



# GREENE COUNTY COMMISSION

HAROLD BENGSCHE  
COMMISSIONER 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT

BOB CIRTIN  
PRESIDING COMMISSIONER

LINCOLN P. HOUGH  
COMMISSIONER 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT

## MINUTES

Daily Briefing

October 26, 2017

Greene County Commission Office

9:30 a.m.

Present: Bob Cirtin, Harold Bengsch, Mailyn Jeffries, Tina Phillips, Chris Coulter, Trysta Herzog, Kate Morris, Cindy Stein, Chris Mericle, Kevin Barnes, Angela Crews, and Janet Price.

The Missouri Blue Print Grant was presented to the Commission from the Greene County Sheriff's Office. Commission was provided the document prior to the meeting to review. Missouri's Blueprint Coalition for Safer Roadways provides safety equipment and other funding to encourage safer roadways.

Commissioner Harold Bengsch made the motion to approve the grant. Commissioner Cirtin seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Aye: Bengsch, Cirtin    Nay: None    Absent: Hough    Abstain: None

Purchasing Director Chris Mericle provided a chart (Exhibit A) comparing three life insurance service providers. He and HR staff scored each provider to help determine which provider the county would contract with. It is recommended by staff that the county select Nixon Lindstrom. Currently, the cost is about \$20,000. This change will save approximately \$8,000. Commissioner Bengsch expressed concern that the insurance committee was not consulted in the decision making process, saying it is important that employees feel that they've had input in the process. Mericle noted that Cindy Stein and her staff also reviewed the options and their analysis revealed similar results, resulting in the same vendor award. Commissioner Cirtin said he did not feel the insurance committee was necessary, since most of the people on the committee were a part of the vetting process already and considering that they only had until the end of the year to make a decision. HR Director Mailyn Jeffries stated she did not feel employee input was necessary, since she is an expert on the subject and knows what the county needs in a carrier. Commissioner Bengsch said he would vote to approve the selection of Nixon Lindstrom as the vendor, but strongly urged that the insurance committee is not left out in future decisions.

Commissioner Cirtin made the motion to approve the selection of Nixon Lindstrom as the life insurance vendor. Commissioner Bengsch seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Aye: Bengsch, Cirtin    Nay: None    Abstain: None    Absent: Hough

A request to reappoint Jason Hainline to the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks was presented by Kate Morris. Hainline would serve a term from December 01, 2017 to December 01, 2020.

Commissioner Cirtin made the motion to reappoint Hainline. Commissioner Bengsch seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Aye: Bengsch, Cirtin    Nay: None    Absent: Hough    Abstain: None

The Commission was asked by the office of the County Clerk to approve the setting of the Railroad and Utility Tax Rates (on file in County Clerk's Office). Upon review, the Commission voted to approve.

Commissioner Cirtin made to the motion to approve the setting of the rates. Commissioner Bengsch seconded the motion.

Aye: Bengsch, Cirtin    Nay: None    Absent: Hough    Abstain: None

Kevin Barnes gave the Commission updates on projects. He said staff is working with other entities to produce floodplain mapping for SEMA. Commissioner Bengsch asked Barnes what it is the county needs to do over the next four years to ensure that the county is on track. Barnes said they'll need to continue to work with the City of Springfield on integrative planning. Bengsch agreed and encouraged the development of a timeline for the next four years.

Trysta Herzog said she's working with the Budget Office on what the resolution will say regarding numbers for the jail expansion. She and the Budget Office presented a document that reviews the numbers for clear messaging.

Chris Mericle said the furniture ordered for the office on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor is due to arrive on December 6 and should take a couple of days to be assembled.

Meeting adjourned.