs nearly 56,000 pounds. In total, the facility will include 288 precast concrete modules.

Locating the jail at Division Street and Haseltine Road has created several opportunities for the design and construction of the approximately 330,000 square feet facility. The most substantial is the $95 million savings in staffing cost from the original resolution over the next 20 years due to indirect supervision being utilized and having more area to spread out the cell pods horizontally as opposed to vertically. N-Form Architects, along with Greene County Resource Management and the four-member Advance Team from the Sheriff’s Office, have worked diligently to develop design plans that not only minimize inmate movement but also create an efficient space for the flow of intake and booking to cell classification and bonding and release. Video court as well as library and tutoring will have designated areas that will also limit inmate movement within each pod.

Construction Managers At Risk JE Dunn and Dewitt & Associates have estimated the entire project to take 765 days, putting completion in the spring of 2022.

This year the temporary jail located behind the Justice Center is being replaced by a larger temporary facility on the lot near Campbell and Nichols streets between the Greene County Morgue and the Public Safety Center.

The Commission approved the plan for additional pods in February and the following month signed an agreement to lease the structures from All Detainment Solutions. The new pods, 10 in total, will increase the capacity of the current jail by an additional 282 beds.

To prepare for this shift, the County razed the former operations building located at 933 N. Boonville. This area, along with some readjusting of the gravel lot by the former bookstore property at Central and Campbell, was opened to parking to help offset the 75-plus parking spaces lost to the new facility.

The current Greene County Jail opened in 2001 and after renovations to the building’s existing tower, the combined space was designed to house 601 inmates. However, the jail continues to see record high numbers with over 1,000 inmates in custody at times, furthering the need to find other solutions until the new jail is completed. The temporary jail is designed to help limit the need to house inmates outside of Greene County. The average contract cost is slightly over $45 per inmate, per day to house inmates out of county, which does not include transportation, personnel hours or the added safety and liability risks to officers and inmates.

Several locations on the Greene County campus were considered for the temp jail before settling on the Campbell and Nichols list. This space keeps inmates close to food and laundry services, and the pods are “hard” structures, which means that while not connected to another building they are secure in the event of high winds and storms.
PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:  
BARRINGTON AVENUE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

It’s a huge task making sure all the County’s existing bridges are safe and maintained, but it’s an even bigger task when the Greene County Highway Department builds an entirely new bridge where there was not one before. This is the case of the Barrington Avenue Bridge project, which was recently completed near the intersection of Farm Road 164 and Farm Road 129 west of Golden Avenue. This project creates a new connection between two existing subdivisions and allows students sidewalk access across South Branch Creek to Battlefield Road all the way to Carver Middle School. This bridge is a two-span, 110-foot concrete I-girder bridge with a total project cost just under $1 million.

FARM ROAD 87 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

This project included the removal of an existing 17-foot wide box culvert over Burney Branch to construct a new 42-foot long pre-stressed concrete box beam bridge structure. Crews also improved side slopes and installed a new guardrail along the bridge approaches. The total length of the project was 300-feet for a cost of approximately $601,000.

FARM ROAD 17 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

This project included the replacement of the narrow one-lane bridge and box culvert over Pond Creek with a 34-foot precast concrete deck beam bridge and a 4-foot concrete culvert pipe. Total length of the project was 250 feet with a cost of $507,000.

FARM ROAD 48 BOX CULVERT

This project included removing an 11-foot wide box culvert over Sugar Creek and constructing a new 17-foot wide box culvert with 12-foot wide travel lanes. Crews also widened roadway shoulders and improved visibility at the intersection of Farm Road 48 and Farm Road 45. Total length of the project was 700 feet for a construction cost of $200,931.

From mowing, snow removal, paving and striping to sign maintenance and road construction, the Greene County Highway Department is a busy department year-round. To help ensure efficient processes, the department is divided into three main divisions: operations, engineering and inspections, and administration. Here’s a look at the Greene County Highway Department by the numbers:

- 2020 Estimated Revenue: $30,965,850.00
- 2020 Appropriated Expenditures: $32,896,438.91
- Number of employees: 117 full time
- Number of seasonal help: 20
- Number of acres mowed: approximately 8,000 acres of right of way
- Number of miles of roadway paved: approximately 2,500 lane miles
- Salt stored for winter: 3,500 tons
- Bridges maintained: 220
- Box culverts maintained: 678

GREENE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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**GROWING TOGETHER**

**BEHAVIORAL CRISIS CENTER**

The Greene County Commission and leaders from Burrell Behavioral Health recently came together to launch a Behavioral Crisis Center – the first of its kind in southwest Missouri – available for members of our community needing help with mental health and substance abuse issues. It’s a move that is being called “community collaboration at its best.” During a Feb. 18 contract signing, the Commission officially approved $1 million in public funding for this center.

This new center, located at 800 S. Park Ave., serves adults ages 18 and up with emergent mental health and substance-use needs (excluding situations requiring acute medical care). Following up to 23 hours of observation, individuals are connected to the proper level of care (i.e. detox, outpatient therapy, hospitalization, etc.). This center is designed to help reduce unnecessary hospitalizations and decrease incarcerations.

In 2017, Greene County voters passed a sales tax that prioritized, among other resolutions, funding to address mental health and substance use in our area. Since that time, the Commission has collaborated at a variety of levels to identify needs and solutions that would provide much-needed care, all while also easing the burden on law enforcement, emergency responders and the criminal justice system. Mental health and substance use-related contacts have been repeatedly identified as a major concern for community resources, including the time and effort of law enforcement and emergency responders, as well as local medical emergency departments.

**GREENE COUNTY OPERATIONS CENTER CORNERSTONE DEDICATION**

While the cold and rain might have moved the Operations Center Cornerstone Dedication ceremony indoors, it didn’t dampen the excitement for the event and the new building. A large crowd turned out (event was held pre-COVID-19) to witness the traditional cornerstone ceremony performed by the masons, which included members from several area masonic lodges as well as the Grand Lodge out of Columbia.

Helping add to the event was a flag presentation by the Sons of the American Revolution and patriotic music and color guard provided by the Glendale High School Marching Band. The official opening of the building was marked with a ribbon cutting with members of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Greene County Operations Center is the new home to a variety of important services for the County, including janitorial and maintenance, wood shop, HVAC/electrical shop, print shop, metal fabrication/plumbing shop, microfilm, mailroom and central supply. Previously these services were operated from various locations throughout the County campus. The Operations Center has a footprint of approximately 17,500 square feet and includes loading docks and warehouse space – two features not available in any of the existing County facilities. A partial second floor contains offices and mezzanines for storage.

**FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER MOVES TO TEFFT BUILDING**

In May of this year, the Tefft building became the home of the Family Justice Center. The structure was originally built in 1914 and was most recently used by the Springfield Public Schools as administrative offices. In May of 2019 the school board voted to sell the building to the County for $10.

Because the Tefft building had been used for office space, remodeling for Family Justice Center was minimal and consisted of subdividing class rooms into private interview rooms, adding network capabilities and some additional safety and security measures. Precisely the center, which provides a wide range of services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, harassment, human trafficking and child abuse in the Springfield/Greene County area, occupied the Greene County Judicial Courts facility.

The Family Justice Center is the only such center of its kind in the state of Missouri. It was the only center in the country to receive affiliation with the national Family Justice Center Alliance prior to opening its doors.

**31ST CIRCUIT COURTROOM ADDITIONS**

With the relocation of the Family Justice Center and the addition of a new judge, renovations were needed this year at the Greene County Judicial Courts facility to create an additional courtroom. This space includes judge’s chambers, clerk and court reporter offices, AV Equipment/IT room, as well as three holding cells. Construction on the approximately 4,500-square-foot area also included a general seating gallery, judge’s bench, jury box, conference room, attorney/client room, witness waiting room and interview room.
MUNICIPAL PROJECTS

As part of the ½-cent General Revenue Sales Tax approved by voters in 2017, funds were allocated to assist Greene County municipalities with a variety of needed projects and upgrades. Many of these projects would have been a financial difficulty or would not have been possible without it. Here is a look at the projects being completed in 2020 across the County.

ASH GROVE
Improvements to City Park and construction of a dog kennel/holding area.

FAIR GROVE
Sidewalk project: Orchard Boulevard from Cherry Street to Old Mill Road.

REPUBLIC
City vehicle to be used by city employees for general use to trainings, post office, bank trips, meetings, etc.

STRAFFORD
Drainage improvements; multi-phase road bed widening to approximately 3,000 feet of Old Orchard Street.

WILLARD
Hunt Road sidewalk expansion and police vehicle maintenance.

BATTLEFIELD
Police department vehicle.

WALNUT GROVE
City Hall window remodeling; road resurfacing and repairing sections of Lincoln, Wilson and Johnson roads.
The Greene County Consolidated Circuit Courts are divided into 18 divisions: six Circuit Courts, six Associate Courts, four Family Courts, one Treatment Court and one Probate Court. The Circuit divisions have responsibility for larger civil cases, and criminal felonies. The Associate divisions have responsibility for small claims, traffic, misdemeanors, juvenile and civil cases less than $25,000. Commissioners have responsibility for Family Court, Treatment Court and Probate Court.

| Division 1 | JUDGE | MICHAEL CORDONNIER |
| Division 2 | JUDGE | DAVID JONES |
| Division 3 | JUDGE | JASON BROWN |
| Division 4 | JUDGE | THOMAS MOUNTJOY |
| Division 5 | JUDGE | CALVIN HOLDEN |
| Division 6 | JUDGE | BECKY BORTHWICK |
| Division 7 | JUDGE | BECKY BORTHWICK |
| Division 8 | JUDGE | THOMAS MOUNTJOY |
| Division 9 | JUDGE | CALVIN HOLDEN |
| Division 10 | JUDGE | JASON BROWN |
| Division 11 | JUDGE | DAVID JONES |
| Division 12 | JUDGE | JERRY HARMISON, JR. |
| Division 13 | JUDGE | MICHAEL CORDONNIER |
| Division 14 | JUDGE | DAVID JONES |
| Division 15 | JUDGE | JASON BROWN |
| Division 16 | JUDGE | THOMAS MOUNTJOY |
| Division 17 | JUDGE | CALVIN HOLDEN |
| Division 18 | JUDGE | BECKY BORTHWICK |

**Circuit Courts:**
- Division 1: JUDGE MICHAEL CORDONNIER
- Division 2: JUDGE DAVID JONES
- Division 3: JUDGE JASON BROWN
- Division 4: JUDGE THOMAS MOUNTJOY
- Division 5: JUDGE CALVIN HOLDEN
- Division 6: JUDGE BECKY BORTHWICK

**Treatment Court:**
- Division 21: JUDGE JERRY HARMISON, JR.
- Division 22: JUDGE MARGARET PALMIETTO

**Associate Courts:**
- Division 23: JUDGE ANDY HOSMER
- Division 24: JUDGE MARK POWELL
- Division 25: JUDGE T. TODD MYERS
- Division 26: JUDGE RON CARRIER

**Family Courts:**
- Family Court 1: COMMISSIONER REGI MARTIN
- Family Court 2: COMMISSIONER SUSAN JENSEN
- Family Court 3: COMMISSIONER JEFF MARQUARDT
- Family Court 4: COMMISSIONER JOHN LUKACHOK

**Probate Court:**
- COMMISSIONER CAROL AIKEN
GREENE COUNTY NAMED TYLER PUBLIC SECTOR EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNER

Greene County is a 2020 Tyler Public Sector Excellence Award winner for its success in applying Tyler technologies to increase organizational efficiency and productivity, improve responsiveness, innovate and add value to operations. The County currently utilizes several Tyler products, including iasWorld, Eden Systems, Tyler Content Manager and Tyler CAFR Statement Builder. The most recent Tyler product addition is ExecuTime.

Greene County was selected for using Eden Systems for a multitude of functions such as accounts payable, code enforcement and contract management to human resources, project accounting and purchasing. Most notable was the integration of Eden financial data into the County’s public-facing transparency portal. Since the unveiling of the transparency portal, other government agencies have looked to Greene County to emulate the process in their jurisdictions. Perhaps most significant is how Eden System’s data for financial forecasting and projecting has allowed the County as a whole to react to situations in a timelier manner, establish better forecasting and create better budgets. Better budgets provide information for decision makers and better forecasting improved cash position from below $4 million to over $13 million.

GREENE COUNTY ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CENTER HONORED

This year the Greene County Archives and Records Center was endorsed by the Missouri 2021 initiative for their digitization project. This project and its contributions to the efforts to celebrate Missouri history is endorsed as part of the Missouri 2021 Bicentennial Celebration, an initiative coordinated by the State Historical Society of Missouri to build a statewide commemoration of both rural and urban communities through projects, programs and events.

The Greene County Archives and Records Center was also recognized by the Missouri Association for Museums and Archives for their work to bring to the public rediscovered information about Milly Sawyers, a woman of color who won her freedom in Greene County in 1835. Sawyers, a former slave, filed a complaint for assault and battery and false imprisonment. Almost a year later, she got her day in court and finally her freedom. Milly’s story is now a play called the Milly Project that honors her remarkable and inspiring example of courage. That project was even highlighted during an exhibition of historical documents at the Gillioz Theatre.

GREENE COUNTY IS THE RECIPIENT OF SOUGHT-AFTER GRANTS

The Greene County Juvenile Office is one of three counties across the country selected to receive a technical assistance grant from the Robert F. Kennedy Foundation National Resource Center of Juvenile Justice. Through this partnership the Juvenile Department will undergo analysis to enhance the probation department and juvenile justice system performance. The process will recommend changes that incorporate evidence-based practices. This assistance targets administration, probation supervision, agency collaboration and the quality assurance of the program. The goal is to enhance current practices while also including new proceedings and more community collaboration for positive youth outcomes.

The Greene County Family Treatment Court was awarded approximately $750,000 by the Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to enhance the existing Family Treatment Court, which began operation in July, 2004. The primary goals of the Family Treatment Court include child safety and well-being with emphasis in the areas of child permanency, parental recovery and a reduction in the maltreatment and neglect of children. This court, as well as other courts implemented at that time, were initially modeled after adult drug treatment courts. In an ongoing effort to remain aligned with best practices, the Greene County Family Treatment Court team applied for and was awarded funding to enhance the court through:
- ongoing review and revision of administrative policies and procedures to ensure alignment with trauma informed practices
- implementation of peer recovery services to provide additional support to participants
- increased wraparound services to families, especially those with children ages zero to three years of age.
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