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## **Greene County Commission hires new Public Information Officer, Coordinator**

*SPRINGFIELD, Mo.* – The Greene County Commission announces Robert Jehle as the department’s new Public Information Officer and Jenny James Hayward as the department’s new Public Information Coordinator.

Jehle has a background in local broadcast TV news. Over 13 years, he’s worked at all four Springfield news stations, most recently as an Executive Producer for the evening shows at KOLR10 and KRBK. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Missouri State University and is a commissioned officer in the Missouri Army National Guard.

“I appreciate the opportunity the Commissioners have given me and I look forward to telling the county’s unique stories and how they impact our community,” Jehle said.

Jehle will deliver official Commission information and assist media outlets with communicating to the Commissioners.

James Hayward has been brought on to both assist a team distributing \$56.8 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds, as well as help develop the Commission’s overall strategic communications. Her position was recently created, but was paid for by a sales tax approved by Greene County voters in 2017.

James Hayward holds a bachelor’s degree in mass media and communications from Northwest Missouri State University and brings an extensive background in public relations, marketing and

social media to her new role. Her experience includes PR and media relations for Northwest Missouri State and Missouri State Athletics as well as developing marketing content and communication strategies for the radio and real estate industries.

“I am excited and grateful for the opportunity to bring my skills to the Commission and to serve the citizens of Greene County,” Hayward said.

Hayward recently got married to her husband, Mason Hayward, and resides in Springfield with their two dogs.

“We are pleased to have Robert and Jenny join our team at the Greene County Commission. We are confident their unique skills and strengths will greatly assist us in keeping the public informed,” said Box Dixon, Presiding Commissioner.

Jehle and James Hayward both officially started on September 20, 2021.



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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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