



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
September 05, 2017
9:30 a.m.

Presiding Commissioner Bob Cirtin called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Bob Cirtin led in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Bob Cirtin, Harold Bengsch, Lincoln Hough

Absent: None

Commissioner Cirtin began by commending Planning and Zoning Supervisor Kent Morris for his recent donation of his hair to an organization, 360 Hair that makes custom wigs for juvenile cancer patients.

Chamber Update

There was no update from the Springfield-Greene County Chamber of Commerce.

Missouri Job Center Update

Director Mary Ann Rojas was unable to attend to give an update.

Missouri State University Extension Center Update

Civic Communication Specialist David Burton 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>.

Burton noted the monthly financials. He said there are a lot of expenses toward the end of the year, however, they're expected to remain in the black, due in part to having already exceeded the paid registration goal by 18 percent and anticipating that number to increase further from larger events held toward year-end.

Burton announced the Missouri Century Farms Annual Dinner, scheduled for September 25. This year five century farms will be honored. He also mentioned the Commissioner Agriculture Tour, slated for October 27. He thanked Commissioner Bengsch for his help in arranging a jail tour as part of the Excel program that begins Sept. 14. The Excel

program is designed to train prospective rural community leaders.

Top Branch Awards Presented

Greene County's employee recognition program, the Top Branch Awards, were given to Brandi Carter (GCSO), Janet Price (Auditor's Office), Jeff Avers (Highway), and Maily Knight (Human Resources), for the month of August.

Greene County Tax Rate

County Clerk Shane Schoeller came before the Commission to present the annual information regarding the setting of tax levies for the county's current fiscal year. The levies presented will produce the revenue needed to fund the budget that was set last January. Notice of the presentation of the levies was published in the Springfield News-Leader per statutory requirements. Five levies were presented to be set: The surcharge on commercial property, set at \$1.04 per \$100 of assessed valuation; for Abilities First at \$.0471 per \$100 of assessed valuation; for Senior Services at \$.0498 per \$100 of assessed valuation; and General Revue and Road & Bridge Funds together at \$.1290 per \$100 assessed valuation.

Action: Commissioner Bengsch motioned to adopt the levies. Commissioner Hough seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

County Administrator

County Administrator Chris Coulter began by thanking Resource Management Director Kevin Barnes for overseeing the completion of courtrooms on the Judicial Facility, making it possible for the Commission to resume meeting in Room 212 of the Historic Courthouse for their monthly commission court sessions. Judge Becky Borthwick was holding court in Room 212 prior to the addition of the new courtrooms in the Judicial Facility. Coulter mentioned that today was the deadline for all offices and departments to submit their budgets. He said \$1.8 million in cuts would add some stress to the process. Commissioner Cirtin asked if Coulter knew whether all departments have turned their budget in yet. Coulter said all Commission departments have, and most offices have, although some of the office budgets are much more complicated than others and take more time. He said an email was sent out to all offices and departments reminding them of the deadline. If any office or department misses the deadline, within ten days the Budget Office will set their budget on their behalf. Coulter also reminded the Commission

that Good Morning Springfield is set for September 07.

Highway Department—Rick Artman

Rick Artman reviewed the department monthly memo to the Commission, highlighting items the Highway Department has been working on in the last month. (See Exhibit A.)

Office of Emergency Management

Commissioner Cirtin introduced Larry Woods as the new Director of OEM. Woods has worked at Greene County's OEM for 18 years. Woods said it has been a very busy month. OEM facilitated planning for the opening for Wonders of Wildlife coming up later this month. They also planned and executed response for the Route 66 Festival, as well as functions at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds. OEM also monitored traffic and other responses to the solar eclipse. They also implemented activation for the Presidential visit, for which they only had four days to plan. Woods said this went very well. He said they also monitored several large storm events, and transitioned some staff to different positions. Also, Woods attended the State Emergency Management Conference per requirement of the Emergency Management Performance Grant. Upcoming work includes taking part in the planning for the Rockin' Rogersville event and the MS150 Bike-A-Thon. Commissioners asked Woods about Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, and wanted to know if Woods anticipated being called out to respond. Woods said his federal team is currently stationed in parts of Texas and Puerto Rico, and there is a good chance he will be deployed one of those locations, depending on the outcome of Irma.

Resource Management – Kevin Barnes

Director of Resource Management Kevin Barnes told the Commission that the ISO (Insurance Services Office) visit was last month, and they should receive a full report in two to three months. The man who came was very complimentary of Supervisor Dave O'Dell and his Building Regulations staff, Barnes said. He said the boiler installation is wrapping up over at the Judicial Facility. Now that the lease agreement is signed for the temporary jail facility staff will begin working out utilities for it. The bid for the Cox Tower 10th Floor renovation is now open and the contractor is almost ready to start work on it.

(No update from Cave Geologist Matt Forir, who was unable to attend session.)

Building Regulations – Dave O'Dell

Dave O'Dell said that for the month of August his department issued 41 single-family

dwelling permits. Year to date, the total is 215. He said this is about 15 percent below what was done last year, but an improvement from last month (19 percent). Total issued permits for the month is 162 and year to date is 1,146. Total estimated cost of construction for the month is \$14.8 million and year to date it is \$65.4 million.

Planning and Zoning Division- Kent Morris

Kent Morris told the Commission that plat levels are down but the case level is up, which indicates that an increase in plat levels will probably be seen next year. Morris provided the commission a report for the month of August showing data for Planning and Zoning (Exhibit B).

Commissioner Cirtin read aloud the parameters of presenting Planning and Zoning requests to the Planning and Zoning Board and the Greene County Commission.

Request to Rezone, Planning Board Case No. 1948, Rogersville Land Holdings, LLC, c/o Brad King of King Built Properties, LLC, applicants

This case had been on the agenda for a few months. This case hindered on the applicant reaching an agreement with the City of Springfield regarding sewer in this location. The case was tabled to allow this negotiation to take place. Staff recommended it continue to be tabled, as an agreement hadn't yet been reached. No one came forward in favor of or in opposition of the application. Hearing none, Commissioner Hough motioned to table the case to October, Commissioner Bengsch seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

Request to Rezone, Planning Board Case Number 1975, BR and FL Properties, LLC, c/o Byron Robinson, applicants

This was a request to rezone from agriculture district to a C3 rural commercial district. Property located at 8240 West State Highway 266 in Springfield. Applicant previously requested to rezone to an O2, but received a negative recommendation from the Planning Board, thusly changing his request to C3. Staff recommended approval. Frank Lorenz came forward to speak in support of the application. No one spoke in opposition. Commissioner Bengsch motioned to approve the application. Commissioner Hough seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

Request to Rezone, Planning Board Case No. 1981, Foster Development, Inc., c/o Elizabeth Link, applicant.

Request to rezone from an agriculture district to a plat assignment district. Applicant owns two plats totaling approximately 14 acres. Applicants are working to develop an assisted living facility there. Greene County Planning Board recommended approval. Elizabeth Link and Mike Beatty came forward in favor of the application. Susan Krittenbrink Armstrong came forward against the application. Commissioner Bengsch motioned to approve the application with the conditions. Commissioner Hough seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

Request to Rezone, Planning Board Case No. 1982 Charles and Vanessa Germeroth, c/o John Torgerson and Sara Hartman, applicants.

Request to rezone from a C1 to a C3. Greene County Planning Board voted 5 to 3 to recommend denial of this request. John Torgerson came forward in support of the application. Torgerson said the applicant did not have definite plans for the property at that time and was still exploring options. A petition was submitted listing 88 residents in opposition. Those coming forward in opposition at the session included: Mary L. Henderson, Sharon Neas, Tom Carson, Nick Baustert, Terry Martin, Marilyn Moon, and Fred Moon. Commissioner Cirtin made the motion to approve the application. Commissioner Bengsch seconded the motion. The motion failed.

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

Interlocal Agreement: 2017 JAG Grant

This agreement was presented by to Greene County Sheriff's Office to the Commission for signature. It was reviewed and approved by County Counselor John Housley. Commissioner Cirtin motioned to approve the agreement. Commissioner Hough seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Missouri Job Center Update

A representative, Chad Ray, showed up and was able to give an update to the Commission. He said the Job Center was approved to work with 15 youth on construction

industry training. The Job Center watches decisions on federal funding, but nothing had been determined at that time. Other than that, he said it's "business as usual."