

January 12, 2017

Present: Commissioner Bob Cirtin, Commissioner Lincoln Hough and Commissioner Harold Bengsch, County Administrator Chris Coulter, Chief Juvenile Officer Bill Prince, Resource Management Director Kevin Barnes, Juvenile Office Administrator Jill Randolph, and Chief Executive Assistant Kate Morris.

Commissioner Cirtin called the meeting to order.

Juvenile Office Update

Bill Prince updated the Commission on legislation and Supreme Court rulings that could eventually impact state and local juvenile justice policy. Over the holiday break, the Supreme Court adopted juvenile office standards for the State of Missouri, and Greene County juvenile office staff is assessing and preparing for changes that will happen. Changes take effect July 1, and those changes will be operationalized and staff will be trained by then. He also told the Commission that the office is looking into combining two youth leader part-time positions into one full-time position. Regarding the Common Ground program, Prince said the office is planning to increase the fee for visitation monitoring from \$11 an hour to \$14 an hour. This cost is paid for by parents in the program and is not a budgeted item. Prince told Commission that the front office is now fully staffed, a new juvenile office has been hired for detention, that there are a couple of openings at GCYA for youth leaders but, otherwise, the department is fully staffed.

Resource Management Update

Kevin Barnes told the Commission that the work at Cox Tower is going well. One small hiccup is that contractors disposed of the window blinds that were in place, and there is a definite need for blinds due to positioning of the sun. Preliminary research shows that the cost to replace the blinds will be approximately \$6,000. Also, Cox requested that LED lighting be used, which will cost \$31,385. This should not have an impact on budget for the project, he said, since there was a savings on rent. Instead of costing about \$50,000, the County was required to pay about \$8,000.

County Administrator Update

Chris Coulter told the Commission that County Collector Leah Betts gave up Room 309 in the Historic Courthouse for a smaller room.