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STATE OF GREENE COUNTY CULTURE OF SERVICE 2025



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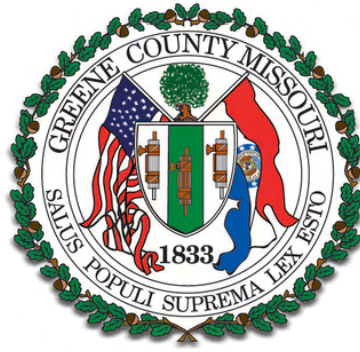
The Greene County Commission provides this summary as a reflection on the progress, challenges, and accomplishments of the past year



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GREENE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO OPEN BOOK MANAGEMENT

Greene County is committed to changing the narrative around government spending through Open Book Management. In 2019, the County launched its Transparency Portal, giving residents direct access to financial data and ensuring accountability in how taxpayer dollars are used.

**WANT TO KNOW WHERE
YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO?**

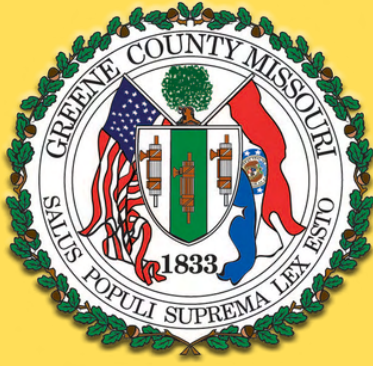
Click the
Transparency Portal box
to find out.



More than numbers, this effort focuses on showing how every dollar contributes to the betterment of our community. By keeping finances open and accessible, Greene County works to build trust and highlight the positive impact of citizen contributions.

Together, we can continue moving toward a transparent, accountable, and thriving Greene County.

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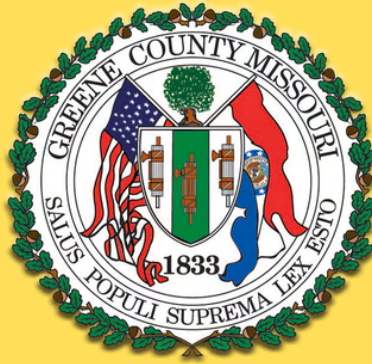
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Civic boards are an essential part of local government, providing citizens from all walks of life the opportunity to share their expertise, talents, and passion for public service. These boards help shape policies, guide decision making, and strengthen the connection between government and the community.

Today, more than 100 dedicated individuals serve on 14 boards and committees across Greene County, contributing their time and skills to ensure a stronger, more vibrant future.

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ABILITIES FIRST BOARD

Established: August 1978

The nine-member board collaborates with public and private agencies to develop and deliver community-based services for uniquely abled citizens in Greene County.

Meetings: Third Thursday
of each month at 4:00 PM



BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Established: January 1981

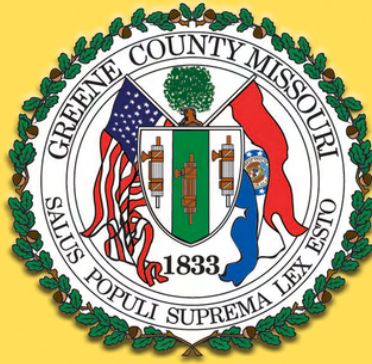
The eight-member board reviews all cases related to general assessment appeals or complaints stemming from evaluations conducted during the general reassessment of all taxable real property and possessory interests in the County.

Meetings: Second Tuesday of every month at
9:00 AM



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BUILDING COMMISSION BOARD

Established: February 1979

The five-member board drafts building and electrical code regulations, which are then presented to the County Commission for adoption and enforcement in the unincorporated areas of the County.

Meetings: As required



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BOARD

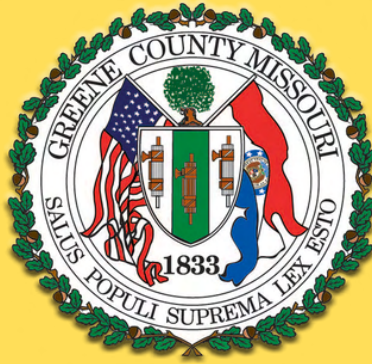
Established: November 1982

The 11-member board collaborates with Greene County organizations dedicated to preventing domestic violence and offering support to its victims.

Meetings: Jan., Apr., June and Oct.
Date and Time TBD



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HISTORIC SITES BOARD

Established: August 1979

The 12-member board serves as an advisory body to the County Commission and other County agencies regarding the identification, protection, retention, and preservation of historical sites in Greene County.

Meetings: Second Monday of every month at 4:30 PM



INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

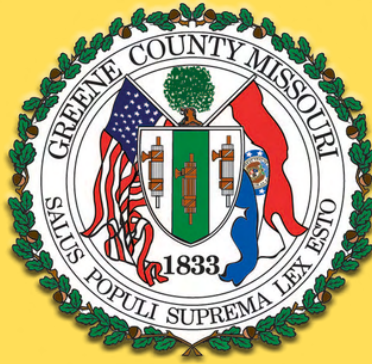
Established: February 1979

The five-member board fosters industrial, commercial, agricultural, and manufacturing development to stimulate job creation in Greene County.

Meetings: As required



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PLANNING BOARD

Established: November 1978

The six-member board examines zoning petitions and proposed amendments to zoning regulations, and advises the Board of Zoning Adjustment on conditional permits.

Meetings: Third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM followed by a public hearing at 7:00 PM



SENIOR CITIZENS' SERVICES BOARD

Established: June 2005

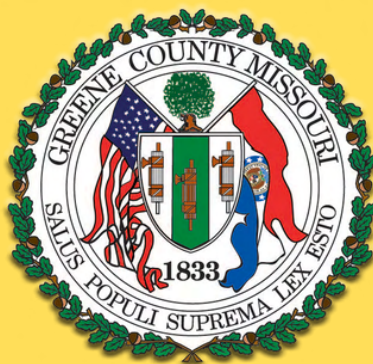
The seven-member board provides guidance on the utilization of the Senior Citizens' Service Fund, ensuring services and programs enhance the health, nutrition, and quality of life for Greene County residents aged 60 and older.

Meetings: Fourth Monday of every month at 9:00AM



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SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

Established: August 1990

The 12-member board advises city departments, boards, and county agencies on programs and initiatives aimed at enhancing, preserving, and protecting the natural environment for the community.

Meetings: Second Wednesday of every month at
8:00 AM



SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

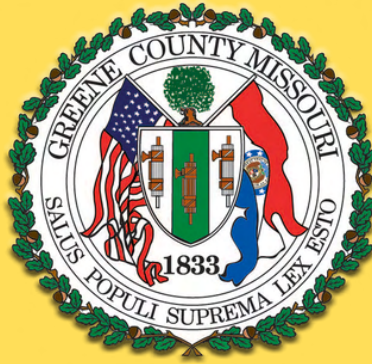
Established: October 1961

The nine-member board acts as the governing body of the Library District, creating and adopting bylaws, rules, and regulations for their own governance, in accordance with the law, to manage the library effectively.

Meetings: Third Tuesday of every month at
4:00 PM



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SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY PARK BOARD

Established: October 1980

The nine-member board strives to enhance the overall quality of life by improving the health, environmental, social, and economic aspects of our local parks and trails.

Meetings: Second Friday of every month at 8:30 AM



WATERSHED COMMITTEE OF THE OZARKS

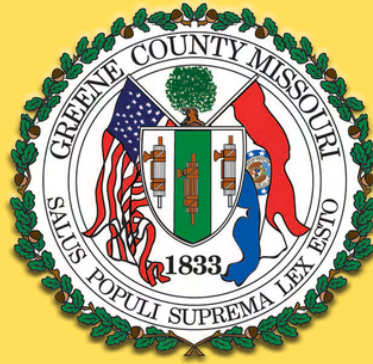
Established: 1984

The six member committee works to sustain and improve the water resources of Springfield and Greene County through education and effective management of the region's watersheds.

Meetings: Second Friday of every month at 7:30 AM



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9-1-1 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

Established: February 1992

The nine-member board offers administrative support for the 911 emergency response notification system, ensuring it serves those in need of emergency services throughout Greene County.

Meetings: Third Wednesday of every month at
3:00 PM

To learn more or apply to serve on a board:



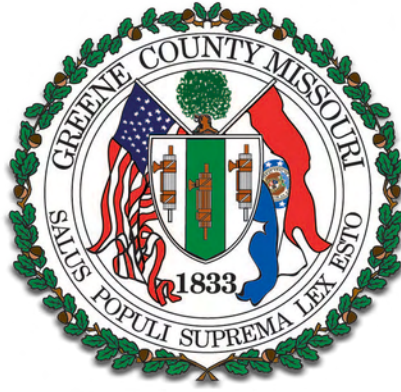
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MUNICIPALITIES



ASH GROVE

Ash Grove put Greene County funding to work this year by streamlining city operations with new gWorks software and enhancing safety with a widened bridge and a sidewalk along Maple Lane. The city also celebrated progress on a new fire station, a growing subdivision, and park improvements that included a butterfly bench, stage, and renovations to Killingsworth Hall.



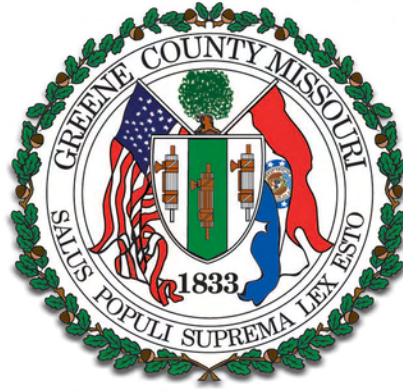
REPUBLIC

Republic advanced several key projects this year, including improvements to the wastewater treatment plant, progress on a new City Hall, and the addition of Shuyler Creek Trail. Work also continued along Commercial Avenue, supporting growth and community development.

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MUNICIPALITIES



ROGERSVILLE

Rogersville has been recognized as the fastest-growing city per capita in Missouri. The growth is a sign of a healthy and vibrant community. The city will continue to plan and build with foresight and care, ensuring that Rogersville remains a wonderful place to live work and raise a family.



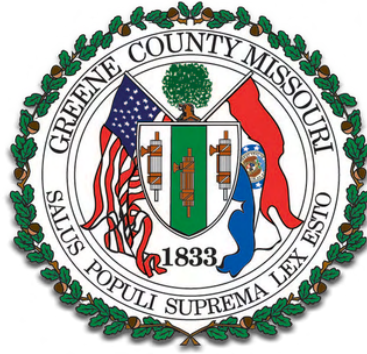
WILLARD

Willard made major strides in transparency, communication, and community connection this year. From launching the city's first app and "Manager's Minute" video updates, to expanding outreach through surveys, focus groups, and neighborhood visits, the city worked to bring government closer to residents. Important steps were also taken to improve safety, update infrastructure, and strengthen financial stability for the future.

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COST
\$1.5M

SILVER SPRINGS PAVILION RENOVATION

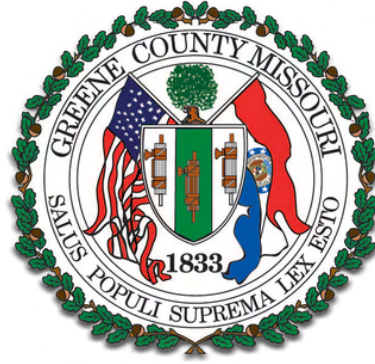
The Silver Springs Pavilion Renovation will service the disproportionately impacted communities of North Springfield by offering a valuable and clean gathering space for community organizations and the general public. Silver Springs Park is one of the oldest parks in Springfield. It dates back to 1919 when it was created as a park for the African-American population due to segregation

For many years it was a key fixture in the recreational life of the city's African-American population. The park was the location for many park district programs, community festivals, picnics, baptisms, and even a semi-professional baseball team. However, there was increasing concern that the park needed improvement and facility upgrades as time has progressed. For many reasons, the renovation has the chance to be transformative for the citizens of Greene County. The renovated pavilion offers upgraded and renovated facilities, including a concession area, pavilion tables, new bathrooms, and amphitheater style seating just outside the pavilion. Community residents are now planning for additional programming which might include such things as a farmer's market, health screenings, community education, children's activities, as well as expansion of services.

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**COST
\$2M**

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

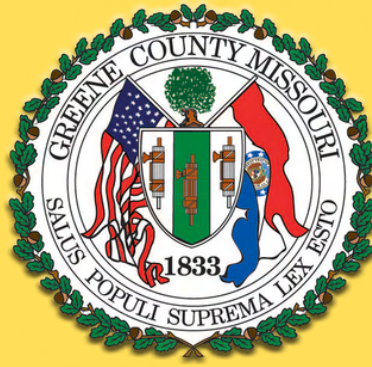
The Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield Teen Center used ARPA funding to assist in financing the construction of the Risdal Family Center for Great Futures. The center will continue to provide traditional services offered at Boys & Girls Clubs: meals, internet access, healthy childhood environments for foster youth in high poverty districts, employment assistance, child care, while pivoting to include first job skills training and career readiness.

The Risdal Family Center for Great Futures provides opportunities for teens to interact with each other through various activities, classes, and programs. Teen interaction in a healthy childhood environment is especially meaningful for youth who are disproportionately impacted by economic struggles or medical difficulties. Potential benefits that can be realized through the family center include improved grades and school attendance, improved social and emotional skills, and a centralized hub for teen needs.

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GREENE COUNTY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



On June 18th, 27 employees graduated from a six month journey designed to deepen their understanding of county government. Representing nearly every office in Greene County, this class explored how departments work together and how their roles impact the citizens we serve.

As part of their experience, Class VII studied The Great Game of Business, learning how transparency, collaboration, and open book management can empower employees and build public trust.

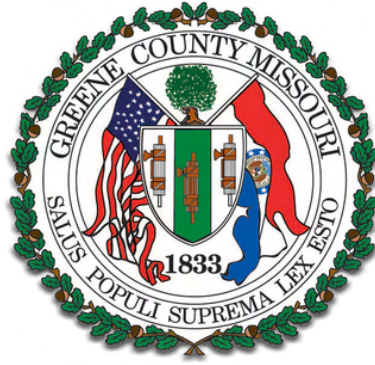
But their impact didn't stop there, this class also gave back in a big way through two powerful service projects:

- Packed 588 boxes at Ozarks Food Harvest. That's 14,847 meals for local seniors!
- Organized a supply drive benefiting Victory Mission and Parkview Christian Church's Unsheltered Ministry.



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Service Beyond the County

By teaching, training, and mentoring, county employees strengthen our community both on and off the clock.



DR. DEITER DUFF
Medical Examiner

Institution/Classes Taught:

Kansas City University – Joplin, Osteopathic Medical School (2024–Present)

Adjunct Assistant Professor. Courses include Hematopoiesis; Environmental and Nutritional Disease; Demyelinating, Degenerative, and Toxic Diseases.

Missouri Dental Association MERIT Program (March 2025, Jefferson City)

Presenter: Partnership between Forensic Pathology and Odontology — “Cases that Never Die: A Journey in Forensic Pathology.”

Troop D Coroner Training (August 27, 2025, SGF)
Evening presentation for coroner training.

Missouri Coroners and Medical Examiners Association (October 13, 2025, Lake of the Ozarks) Conference presenter: 2 hours on Autopsies; 2 hours on Toxicology

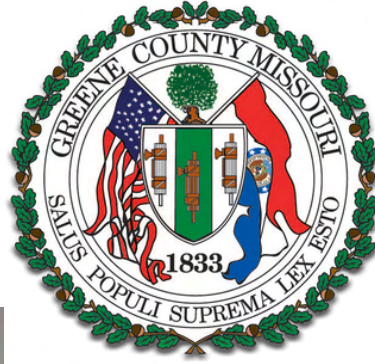
Ozark Christian College – Joplin (2022–2024)

Adjunct Professor. Taught Human Biology (3-hour course).

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Institution/Classes Taught:

MSU: Adjunct Instructor for the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Juvenile Justice, Criminology and Introduction to Criminal Justice.

CHERYL DAVIS

Domestic Relations Officer, Common Ground

Institution/Classes Taught:

OTC: Intro to Soils

MSU: Environmental Soils, OWTS Soil Profile Description, Soil Judging



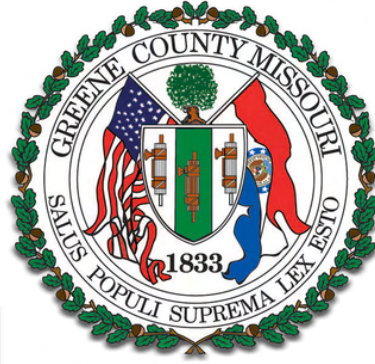
MICHAEL BOWERS

Water Quality Field Operations Manager

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Institution/Classes Taught:

OTC: American Government and Politics.

Drury University: Business Law and Ethics; Corporate Policy and Ethics; Business Simulation Workshop.

BILL PRINCE

Family Court Administrator and Chief Juvenile Officer - 31st Judicial Circuit

Institution/Classes Taught:

Evangel University: Human Resources Management, Workforce Selection and Development



MAILYN JEFFRIES

Human Resources Director

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Institution/Classes Taught:

Springfield Public Schools Docudrama program instructor.

CoxHealth (Multiple Locations, Greene County)

Docudrama program instructor. Instructor for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Death Investigation classes.

Willard Public Schools

Forensic Science Summer Camp instructor.
Forensic Science class instructor.



MIKE LAMPHERE
Chief Forensic
Investigator

Institution/Classes Taught:

WOW Summer Camp Program (2023)

Curriculum Builder. Designed and taught “CSI and Forensics: Conservation Edition,” a 40-hour course created for middle school through high school students. Lecturer. Prepared and taught “Animal Forensics & CSI,” a 2.5-hour class for all ages (primarily adult participants) as part of this annual event.

Missouri Archaeological Society Conference (2022)

Presenter. “Research & Conservation of Non-Western Art and Artifacts: African Art in Wood Medium” — focused on research and conservation of a Female Initiation Figure from the Luba Culture.

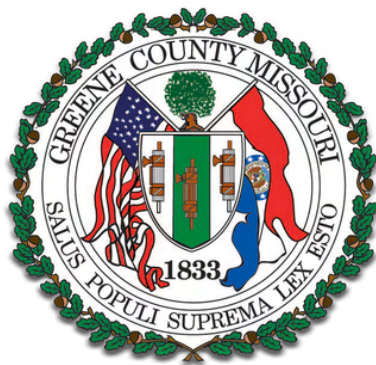


MCKENZIE WIXON
Forensic Technician

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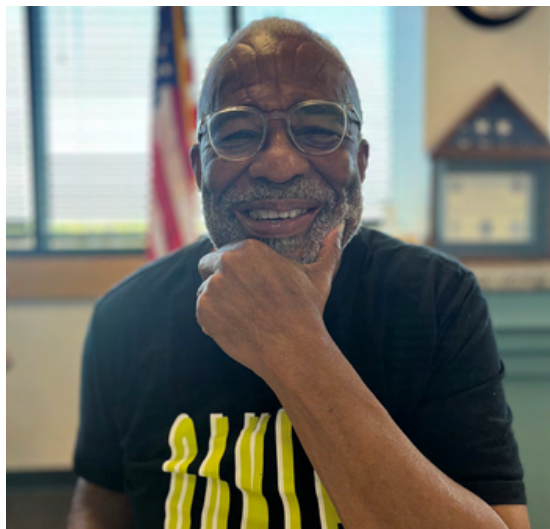
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Institution/Classes Taught:

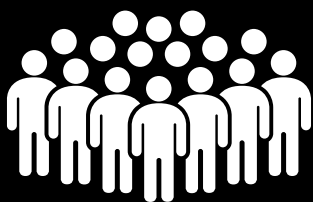
MSU:

Public Sociology, Social Problems
and Race and Ethnicity

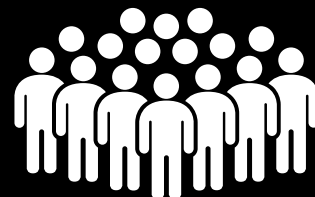


DR. LYLE FOSTER
Grant Administrator

NUMBER OF GREENE COUNTY EMPLOYEES



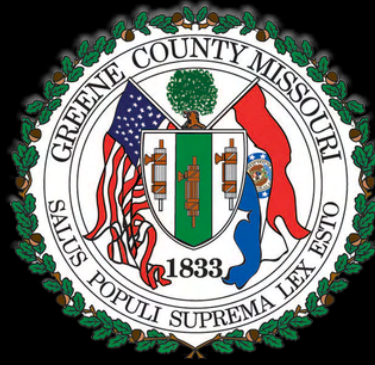
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Organization/Boards Service:

- 2nd VP on the MAC Board and sits on their Community and Economic Development steering committee
- Legislative Chair for the Recorders Association of Missouri
- Co-chair of the Southwest District Recorders
- Member of NACo's Large Urban County Caucus, NACo's Rural Action Caucus, and The Property Record Industry Association



**CHERYL DAWSON-
SPAULDING**
RECORDER OF DEEDS

Organization/Boards Service:

- Member of the Missouri Department of Mental Health Fatality Review Panel

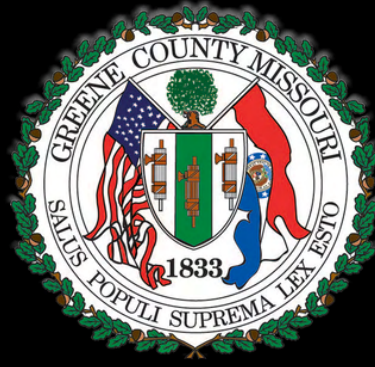


DR. DEITER DUFF
MEDICAL EXAMINER

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Organization/Boards Service:

- Member of the Springfield South Kiwanis (local charitable organization)
- Member of MAC Economic Development Committee
- Member of MAC Property Tax Policy Task Force



ALLEN ICET
COLLECTOR OF
REVENUE

Organization/Boards Service:

- Past President of Springfield Area Human Resources Association (SAHRA)
- Member of Midwest Public Risk (MPR) Board of Directors

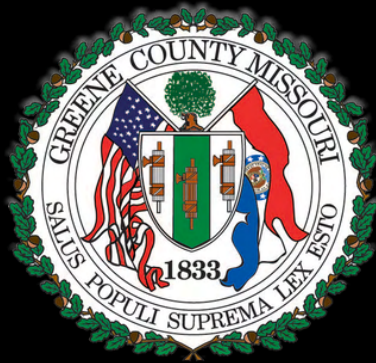


MAILYN JEFFRIES
HUMAN RESOURCES
DIRECTOR

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BILL PRINCE

FAMILY COURT ADMINISTRATOR
AND CHIEF JUVENILE OFFICER -
31ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Organization/Boards Service:

- President of the Board of Directors of the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association
- Member of Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board
- Chair of Missouri Supreme Court Juvenile Division Education Committee
- Vice Chair of Juvenile Officer Performance Standards Work Group
- Member of Missouri Supreme Court Coordinating Commission on Judicial Education
- Member of Missouri Supreme Court Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Committee
- Member of Supreme Court Commission on Combatting Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking

Organization/Boards Service:

- Chair of the Greene County Food and Emergency Shelter Program Board
- Member of the Executive Committee of the Missouri Route 66 Centennial Commission



JEFF SCOTT

BUDGET OFFICER

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SHANE SCHOELLER
COUNTY CLERK

Organization/Boards Service:

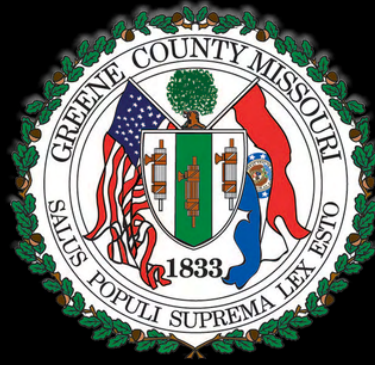
- Pregnancy Care Center
- Missouri Association of Counties (MAC)
- Election Assistance Commission, Local Leadership Committee

Organization/Boards Service:

- Missouri Division of Youth Services (DYS)
- County Employees Retirement Fund (CERF)
- Missouri Association of County Auditors (MACA)
- Association of Government Accountants (AGA)



CINDY STEIN
AUDITOR



BRENT JOHNSON
ASSESSOR

Organization/Boards Service:

- Member of the Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) Community / Economic Development Committee
- Member of the Missouri State Assessors Association (MSAA)
- Member of the Legislative Committee for the Missouri State Assessors Association
- Chair of the Geographic Information Systems Committee for the Missouri State Assessors Association
- President of the Springfield South Kiwanis Club
- Scoutmaster for BSA Troop 1 in Springfield, MO
- Committee member for BSA Cub Scout Pack 289, Springfield, MO

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Organization/Boards Service:

Greene County Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD):

- Organization Co-Vice Chair

Greene County Local Emergency Planning Committee:

- LEPC Coordinator

Greene County Campus Safety and Security Group:

- Group Chairperson

Southwest Missouri Healthcare Coalition-Central Region:

- Emergency Management Representative

Missouri Emergency Management Association:

- Region D Board Director
- Legislative Affairs Committee Chair
- SEMA Director's EMPG Advisory Board Member

International Association of Emergency Managers:

- Government Affairs Committee Member

International Association of Emergency Managers-Region 7:

- Conference Planning Committee Member

National Association of Counties:

- Justice & Public Safety Policy Steering Committee Member

Other Organization Affiliations:

- Southwest Missouri Incident Support Team-Planning Section Chief
- Missouri Disaster Medical Assistance Team-Planning Section Chief



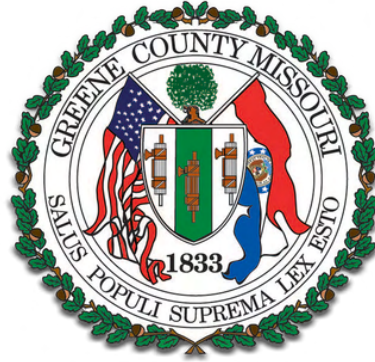
LARRY WOODS

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT

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BUDGET OFFICE HIGHLIGHTS



The Budget Office devised a new way of monitoring our financial condition throughout the year by using previous year experience against the new budget levels.

This has also allowed us to project and plan for differing levels of cashflow needed throughout the year. This new tool will be incorporated into the long term planning process.

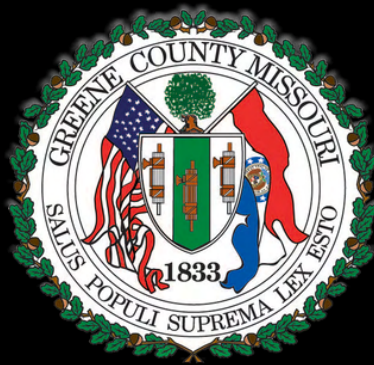
DID YOU KNOW?

The 2025 Greene County Budget included more than \$284.6 million in expenditures. The budget process began in July 2024 and was finalized on January 10, 2025.

SEE THE NUMBERS BEHIND THE WORK

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FARM ROAD 193 BRIDGE

Contractor: Hartman & Company Inc.

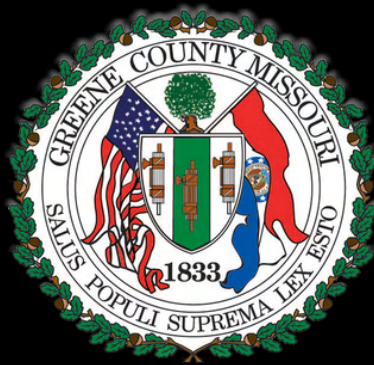
Construction Began: February 18, 2025

Bridge re-opened: April 25, 2025

COST

\$676,984

This location originally had a structure that contained several pipes positioned side by side. After the failure of these pipes and the closure of the structure in August of 2024, it was concluded that the most suitable course of action would be to replace the pipes with a single-span bridge structure.



FARM ROAD 17 BRIDGE

HISTORIC SYCAMORE BRIDGE

Contractor: Hartman & Company Inc.

Construction Began: March 17, 2025

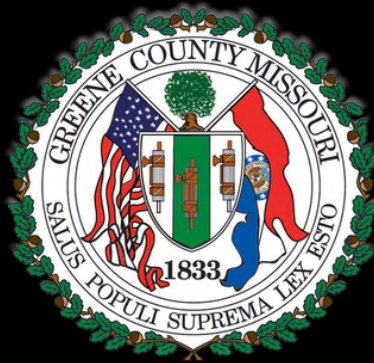
COST

\$2,313,000

Original structure was designed by a Greene County Road and Bridge Commissioner and built in 1916. The new structure will be a curved steel girder bridge with 2-lanes instead of a 1-lane, and the design will include a “smoother” curve instead of the existing harsh 90-degree turn. This new bridge will also have guardrail on all four sides.

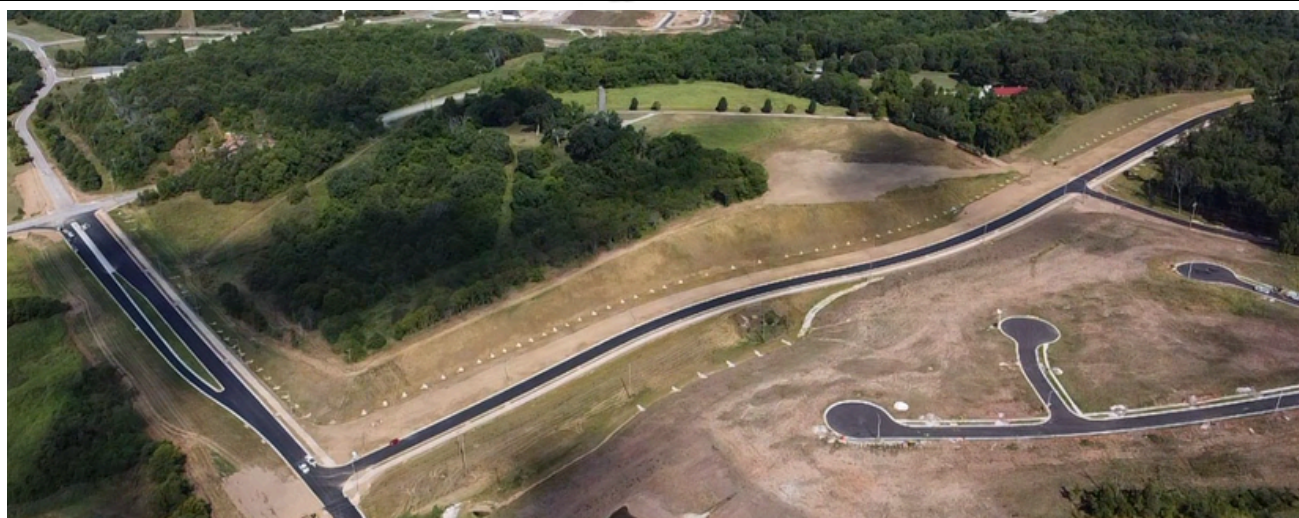
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



KANSAS EXPWY PHASE II

Contractor: Emery Sapp & Sons

Construction Began: January 8, 2024

Construction Ended: Sept. 26, 2025

COST

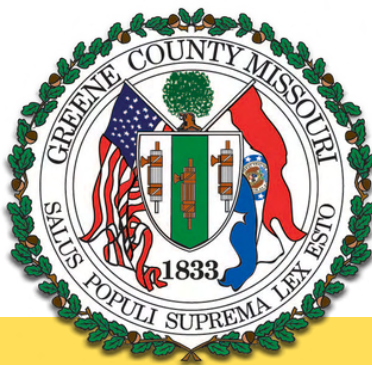
\$12,981,641.61

Phase II includes the construction of a new 2-lane roadway extension from Plainview Road down to Farm Road 190 with a new intersection at Farm Road 190 and Farm Road 141. This section of roadway also includes a 10-foot wide shared-use path. The project was completed on time and under budget.

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**DEATH
SCENE
INVESTIGATIONS**

4,432

**CALLS TO THE
ME OFFICE TO
REPORT
DEATHS**



The Medical Examiner's Office successfully renewed its accreditation from the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) in 2025.

First accredited in 2024, the office remains one of only two in the state to hold this distinction.

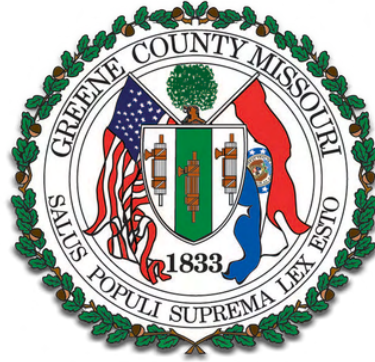
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**POSTMORTEM
EXAMINATIONS
PERFORMED**

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**INVESTIGATOR
ON CALL 24/7**

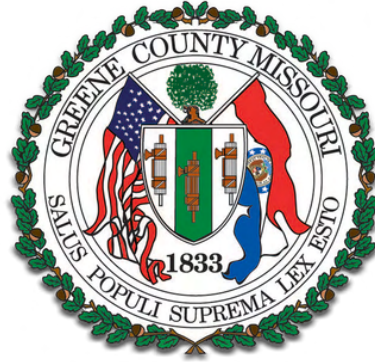
MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE HIGHLIGHTS



PREPAREDNESS IN ACTION

The Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) played a vital role in keeping the community safe and informed throughout the year. The Emergency Operations Center was activated three times, Feb. 18, Apr. 29, and Jun. 29, bringing together city and county representatives to respond to winter weather, storm damage and widespread power outages. The Public Information Call Center kept residents connected with real time updates, and damage assessments submitted to FEMA led to disaster declarations, opening the door for financial assistance to small businesses and families. OEM also partnered with the Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief Team to provide meals to those in need until power was restored.





PREPAREDNESS IN ACTION

Beyond response efforts, OEM worked to strengthen preparedness in the community. Staff visited schools and local events to teach the next generation about storm safety, including engaging presentations for kindergarten students on how to react when outdoor warning sirens sound. These efforts helped children feel less fearful and more confident in handling emergencies.

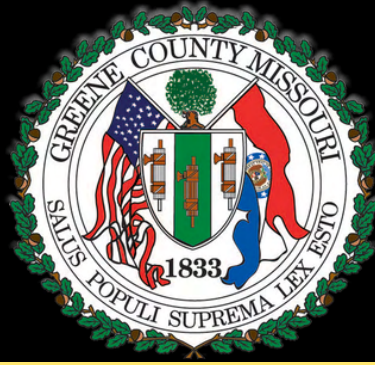


OEM also maintained a strong presence during major community events such as Route 66 and the 89th Annual Ozark Empire Fair. With Skylab serving as a mobile command post, OEM and 9-1-1 staff coordinated resources, monitored conditions, and ensured the safety of thousands of attendees. From daily safety briefings to on-scene response capabilities, their work kept festivals running smoothly and safely for all.

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Help Shape Greene County's Future

Greene County is wrapping up the public meeting series for the Comprehensive Plan Update on:

Thursday, October 9, at the Greene County Election Center (1126 N. Boonville) from 4–6 p.m.

The updated Comprehensive Plan will guide the County's future growth — including development patterns, transportation, and housing. Once adopted, it will serve as the foundation for updating the County's zoning regulations.

This is a critical opportunity for residents to share their ideas, priorities, and vision for the next decade. Your voice matters — let's plan together!

Can't attend the meeting? Click the survey link below so your voice is heard.

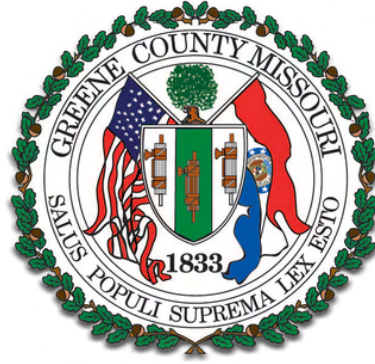
Take the survey: greenecountycompplansurvey.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

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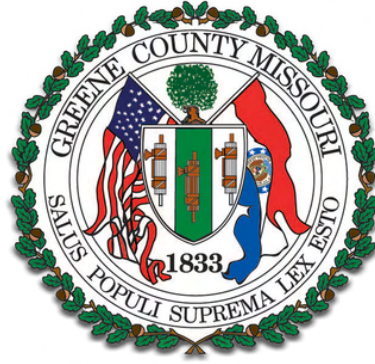
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PROJECTS AROUND CAMPUS:

Judicial Courts Facility Secured Entrance: Construction began in March of 2025 on a new building that will serve as a secured entrance and connect the Greene County Judicial Courts Facility and former Sheriff's Office and Jail on Boonville Ave in Springfield. It will become the main entrance to both buildings as Campus Security will have their screening equipment to screen the public before wayfinding signs direct the public to which building they should enter. The offices for the Pre-Trial Services Department will also move into this building. This is scheduled to be complete in fall of 2026.

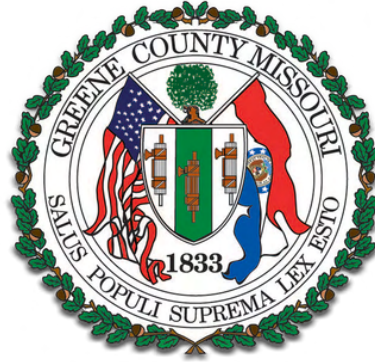




PROJECTS AROUND CAMPUS:

Former Sheriff's Office & Jail: Renovations are underway at 1000 N. Boonville. When completed the first floor will house offices for Judges, Court Commissioners and Officers, Juvenile Court, Juvenile Administration, and the Juvenile Youth Academy. On the 2nd floor, two of the former jail pods will become four Family Court courtrooms. After Family Courts moves out, the northwest corner of the 1st floor of the Judicial Courts Facility at 1010 N. Boonville, will be renovated for the Public Administrator's Office.





PROJECTS AROUND CAMPUS:

Construction of a new Treatment Court was completed in January 2025 in the former Sheriff's Office space in the southwest corner of the ground floor of the Judicial Courts Facility. Additionally, renovation of the Juvenile Detention Center on Robberson Ave was completed in July of 2025 which houses more secure rooms.



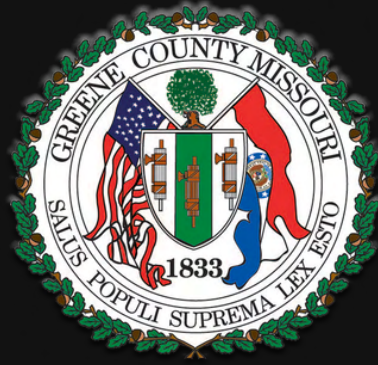
Historic Courthouse Renovations: **1.** Construction of customer service counters in the west area (Room 39) of the Assessor's Office started in May 2025. This will be moving from the center area (Room 37) which will now become office space. **2.** Women's restrooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors were added and the adjacent men's restrooms on those floors were also renovated.



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2025 was a countywide reassessment year as required by the State of Missouri's two-year Real Property cycle. The team worked diligently, traveling over 62,000 miles to review and update property records across Greene County.

REAL ESTATE OVERVIEW

REAL ESTATE PARCELS

128,105

MILES DRIVEN FOR REASSESSMENT

62,684 MILES

TOTAL VALUES

ASSESSED

\$6.51B

APPRAISED

\$29.62B

ASSESSED & APPRAISED VALUES

RESIDENTIAL

\$4.28B ASSESSED

\$22.52B APPRAISED

COMMERCIAL

\$2.20B ASSESSED

\$6.88B APPRAISED

AGRICULTURAL

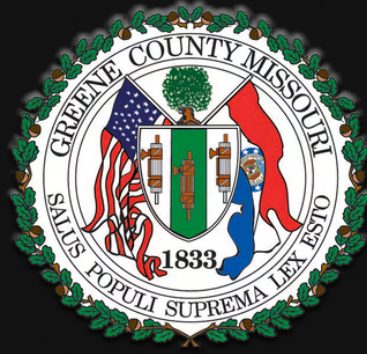
\$25.5M ASSESSED

\$212.5M APPRAISED

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2025 PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

250,000

PROPERTY ACCTS

284,776

REG. VEHICLES

952.7M

TOTAL ASSESSED
VALUE

CUSTOMER SERVICE IMPACT

On average, staff assist 35,000 walk-in customers and handle 25,000 phone calls annually. In 2025, these numbers rose significantly due to the new City of Springfield expired tag ordinance, which led to:

- 73% increase in customer traffic in March 2025 compared to March 2024
- 41% overall increase in customer volume compared to 2024

DID YOU KNOW?

The Assessor's Office is expanding customer service from 3 ½ to 8 windows. This is the first update in 20 years.

INFORMAL HEARINGS A GLANCE

3,612

CALLS RECEIVED

1,960

HEARINGS HELD

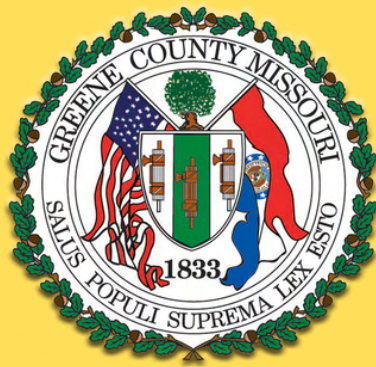
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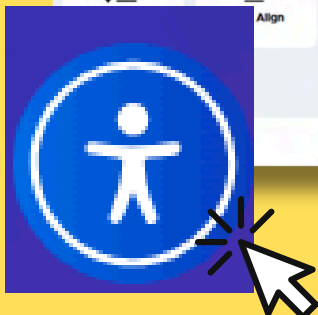
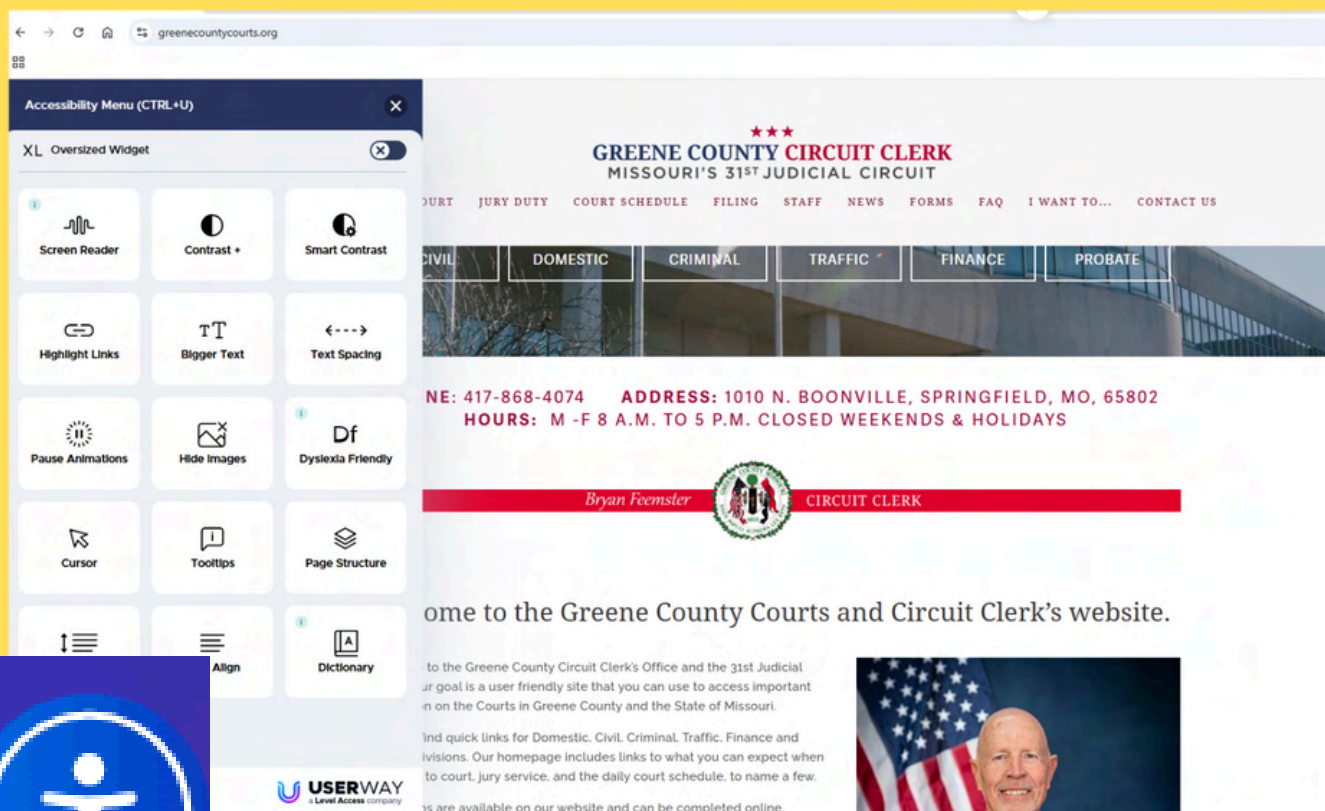
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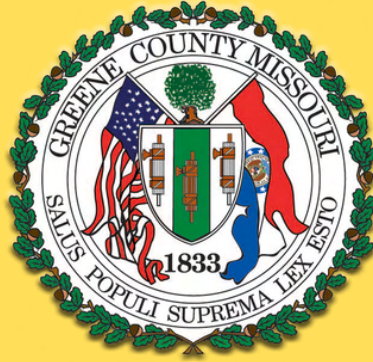
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CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE HIGHLIGHT

The Greene County Circuit Clerk's office website greenecountycourts.org is now equipped with an ADA compliant accessibility widget. This allows the website to ensure a fully accessible user experience. Simply click on the widget and explore all the accessibility options. In addition, the website has made improvements to its daily court schedule. The schedule is now searchable so people can quickly find their case by entering a party name into the search field. QR code signage is also posted throughout the courthouse so that the schedule is available by scanning with your phone's camera.





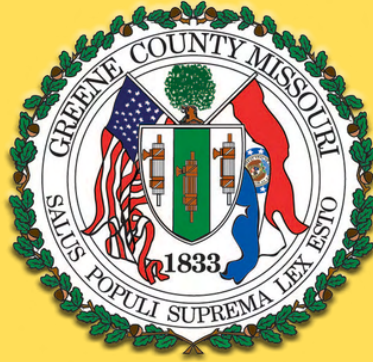
AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



In 2025, the 31st Judicial Circuit received recognition from the Supreme Court of Missouri for "timely processing of cases, including those impacting children." The 31st Judicial Circuit is the 2024 recipient of the O'Toole Award (31st circuit) and the Permanency Award (Juvenile).

The Circuit Clerk's Office celebrated the completion of a two year project where more than 50 Clerks and Judges worked diligently and led the state by completing over 9500 expungements of specific marijuana cases, as required by a 2022 constitutional amendment. There were grand jury indictments filed this year at the 31st Judicial Circuit Court for the first time since 2018.





AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

At the annual Judicial Conference of Missouri in Branson on September 18, 2025, Missouri Supreme Court Chief Justice W. Brent Powell presented the Judicial Excellence award for Circuit Judges to Presiding Judge Jerry Harmison of the 31st Judicial Circuit (Greene County). The annual award recognizes significant contributions to the advancement of the administration of justice in Missouri. Judge Powell noted Harmison was recognized as a leader in the greater Springfield community even before becoming a judge, as he previously served as the president of the Springfield School Board, chairman of the board for the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, and president of the board for Care to Learn.

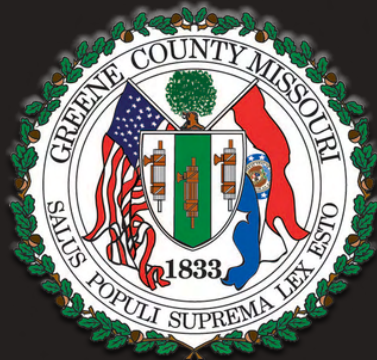


Judge Powell stated, "as a judge, Jerry has displayed new depths of leadership." In a recent time of change and transition in the Greene County Circuit Court with vast turnover on its bench, "Harmison has been a steady hand at the helm, steering his circuit court forward while treating parties, jurors, and colleagues alike with fairness and respect."

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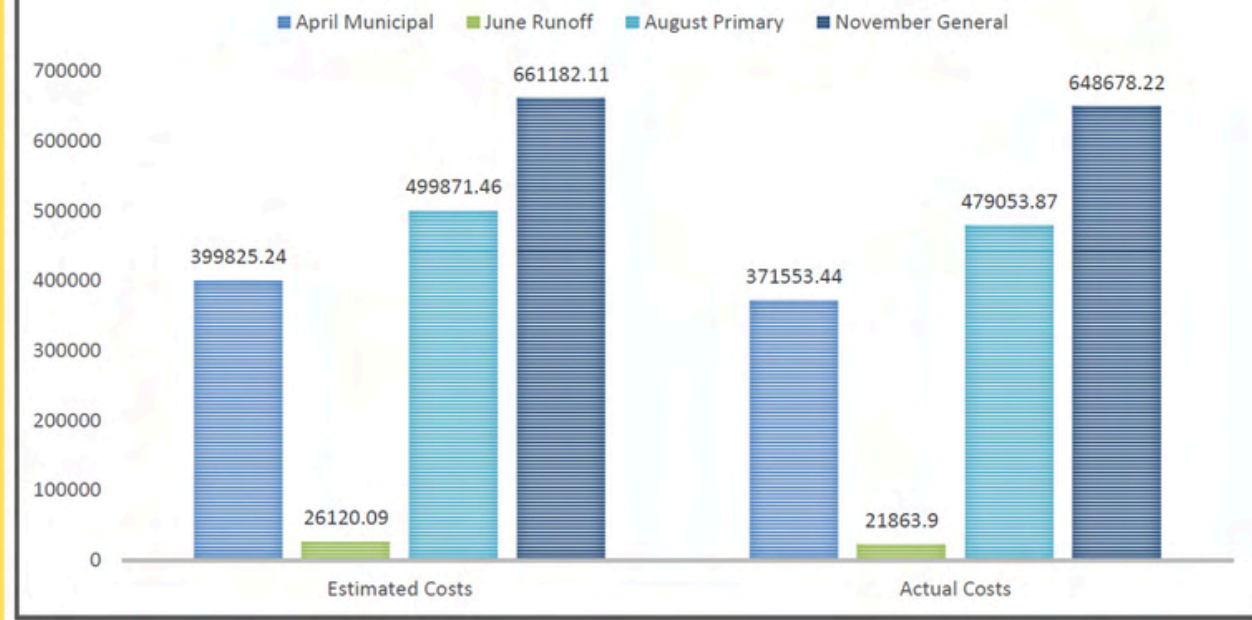
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Greene County ran four elections in 2024, including a June 18 runoff. Actual costs came in under estimates for every election, ranging from \$21.9k (June runoff) to \$648.7k (November general). The office staffed 600+ election workers, operated 80 precinct sites plus 5 countywide “central” sites, and split several precincts to reduce congestion. Operational upgrades included a 6 week pre-election call center, activation of Emergency Management support on Election Day, and deployment of 20 Poll Print ballot-on-demand units.

ELECTION ESTIMATED COSTS AND ACTUAL COST COMPARISON FOR 2024



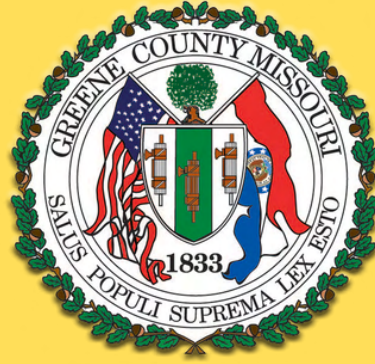
Turnout and registration rose: the Nov. 5, 2024 General saw 69% of active voters participate with 85 polling places and 632 judges. A total of 145,848 ballots, being 44,417 absentee. Over the year, the office registered 15,027 new voters, processed 49,154 address and name changes, mailed 165,912 voter ID cards, trained 64 deputy registrars, and verified 154,109 petition signatures.

Registered voters reached 217,719 by Dec. 31, 2024.

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COLLECTOR'S OFFICE HIGHLIGHTS

In 2024, the Collector's Office took on an important new responsibility with the launch of the Senior Tax Credit program.

This initiative allows eligible homeowners aged 62 and older to "freeze" certain portions of their property tax bills. Once qualified, reassessment increases are offset by a tax credit that helps seniors better manage rising costs.

The response has been significant. In its first year, the Collector's Office processed more than 15,000 applications, and by 2025, another 5,000 applications had been submitted. The program has quickly become a vital resource for thousands of Greene County residents seeking stability and peace of mind.

DID YOU KNOW?

Senior Tax Credit Program
Launched in 2024.

The program helps eligible seniors manage rising property taxes.

The Collector's Office has already processed over 20,000 applications in its first two years.

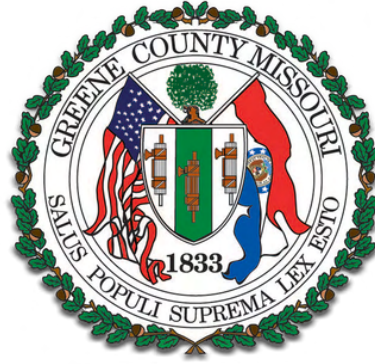
**For more information
about the Senior Tax
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visit:**

www.greenecountymo.gov/collector/senior_off.php

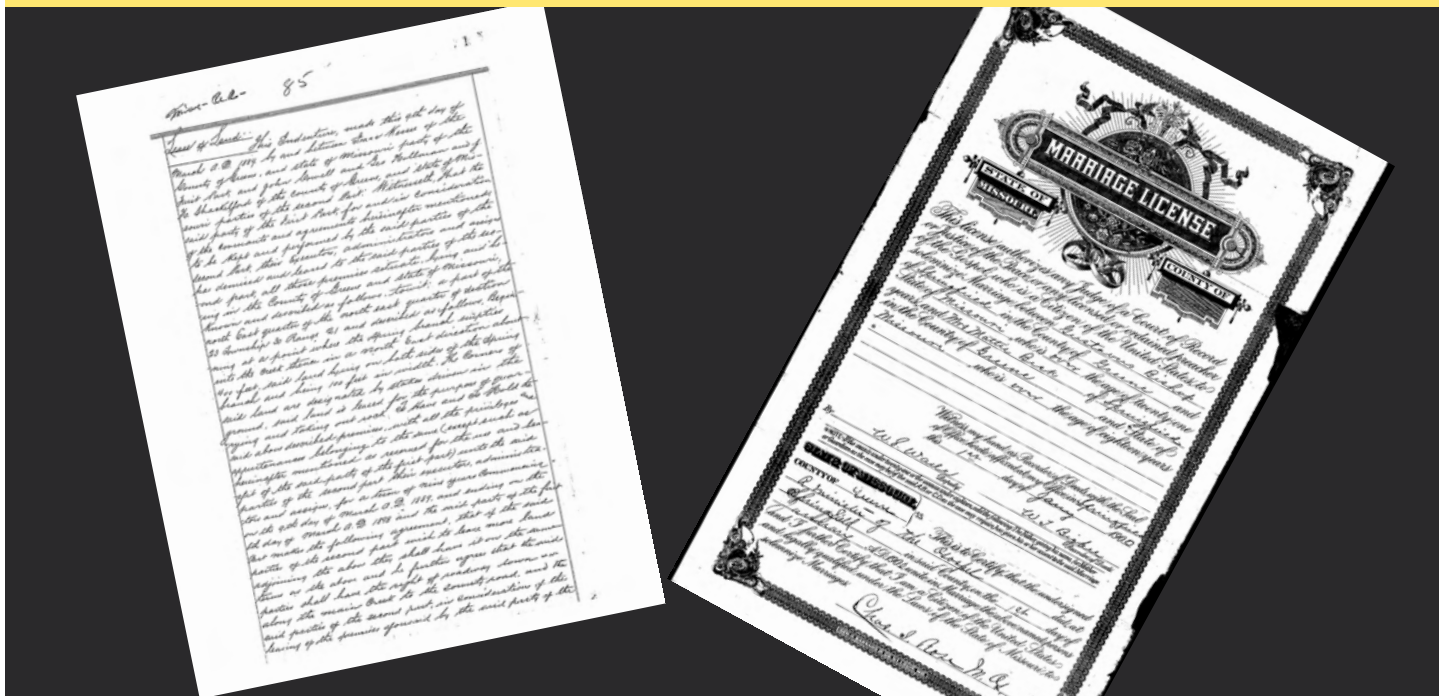
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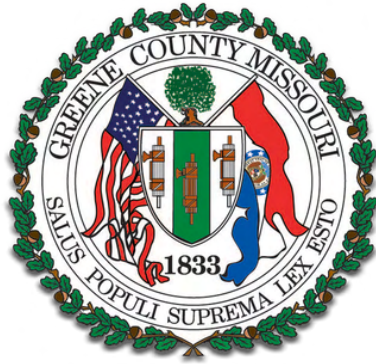


The Recorder's office completed the Digitization Project, which consisted of 90 historic deed books. All images are now accessible in office by computer, saving wear and tear on delicate books. Plans are in place to continue indexing remaining records, making more available for electronic research.



Over 800 Greene County property owners have enrolled in our free Property Notification Alert System. This allows citizens to monitor their name and to receive email notifications when any document is recorded.

Sign up to protect yourself from escalating property fraud at www.greencountymo.gov/recorder. Click the Property Fraud Notification tab or contact the Recorder's office for assistance at 417-868-4068

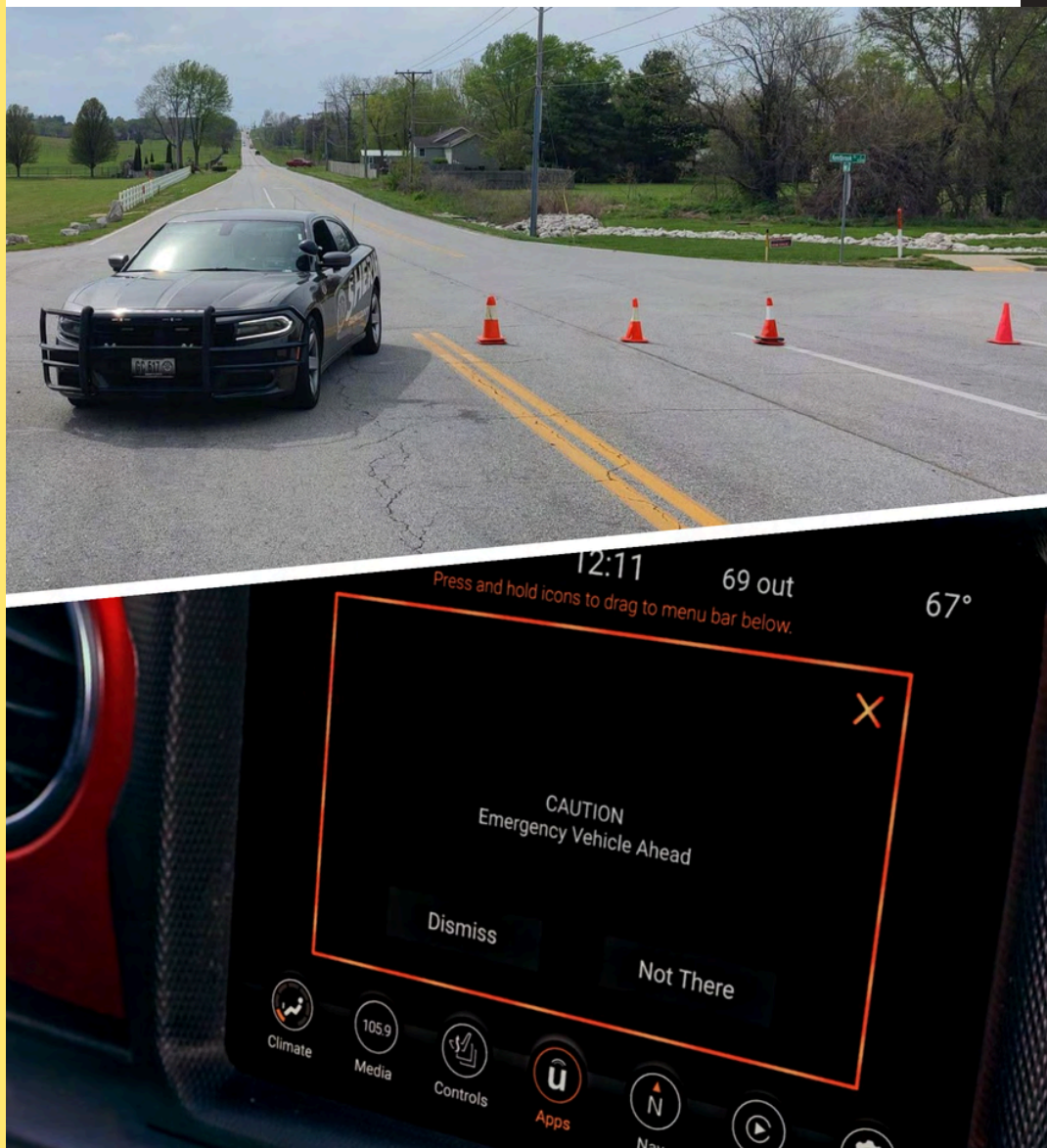


VEHICLE SAFETY GATEWAY:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE HIGHLIGHTS

Over the years, the Greene County Sheriff's Office has dealt with a number of near-misses and suffered the devastating loss of two deputies to vehicle related accidents. We have long searched for a way to better protect our deputies and the public on the road, and we found a solution. The Greene County Sheriff's Office has equipped our patrol fleet with an innovative piece of technology called the Vehicle Safety Gateway (VSG).

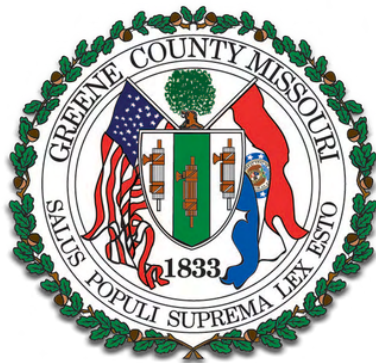
This cutting-edge technology is integrated into the Whelen Engineering equipment installed in our patrol vehicles and uses the HAAS Alert system to communicate to other vehicles. The VSG interfaces with our patrol car emergency lights, sirens, and other vehicle functions.



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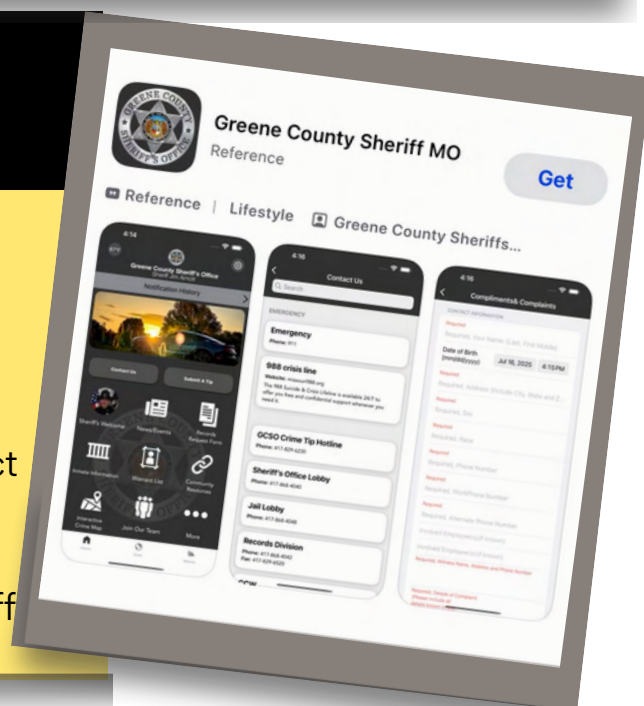
One capability of the VSG is responder-to-responder alerting. In situations where two patrol cars are responding to emergencies and may potentially intersect, the system alerts the deputies driving the vehicles. This ensures heightened awareness and safety for our deputies in emergency response.

Another capability of the VSG is its public alerting feature. This function interfaces with traffic and navigation apps such as Waze, Apple Maps, Stellantis, and others. It enables the public to receive notifications on these platforms regarding an emergency vehicle's presence, whether it's responding with lights and sirens or already on scene.

These advanced features are part of our dedication to enhancing the safety of both the community and our deputies, whether during emergency response or on-scene situations. Our commitment to safety extends to all aspects of our duties, and we continually strive to identify and implement the most effective ways to serve our community.

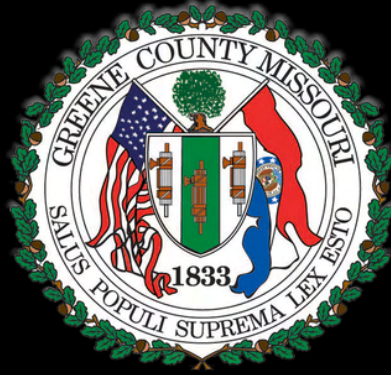
DID YOU KNOW?

The Greene County Sheriff's Office has launched a free mobile app on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. The app gives users quick access to jail information, inmate search tools, the community resource guide, anonymous crime tip submissions, and contact information. It also includes a public alert system, sending critical updates directly to mobile devices. Search "Greene County Sheriff MO" to download.



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CIRCUIT COURTS



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Division 1



Circuit Judge
Derek Ankrom

Division 2



Circuit Judge
Kaiti Greenwade

Division 3



Circuit Judge
Dan Wichmer

Division 4



Circuit Judge
Todd Myers

Division 5



Presiding Judge
Jerry Harmison

Division 6



Circuit Judge
Joshua Christensen

Division 7



Circuit Judge
Nathan Taylor

DID YOU KNOW?

The 31st Judicial Circuit (Greene County) is comprised of 19 judicial officers. Judge Jerry Harmison is a circuit court judge and currently serves as the presiding judge of the circuit. Judge Todd Myers has been elected by the court en banc to assume this role Jan. 1, 2026, for a two year term.

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ASSOCIATE COURTS



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Division 21



Associate Judge
Philip Fuhrman

Division 22



Associate Judge
Margaret Palmietto

Division 23



Associate Judge
Andy Hosmer

Division 24



Associate Judge
Kristen Poppen

Division 25



Associate Judge
Josephine Stockard

Division 26



Associate Judge
Ron Carrier

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Family Court 1



Commissioner
Kyle Kanable

Family Court 2



Commissioner
Susan Jensen

Family Court 3



Commissioner
Mark Milsap

Family Court 4



Commissioner
John Lukachick

Treatment
Court



Commissioner
Kevin Austin

Probate Court

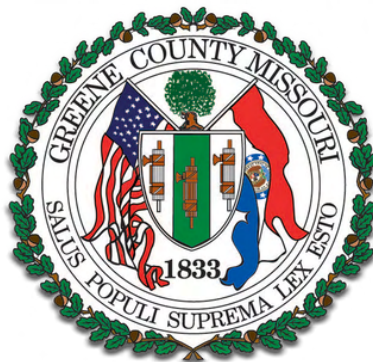


Commissioner
Holly Clouse

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Brent Johnson is the elected Assessor of Greene County. He maintains records and establishes values for real estate parcels and personal property accounts. State statutes require a bi-annual reassessment of personal property. The Assessor is also responsible for maintaining the county parcel map.

BRENT JOHNSON

Greene County Assessor



bjohnson@greencountymo.gov



417-868-4101



Cindy Stein is the elected Auditor of Greene County and audits the books and records of all Greene County Offices, maintains inventory and fixed assets of the county, certifies an unencumbered balance for expenditures, and prepares the annual financial statement.

CINDY STEIN

Greene County Auditor



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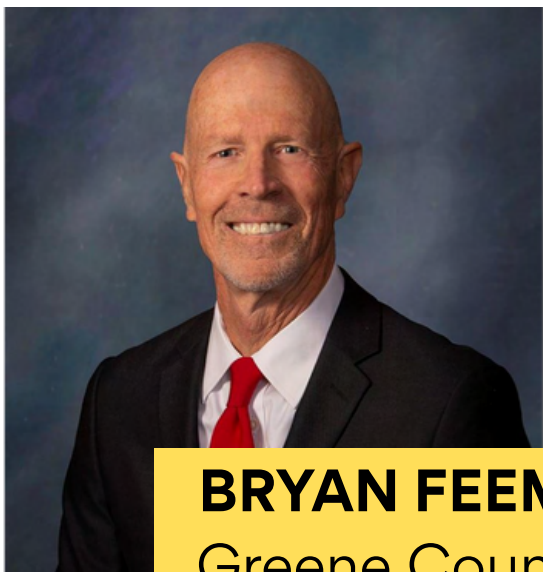
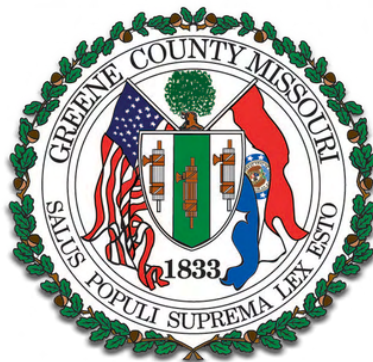


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Bryan Feemster is the elected Circuit Clerk. Bryan is responsible for and works with 75 dedicated Deputy Clerks maintaining complete and accurate records of the court; collecting, accounting for and disbursing all monies paid into the court; to assist the 31st Judicial Circuit in performing its duties for the benefit of the people of Greene County

BRYAN FEEMSTER

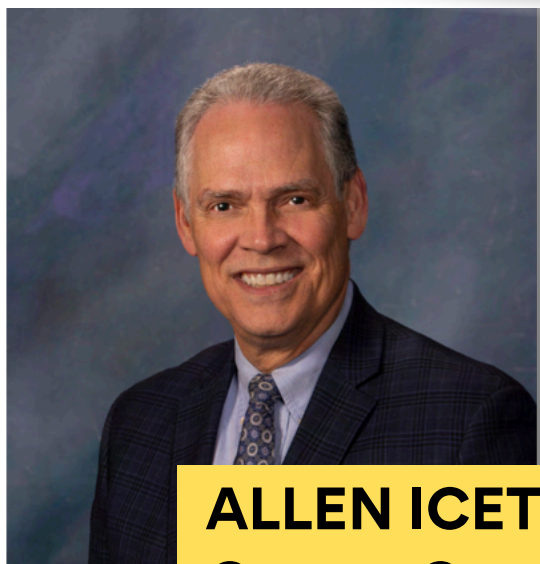
Greene County Circuit Clerk



bryan.feemster@courts.mo.gov



417-868-4168



Allen Icet, as the elected Collector, manages the collection and distribution of more than \$300 million annually across approximately 42 taxing districts. The Collector's responsibilities include overseeing various tax and fee collections, such as Tax Increment Financing funds, city nuisance liens, auctioneer licenses, and merchant licenses. Additionally, the Collector's Office facilitates the issuance of tax waivers.

ALLEN ICET

Greene County Collector of Revenue



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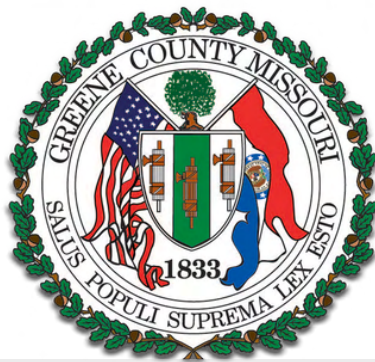


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Shane Schoeller, as the elected County Clerk, serves as the primary election official, custodian of records, and archivist for the county. He oversees various county administrative functions and public services, including election administration, issuance of liquor licenses, processing of auctioneer applications, and granting of notary commissions.

SHANE SCHOELLER

Greene County Clerk



sschoeller@greencountymo.gov



417-868-4055



Dan Patterson, the elected Prosecuting Attorney, handles the prosecution of misdemeanors and felony offenses throughout the county and its municipalities. His responsibilities encompass representing the State in trials, probation violation hearings, treatment court proceedings, and post-conviction hearings. Additionally, the Prosecuting Attorney represents the State in misdemeanor cases on appeal.

DAN PATTERSON

Greene County Prosecutor



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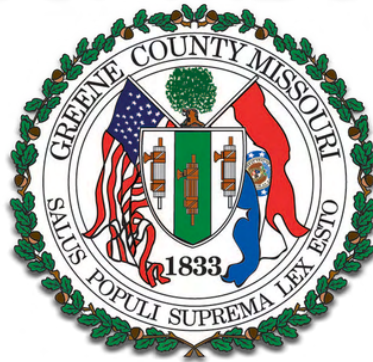


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Jim Arnott, is the elected Sheriff with over three decades of law enforcement expertise and leads the largest Sheriff's Office in Missouri. The Greene County Sheriff's Office is a comprehensive law enforcement agency offering road patrol, a Criminal Investigations Division, Warrants and Records Division, Civil Process Division, Administrative Services Division, and a jail that can hold 1,242 inmates. The Sheriff's Office & Jail employs 662 staff members.

JIM ARNOTT

Greene County Sheriff



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417-868-4040



Sherri Martin serves as the duly elected Public Administrator, overseeing the care of individuals unable to manage their own affairs. About 70% of these clients have mental illnesses, 20% are "uniquely abled", and 5% suffer from dementia. Her authority is granted by the Probate Court, which appoints the office as guardian or conservator for these clients. Additionally, the office acts as trustee for trusts and personal representative for estates of deceased persons.

SHERRI MARTIN

Greene County Public Administrator



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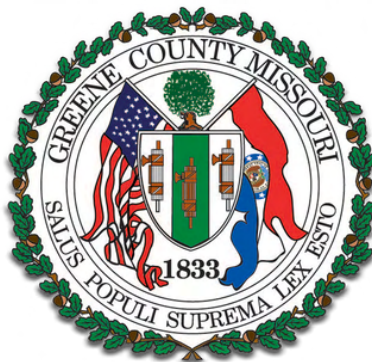


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Cheryl Dawson-Spaulling, as the elected Recorder of Deeds, oversees the maintenance of public records and documents, particularly those related to real estate transactions. In addition to recording and preserving these records, the Recorder's duties include issuing marriage licenses, filing and managing state and federal tax liens, and archiving military discharge papers.

CHERYL DAWSON-SPAULDING

Greene County Recorder of Deeds



cdawson@greencountymo.gov



417-868-4068



Justin Hill, as the elected Treasurer, supports county offices by offering centralized cash management and banking services for county funds. He oversees a portfolio totaling \$150 million.

JUSTIN HILL

Greene County Treasurer



jrhill@greencountymo.gov

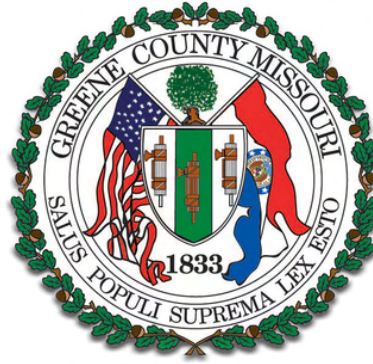


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COUNTY COMMISSION

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We are pleased to celebrate the culture of service we have worked to model and foster. Servant leadership is the bedrock of our mission, guiding every decision and action we take. Across every office, our team shows up with humility, skill, and heart. Citizens tell us they are getting timely answers and respectful help. Elected officials and departmental leaders extend that spirit beyond the courthouse by serving on community boards and stepping into classrooms to teach about local government, encouraging the next generation to lead.

That same spirit is driving visible progress. The Silver Springs Park Pavilion renovation honors an historic neighborhood while creating a welcoming center for gatherings, health events, and youth activities. Community collaboration helped construct the Boys and Girls Clubs Risdal Family Center for Great Futures, expanding meals, mentoring, and first job skills for teens. The new Youth Behavioral Crisis Center, a 24/7 facility providing crisis stabilization for teens ages 13 to 17 experiencing behavioral health or substance use crises, is nearing completion in north Springfield. This campus will provide a full continuum of care featuring outpatient and community-based services, an intensive outpatient program, partial hospitalization, and a 16-bed youth residential treatment center for our highest need youth.

We remain careful stewards of public resources and committed partners to our cities, schools, nonprofits, and neighborhoods. Thank you for your trust and for the feedback that helps us improve and serve even better. Please stay engaged, share your ideas, and continue holding us to a high standard as we serve Greene County together.



Bob Dixon
Presiding Commissioner



Rusty MacLachlan
District 1 Commissioner



John C. Russell
District 2 Commissioner