

Greene County Commission Court Session
May 07, 2018, 9:30 a.m.
Greene County Historic Courthouse, Rm. 212
940 N. Boonville, Springfield

Present: Commissioners Harold Bengsch, Bob Cirtin, and Lincoln Hough.

At 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Cirtin opened the session with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Cirtin also introduced Donna Barton as the new public information officer.

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

Commissioner Hough read a resolution proclaiming May 7-12, 2018, as Economic Development Week.

Commissioner Cirtin presented a plaque from United Way, recognizing Greene County for increasing its contribution by 10.3 percent higher than that of 2016.

Sally Payne gave an update from the Missouri Job Center on behalf of Director Mary Ann Rojas, who could not attend the session. She told the Commission that Change 1000, a soft skills academy, has graduated two classes so far, and another class will begin soon. She announced that Build My Future, a construction career day, has been slated for April 2019 at the E-Plex. She said the number for that event this year increased for students and exhibitors, and that the event now even draws students from outside of the 7-county service region. She said they recently receive about \$100,000 in state funding for pre-apprenticeship.

Missouri Extension Office Communications Specialist Dave Burton provided the Commission with the monthly newsletter and read some highlights from it. (Exhibit A).

County Administrator Chris Coulter presented for vote the adoption of the Animal Control Ordinance for the county urban service area.

Commissioner Hough moved to adopt the ordinance. Commissioner Bengsch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A Top Branch Award was presented to Juvenile Office Attorney Paul Shackleford for outstanding work.

Chris Coulter provided an update to the Commission, stating he and staff are working on an agreement with Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, as well as an intergovernmental agreement for E-911 services. He noted that sales tax is up 9.6 percent, which is on track with the 2018 budget.

Highway Department Director Rick Artman provided a memo with updates, from which he read. (Exhibit B.)

Office of Emergency Management Director Larry Woods also provided a newsletter with department updates and read highlights from it. (Exhibit C).

Resource Management Director Kevin Barnes gave updates on campus projects. He said asbestos removal for the buildings to be demolished on Boonville should begin May 15. He said he expects to be able to present plans to the Commission next week for the new Building Operations and General Services Building.

County geologist Matt Forir and GIS staffer Just Foss presented the Commission with a new geological map of Greene County.

Planner Dave Manary gave an update on behalf of Planning Director Kent Morris, who could not attend. Manary provided a stats sheet form which he read. (Exhibit D).

Commissioner Cirtin moved the meeting to the Planning and Zoning Public Hearing, and read the terms of the meeting to those in attendance.

Exhibit E contains all documents for the cases heard during this session.

Due to schedule conflicts, the Commission agreed to hear the last case on the agenda first, Case 2014.

For Case No. 2014: Donald Hancock and a few experts working with him on his project spoke in favor of the request. Several residents spoke in opposition.

Commissioner Hough moved to approve the request, omitting condition #7. Commissioner Cirtin seconded the motion. The motion passed. Commissioner Bengsch stated that he felt that if the county would essentially develop new regulations, they must be careful about unintended consequences.

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

A five minute recess was taken due to the length of the meeting, with the meeting reconvening at 11:42 a.m.

For Case No. 2009: Commission Hough moved to e approve the request. Commissioner Bengsch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

For Case No. 2010: Commissioner Cirtin moved to approve the request. Commissioner Hough seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

For Case No. 2012: Commissioner Bengsch moved to approve the request. Commissioner Hough seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

For Case No. 2013: Commissioner Hough moved to approve the request. Commissioner Bengsch seconded the motion. The motion passed. Commissioner Cirtin said he was concerned with the process involved in the request and the number of residents opposing the request.

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.