

Great Game Huddle Notes
July 5, 2016

Angie Crews welcomed huddle participants and introduced Director of Communications, Jennifer McClure to present the character core value of **endurance**. Jennifer began by reciting an ad that Ernest Shackelford placed in a newspaper in 1914 to recruit men for an attempt to cross the continent of Antarctica. The ad read as follows, "MEN WANTED for hazardous journey, small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful, honor and recognition in case of success." Despite the apocryphal wording, 29 men actually replied and all were accepted as crew members of the ship "Endurance". Unfortunately the ship became trapped in sea ice and the crew was forced to trek their way on foot, and later, in lifeboats. The endeavor and hardship lasted approximately two years. In an era littered with accounts of serious injuries and death on Antarctic expeditions, not a single man died during this journey. This event provided an historical example of the value of endurance.

Endurance is defined as the inner strength to withstand stress. Endurance in the workplace can be seen in many different ways. Following a video providing a modern, real world example of the trait of endurance, Jennifer summarized the trait with the following factors:

1. Remember your goal and maintain a positive attitude towards that end.
2. Give all you've got. This creates a sense of pride regarding the eventual outcome.
3. Rest and recharge. This can be achieved in several different ways and is largely based on personal preference.

Following group discussion of the core value, Commissioners Bob Cirtin and Harold Bengsch gave the monthly Commission Corner. Commissioner Cirtin passed along the unfortunate news that the City of Springfield has unilaterally rejected their participation in the county proposed temporary jail facility. The county is currently considering future steps. For 2016, the county has budgeted \$450,000 for inmate reciprocity whereas the actual expense is projecting around \$1,000,000. Commissioner Bengsch mentioned that Budget Officer, Jeff Scott worked long hours in an attempt to make the county's proposal to the city one they would accept and the subsequent rejection is one that has weighed heavily on him as well as the entire commission. Mr. Bengsch added that encouragement to Mr. Scott for his yeoman efforts would certainly be appreciated. Both commissioners emphasized that they are not discouraged and will continue to explore ideas to solve the jail overcrowding dilemma in coordination with our friends from the City of Springfield.