

Greene County Commission Court Session
January 8, 2018
9:30 a.m.
Rm. 212, Historic Courthouse

Commissioner Cirtin called the meeting to order. Commissioner Hough led a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner motioned to approved the November and December court session minutes, Commissioner Bengsch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

No representative from the Chamber was present for an update.

Mary Ann Rojas from Missouri Job Center gave an update. She told of initiatives planned for 2018, including Change 1000, an innovative program to provide 1000 individuals with credentials to access good paying jobs. It will consist of a skills academy that features a consortium of employees who contributed to the curriculum. The focus will begin with Zone 1 in Springfield, she said. She said 30% of the unemployed in the area live in Zone 1. She also acknowledge Dennis Wiggins and Bill Smiley for acting as liaisons with Change 1000; as well as Cynthia Collins, who leads the Job Center North, where its one-year anniversary was recently celebrated. She noted that surveys for MOmentum 2018 should be turned in soon at Momentum2018.com. She said Global Services Leader for Amazon Corporate Juan Garcia will be the keynote speaker on Feb. 20 at the MOmentum Conference. Commissioner Bengsch stated that Job Center North is critical to the vitality of the area.

Top Branch awards were given to Eli Samek (Juvenile), Dan Wilkerson (Jail, GCSO), Rachel Morgan (Prosecuting Attorney's Office), Allison Coonrod (Planning & Zoning), and Megan Karlovich (GCSO).

Highway Director Rick Artman presented the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement for approval. Artman said it took about six months of meetings with several departments, representatives, and counsel to complete the agreement. He said one of the biggest changes is to allow new employees to check a box to opt in or out of a presentation from union representatives. Commissioner Bengsch motioned to approve the agreement. Commissioner Hough seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

Department director updates were removed from the agenda to allow more time for possible public comments in light of announcements regarding State Auditor and Missouri Ethics Commission inquiries.

Commissioner Bengsch read the parameters of the planning and zoning hearing.

Kent Morris presented planning and zoning case number 1996. This is a request to rezone from an agricultural district to a M1 light manufacturing district for property located on the north side of Farm Road 104 approximately 3,500 feet east of FR 205. There are almost 15 acres involved. Owners would like to use it for a full service semitrailer dealership on the property. The planning board voted 6-0 to recommend approval. An unnamed contractor was present to speak in support of the project if the Commission had questions, but there were no questions so no discussion ensued. No one was present to speak against the request. Commissioner Bengsch made a motion to approve the request with conditions. Commissioner Hough seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

With no other business, the planning portion of the session was ended.

Commissioner Cirtin opened the floor for public comment. No one came forward.

Meeting adjourned.