



GREENE COUNTY COMMISSION

HAROLD BENGSCHE
COMMISSIONER 1ST DISTRICT

BOB CIRTIN
PRESIDING COMMISSIONER

LINCOLN P. HOUGH
COMMISSIONER 2ND DISTRICT

Daily Briefing 11/28/17

Attendees: Mailyn Jeffries -Chris Coulter, Trysta Herzog, Jeff Scott, Stephanie Hamilton, Katie Towns, Mailyn Jeffries, Tina Phillips, CJ Davis, Jack Garvey, Jeff Lowe, Bob Cirtin, Harold Bengsch, Lincoln Hough.

CJ Davis the new CEO of Burrell Behavior Health introduced himself to the Commission. Told the Commissioners about himself and background.

Jack Garvey and Jeff Lowe from Carey, Danis and Lowe law firm presented to the Commission information about Opioid Litigation. Mr. Garvey explains his background and the opioid epidemic crisis throughout the state and the background of OxyContin and how it was originally supposed to be used. Mr. Garvey explains that their law firm brings lawsuits on behalf of counties in state court. There would be no cost to the county and the firm would take 30% of the winnings. Mr. Garvey went on to explain some of the hidden cost associated with opioid addictions. Commissioner Lincoln Hough asked Mr. Garvey if this lawsuit was different than the one Attorney General Josh Hawley was in litigation for, it was said that the lawsuit Mr. Hawley is bringing fourth would have no financial gain to the county. A discussion ensued with questions from the Commissioners and Katie Town assistant director of the Health Department and both attorneys' answered their questions. Councilor for the County John Housley also was involved in the discussion. Commissioner Harold Bengsch explains to Mr. Garvey and Mr. Lowe that before the county would make any decisions in regards to a lawsuit that the county would like to speak with the city.

Commissioner Bob Cirtin makes a motion for an Ex-Officio Appointment of Chris Coulter to Execute Special Warranty Deeds. Commissioner Harold Bengsch seconds the motion. AYE: Cirtin, Bengsch, and Hough. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Stephanie Hamilton Pretrial Services updated Commission with the latest statistics. Conviction to sentencing rate is down to 89 days. 168 defendants are currently under supervision. Current case load is 256. Currently working on a collaboration with Commissioner Peggy Davis who is over treatment court. Pretrial is looking for a new officer, applications for the new position recently closed and there are lots of possibilities.

Mailyn Jeffries HR director informed that they had recently work with a rep from CIGNA and MPR to see the types of claims made by insurance holders. Mailyn explained the types of claims and also that HR is looking for ways to educate employees to take advantage of well screenings and free dental cleanings. There is a final interview for the Court Administrator position, there is 1 internal employee and one outside employee.

Chris Coulter County Administrator told the Commission that 3 of the Medical Examiner office employees would like to come on as county employees. There has been 1 Pathologist application so far.

Tina Philips Deputy Budget Officer presented a request for a budget adjustment from Larry Woods the Director of OEM. Ms. Philips gave an overview of what the request was for. Commissioner Lincoln Hough and Commissioner Harold Bengsch both wanted a representative from OEM to come to a DB and explain why they want the transfer before approval.

Bob Cirtin adjourned meeting.