

Greene County Commission

Daily Briefing Minutes

THURSDAY, July 14, 2016

9:30 AM

County Commission Conference Room
933 N. Robberson

Attendees: Commissioner Cirtin, Bengsch and Bentley; Bill Prince, Jill Randolph, Chris Coulter, Lonnie Vandiver, Jennifer McClure, Kevin Barnes and Kate Morris.

Items for Consideration and Action by the Commission

(None)

Informational Items

1. Juvenile—Bill Prince

- *Program Update:*
 - *The GEMS Coordinator position is open.*
 - *The office has been receiving good applicants for all positions.*
 - *There is a secretary vacancy.*
 - *The office has been using CivicHR, the county's new online application service, so far without issue.*
 - *The Music Therapy Program is being developed. The office will partner with Drury University. This an effort to meet the goal of becoming a "trauma-informed" department. The program will be tested for a semester, using a Drury music therapist and student interns.*
- *Next week the Juvenile Office staff will visit the Innovative Concept Academy, a model day and evening youth program, in St. Louis.*
- *Staff hopes to gain more knowledge of youth programs as it endeavors to blend the Evening Reporting Center with the Greene County Youth Academy. The two programs are being combined as a result of Division of Youth Services funding cuts (a net loss of approximately \$15,000) that inspired some restructuring of current Juvenile Office programs.*
- *Bill Prince and Judge Thomas Mountjoy will soon meet with the Division of Youth Services, the Department of Justice, and the State Department; although Bill is unaware at this time what these entities want to discuss. He expects the discussion to be regarding gathering ideas that can be exported to juvenile justice systems globally. He will report back to the Commission on the meeting.*
- *Office staff will be working on the annual budget.*
- *Bill Prince reported that the Detention Facility has made \$65,000 in revenue. Bill questioned if the revenue could be used for juvenile programs instead of being placed in the County General Revenue. Bill stated it was explained to him that the cost of operating the Detention facility is so high and so underfunded by the state that the extra revenue doesn't come close to covering the expense; therefore, must go into General Revenue.*
- *Bill Prince talked about the Jail Removal Act, which would result in minors deemed as adults being held in juvenile facilities instead of jails.*
- *Bill stated the control board for the detention facility is antiquated and may require replacement in the near future.*

2. Resource Management—Kevin Barnes

- *Code Enforcement Officer Lonnie Vandiver presented photographs and narrative on resolved and current code enforcement cases. Lonnie has handled 419 cases since February. Kevin expressed very high satisfaction with the work Lonnie has done and stated that Lonnie has been able to resolve almost all cases in a friendly way that has established goodwill between complaint subjects and the county.*

3. Jennifer McClure

- *Jennifer reviewed the slide show that will be presented at the upcoming Community Needs meeting with the City of Springfield, Ash Grove, and Walnut Grove.*

4. Other Items

Commissioner Cirtin:

- *Commissioner Cirtin suggested the Commission host a reception for Drury University's new President Dr. Cloyd. The other Commissioners agreed and Kate Morris will work on the arrangements.*