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Greene County Commission holds emergency session in response to COVID-19 coronavirus

Today the Greene County Commission held an emergency session in response to current events related to COVID-19.

The session, which was held in Room 212 of the Greene County Historic Courthouse, hosted the Greene County Health Department as well as other city and Greene County municipal leaders.

As part of the meeting agenda the Commission discussed and voted unanimously to pass three measures:

- A Declaration of State of Emergency Due to Coronavirus that mandates: that due to the characteristics and risks associated with the transmission dynamics of COVID-19, all group events or gatherings must be limited to 50 people or less until a court order is issued rescinding the action. Gatherings must be limited to 50 people or less on penalty of misdemeanor charges.
- An adoption of Section 3-14: Pandemic Declaration of the Greene County employee personnel manual. This policy, which is enacted when advised by the Greene County Health Department, is designed to help prepare for a wide range of incidents while protecting employee health and safety and limiting the impact on services provided to Greene County residents.
- An amendment to Section 3-14 of the Pandemic Declaration policy of the Greene County personnel manual that removes the stipulation that employees provide a physician letter to return to work after five missed absences.

The Greene County Commission suggests that citizens follow the Center for Disease Control guidelines for crowd limitations. The Commission will be working with the local

health department to determine if any updates to today's order will be needed in the coming days.

“It is clear that the decisions we make now will have a positive impact both now and later, which is why we held this session” said Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon. “We very much want to encourage peace and calm during this time and make sure that we all make wise decisions that help ourselves and our neighbors.”

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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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