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Open Discussion

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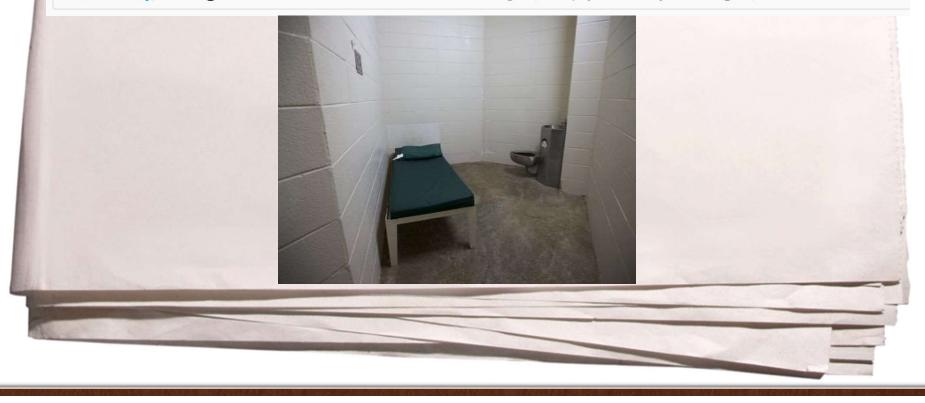
Can We Agree:



- ✓ For the duration of our time together that this is a safe environment?
- ✓ That all ideas and points of view are valid?
- ✓ No matter who any of us is that we all deserve to be here and no one person is more deserving than another?
- ✓ That not knowing something is not allowed to be a barrier in this space?
- ✓ Our collective goal is to leave this room armed with one thing / one thought / one tool that you did not enter with?
- That you are responsible to take an active role in your education here today.

Greene County wants to keep more youths out of jail, court system

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Youths out of Jail, Court system

- Few hundred referred each year
 - 30 to 40% should be handled through diversionary programs
- Detention reserved for worst offenders
- More can be done for minor offences
- New juvenile community resource center
 - Diversionary programs
 - In-house resources

Could Greitens help public defense in Greene County and beyond?

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Public Defense

- Push back against idea of hiring of private attorneys to fulfill the duties of public defenders
- The judges had reservations about setting up that pool
 - Would have to oversee training standards
- July 2015 to June 2016
 - 4,008 cases opened
 - 3,372 cases closed
- Caseload is rising
- Gov. Jay Nixon added \$4.5 million and then withheld \$3.5 million from the state public defender's budget
- The House Budget Committee in March moved almost \$7 million from various funds in Attorney General Josh Hawley's office to the public defender system. The transfer was later reversed.



Greene County's temporary jail expected to open in a parking lot in November

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Temporary Jail

- Cost of housing inmates in other jails is expected to be \$2.2 mil in 2017
- Opening in November
- Houses 108 inmates
- Annual cost to County \$873,153

Greene Co. jail expansion a top priority for new tax, but officials have other ideas, too



Jail Expansion a top priority for new tax

- ¹/₂ cent sales tax Generates \$20 mil or more annually
- What the City wants?
 - A team to investigate domestic violence
 - A squad to deal with property crimes
 - A joint drug task force to complement Springfield police's narcotics unit.
 - Family safety center
 - Evidence storage facility \$5 mil
 - Animal Shelter \$3 mil
 - Addressing storm water needs \$1 mil

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- What the County wants?
 - Majority to be spent on criminal justice measures
 - Additional Sheriff and Jail Staff
 - Support for Public Defenders
 - Capital Improvements
 - Jail expansion
 - Juvenile Courts building and Detention facility
 - Improvements to storm water drainage
 - Mental health programs starting in 2019
 - Reinstate Animal Control

Greene County eyes Boonville lot for multimillion-dollar jail expansion

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Boonville Lot for Jail Expansion

- Across the street from current facility
- Raze county-owned buildings
- Skywalk above Boonville to access
- Cost \$37.8 mil preliminary estimate
 - No displacement of inmates or staff during construction
 - Four story facility accommodates an addition 576 inmate beds for a total of 1,176
 - Optional adding of a floor \$8.64 mil supporting an additional 192 inmates each

Boonville Lot for Jail Expansion

- Adding on to current facility
 - Would be more expensive and disrupt jail operations
 - Tears down the tower
 - Builds new structure east of the jail
 - Cost \$61.983 mil for a five story facility bringing capacity up to 1,176 inmate beds
 - Does not include the cost of displacement of inmates
 - Additional floors \$11.64 mil per floors



Raises for Sheriff employees

- Due to short staffing
- To retain staff and help with recruitment
- Two Step Increase
 - Ranges from 5 6%
- Cost Impact
 - \$300,000 remaining for 2017
 - \$800,000 for 2018
- Funds will come out of the capital equipment reserves of the law enforcement sales tax II fund
- One time use or sustainable?