

GREENE COUNTY COMMISSION



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Daily Briefing November 4, 2016
Greene County Commission Office
9:00 a.m.

Presiding Commissioner Bob Cirtin called the meeting of November 4, 2016 to order.

Roll Call – Upon roll call the following Commissioners were present:

Present: Bob Cirtin, Harold Bengsch, and Roseann Bentley

Absent: None

Others Present: Chris Coulter, Zim Schwartze, Chief David Hall, J.R. Webb, Clay Goddard, Kevin Gipson, Larry Woods, Erin Hedlun, and Marilyn Elsass.

Items for Consideration and Action by the Commission

(none)

Informational Items

Health Department—Kevin Gipson & Clay Goddard

Mr. Kevin Gipson reported to the Commission that software may soon be available that would standardize health information and would be connected to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA) regulations. St. Louis County is the first to use the new technology. Greene County will allow sufficient time to examine the results. Mr. Gipson stated the hospitals and medical personnel would need to participate in the process.

9-1-1—Zim Schwartze, J. R. Webb & Chief David Hall

9-1-1 Emergency Communications Director Zim Schwartze reported there will be a Freshman Legislative tour in Springfield on December 5, 2016. Ms. Swartze stated the tour will include 9-1-1 offices, Jordan Valley Medical Center, The Public Safety Center, and Missouri State University.

Ms. Swartze stated calls to 9-1-1 are heavier during public events such as the Veteran's Parade and the Bass Pro Marathon event.

Mr. J.R. Webb updated the Commission on the phone equipment upgrade. The new equipment will allow the 9-1-1 office to receive text messaging. The new system will also display the caller and the number of calls received.

Fire Chief David Hall reported on the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Republic, MO, regarding the authority and duties of the 9-1-1 Board.

Office of Emergency Management

Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Interim Director Larry Woods gave the Commission an audit assessment update. Mr. Woods stated the findings of that audit have not been received. OEM has hired an Information Technician (IT) that will be working directly with OEM staff. Mr. Woods stated OEM is developing some internal changes.

Mr. Woods stated 11,000 people have used the Public Safety Center the past year with over 600 tours and meetings.

Mr. Woods reported the Department Annual Retreat will be held December 9, 2016 at the Lake House. The staff will make plans for the coming year and review events of the past year.

Mr. Woods informed the Commission that OEM assisted in the Bass Pro Marathon event. This event is the qualifier for the Boston Marathon Run. It was noted that approximately 3,000 runners participated in the Bass Pro Marathon last year.

Mr. Woods gave an update of vacant positions which includes a position for the director of OEM.

There was a review of the Homeland Security meeting that was held in Jefferson City this week. Mr. Woods related the core capabilities of Homeland Security and gave a financial history of funding for this program. More financial obligations are being placed on local government. Mr. Woods told the Commission that Federal funding for Homeland Security has fallen more than \$52,000,000 overall. Mr. Woods stated that Kansas City and St. Louis had been receiving Federal funds independently, but are now receiving funding through the regional fund. Commissioner Bengsch stated Greene County is in Region D.

Public Information Officer Erin Hedlun stated OEM will release a video today showing the process of accreditation for the Office of Emergency Management.

Commissioner Bengsch inquired about the 9-1-1 system going down in Webster County. Mr. Woods stated the failure was due to a lightning storm which left Webster County without internet and telephones. The Springfield Greene-County communication crew assisted Webster County in restoring their emergency services. Mr. Woods informed the Commission that Skylab (a mobile communication unit) operated Webster County's emergency services for approximately eight hours.

Chris Coulter

Mr. Coulter updated his schedule with the Commission. There will be a meeting regarding City Utilities extending service to the Farm Road 144 area.

Jennifer McClure, absent.

Other Items

No other items were brought before the Commission.

Commissioner Cirtin adjourned.