



GREENE COUNTY COMMISSION

HAROLD BENGSCHE
COMMISSIONER 1ST DISTRICT

BOB CIRTIN
PRESIDING COMMISSIONER

LINCOLN P. HOUGH
COMMISSIONER 2ND DISTRICT

MINUTES
Commission Court Session
Greene County Historic Courthouse Rm. 212
August 07, 2017
9:30 a.m.

Presiding Commissioner Bob Cirtin called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Cirtin led in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Bob Cirtin, Harold Bengsch

Absent: Lincoln Hough

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Cirtin motioned to approve the minutes of the July Commission Court Session. Commissioner Bengsch seconded the motion. The motion passed..

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

Commissioner Cirtin announced to guests that, in light of Commissioner Hough's absence, those present to be heard regarding planning and zoning cases may choose to ask for their case to be tabled for the next meeting wherein three commissioners will be present.

Chamber Update

Chamber President Matt Morrow shared from Springfield Business Development Cooperation that One Call Care Management (a provider of workers compensation care management services) selected Springfield as its location for its expansion, and will be adding about 100 new jobs here by the end of the year. The company's objective is to add a total of about 300 new jobs. This can be considered a net gain of jobs, as it will locate in the building that United Healthcare vacated. The current unemployment rate is at 3.3%. He also noted that Cox Health recently increased its minimum wage. He also updated the commission on upcoming Chamber events, which can be found on the website.

Missouri Job Center Update

Director Mary Ann Rojas was unable to attend to give an update, but a representative, Josh Kline provided updates. He said the Third Annual Youth Roundtable is set for Sept. 13. The Employability event will take place Oct. 18. This event has a focus on hiring employees with disabilities. The Date has been set for the next Build Our event, set for March 28, 2018. He said since June last year, there has been a seven percent increase in construction jobs. Classes have started for the Ozarks Promise Grant and recruiting has started for the second round of the Environmental Protection Agency Green for Greene Grant.

Missouri State University Extension Center Update

A representative attended on behalf of Civic Communication Specialist David Burton. Regional Director Jay Chism provided the Commission with the Extension's newsletter and pointed out highlights within the newsletter. The newsletter may be found at <http://extension.missouri.edu/greene>.

Commissioner Bengsch asked Chism to speak on the economic impact of the Extension Office. He said a third party review found that with Extension Office's \$84 million annual budget, the impact is almost \$950 million.

Top Branch Awards Presented

Greene County's employee recognition program, the Top Branch Awards, were given to David Barton (GCSO), Chad Jurgensmeyer (Information Systems), Penny Griffin (Recorder's Office), and Charles Lee (GCSO), for the month of July; and Stefanie Myers (Juvenile Office) for the month of June.

(Department Updates were cancelled to make more time for a public discussion on the Kansas Extension.)

Planning and Zoning Division- Kent Morris

Kent Morris said that there was a request to table Planning Board Case Number 1948 (Rogersville Land Holdings, LLC, c/o Brad King of King Built Properties, LLC, applicants). Commissioner Cirtin motioned to table the case. Commissioner Bengsch seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

Prior to moving on to new business, Commissioner Cirtin read aloud the parameters of presenting Planning and Zoning requests to the Planning and Zoning Board and the Greene County Commission.

Request Rezoning, Planning Board Case Number 1977, Thomas Stever and Ann Stever, c/o Debra Ann Poindexter, applicants.

Request to rezone from an agriculture district to an agriculture residential district for the property located at 5582 East Farm Road 138 in Springfield. Owners wanted to split their property and sell five acres for an additional homesite. Thomas Stever came forward in favor of the application. No one came forward in opposition. Bengsch made the motion to approve the application. Commissioner Cirtin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

Request Rezoning, Planning Board Case Number, 1978, John Hensley, applicant

Request to rezone from agriculture to agriculture residential at 9215 to 9243 East Farm Road 160 in Strafford. The owner wanted to divide his 18 acres into three buildable sites. John Hensley came forward in favor of the application. No one came forward in opposition. Commissioner Bengsch motioned to approve the application with conditions. Commissioner Cirtin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

Request Rezoning, Planning Board Case Number 1979, Tillman Investments, LLC, c/o Rick Wilson, applicants

Applicants request a rezone from an agriculture district to an agriculture residence district off Farm Road 217 in Rogersville. The owners wanted to subdivide the 10.5 acre tract in order to construct an additional building on it. Rick Wilson of Wilson Surveying came forward in favor of the application. No one opposed. Commissioner Bengsch motioned to approve the application. Commissioner Cirtin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

Request Rezoning, Planning Board Case Number 1980, Vickie Kile, c/o LeeAnn Walker, applicants

Request to rezone from agriculture district to a C3 commercial district for the property at 5917 West State Highway 266 and 473 North Airport Road. The property is surrounded by other properties designated C3 and Greene County Planning Board approved the rezoning. Public Administrator Lee Ann Walker came forward as conservator for owner Vickie Kile in favor of the application. No opposition. Commissioner Cirtin motioned to approve the application. Commissioner Bengsch seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

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

Kansas Extension Public Comments

Commissioner Cirtin opened the floor to the those present for a discussion on the Kansas Extension Project. Several citizens came forward to speak out against the project, and approximately 30 people stood in the audience who were also present in opposition of the project. The Commission received approximately 275 letters over the previous few weeks from residents expressing concerns and opposition to the project. The Commissioners responded to those letters. Jane Paul led the opposing group and she addressed the Commission. Doug Pitt also came forward in opposition. Concerns surrounded possible traffic issues from Campbell to

James River on Weaver, environmental issues including bats (federally endangered Gray Bat and federally threatened Long Eared Bat), allegations of route bias and disruption of residencies. Highway Department Director Rick Artman, Sara Fields of Ozarks Transportation Organization, and representatives from MoDOT were present to provide information about the project.

With no other items for public comment, the meeting was adjourned.