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County Commission to vote on ballot initiative May 24

The Greene County Commission will vote on whether to place the proposed ballot initiative for the county-wide Parks Sales Tax on the August ballot Tuesday, May 24, 9:30 a.m., in the Hearing Room (Room 212) of the Historic Courthouse, 940 Boonville Ave., Springfield.

No public testimony will be accepted at the May 24 meeting. However, the commission encourages residents to continue sharing input via phone, e-mail, fax and mail until May 24, which is the deadline for the commission to submit a proposal to the county clerk for the August 2011 ballot.

“We, as a commission, have been diligently looking at the ins and outs of this issue, and we’ll continue to consider feedback from the public before we vote next Tuesday,” said Jim Viebrock, Greene County Presiding Commissioner.

The county-wide Parks Sales Tax proposal was first brought before the commission April 18 by the Springfield-Greene County Park Board. The commission approved a related intergovernmental agreement May 2, detailing how the tax revenue would be shared among Greene County municipalities.

Nineteen county residents spoke during a public hearing on the proposal held this morning. Dozens of other residents have personally contacted the commission since April.

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