



# 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 31, 2017

Greene County Commission Office

9:00 a.m.

Present: Kate Morris, Trysta Herzog, Cindy Stein, Chris Coulter, Tina Phillips, Mailyn Jeffries, Bob Cirtin, Jill Randolph, Bill Prince, Jeff Scott, Susan Cox, Harold Bengsch, Lincoln Hough, and Alissa Zhu.

Commissioners were presented with request from Community Foundation of Rogersville to schedule a reservation for the use of the Jamestown property for Rockin' Rogersville on September 29, 2018. Later in the year, the Commission will be presented with a Memorandum of Understanding for the event. The MOU is the same as the one the Commission signed for the 2017 event, except with updates to the event date and an increase in liability insurance coverage.

Commissioner Bob Cirtin made the motion to approve the request, pending that the required insurance, documents, and location is available at the time the MOU is presented. Commissioner Lincoln Hough seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chief Juvenile Officer Bill Prince made a request to fill a deputy juvenile officer position. It is a vacant detention position. Detention Superintendent Susan Cox presented the commission with a document (Exhibit A). She said that the facility is currently understaffed for 18 of the shifts. She is currently having to cover shifts while the assistant superintendent is out on leave. She said the average population is 5.7 juveniles. Commissioner Harold Bengsch questioned what other counties do when they stop providing detention services. Bill Prince stated that they send the juveniles to outside facilities, and that many are moving toward a more regional facility. Commissioner Bengsch stated that, at some point, the Commission would need to discuss the cost of running a facility versus sending juveniles to a regional facility. According to Budget Officer Jeff Scott, the county currently pays \$548,000 for juvenile detention services. At an average of six juveniles, it would only cost \$164,000 to send the juveniles elsewhere, Scott said.

Commissioner Bengsch made a motion to approve filling the DJO vacancy, but look into considering moving to a multicounty facility. Lincoln Hough seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A change order was presented for the Temporary Jail facility (Exhibit B). Deputy Budget Officer Tina Phillips said the change will not cost taxpayers any additional money. Two more cameras would be installed outside the facility, costing about \$3,367 and \$1,500 to install. A modification to the fence would also be made, costing about \$4,126. The change order would total \$8,993.95. Sheriff Jim Arnott will cover the cost out of his Inmate Security Fund. Auditor Cindy Stein asked if this fell within the existing contract, and it does. Therefore, no bidding would be necessary.

Commissioner Hough made the motion to approve the change order. Commissioner Bengsch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Tina Phillips also presented the annual receipt of the crime lab for the Commission to review (Exhibit C.)

HR Director Milyn Jeffries told the commission that she is currently working on the approval of the collective bargaining agreement with Highway employees. It will be presented to the commission within a few weeks. She is also working on the proposed vacation policy changes. Jeffries said she presented on the Life 360 Panel, a presentation about jobs, interviews and other employment related topics. She plans to facilitate mock interviews with the class.

County Administrator Chris Coulter said he is working on medical examiner outside bids, which will be due in two days. He's currently working on drafting legislative priorities and preparing for the Salute to Legislators, which is slated for January 24.

Director of Communications Trysta Herzog said she is working with Coulter to prepare for the Salute. She said Greene County has been selected to present the centerpiece display this year, and that our legislative priorities are due by November 10. The Commission has yet to decide how much, if at all, the office will participate in the Salute. The decision will be made during 2018 budget discussions.

Meeting adjourned.