

Greene County Commission Briefing
Commission Office
1443 N. Robberson
Sept. 6, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

Present: Bob Cirtin, Harold Bengsch, Kate Morris, Chris Coulter, Phil Corcoran, Royce Denney, Kevin Barnes, Donna Barton, Alissa Zhu, and Chris Mericle.

Commissioner Cirtin opened the meeting and explained why he put "Discussion Pertaining to Commissioner Hough's Unanswered Questions" on the agenda. Commissioner Cirtin noted that Commissioner Hough was recently quoted by the media as advocating for an audit by the State Auditor because there are unanswered questions. He referred to the investigation of the Missouri Ethics Commission, and the annual audits done by County Auditor Cindy Stein, as well as the annual audits by KPM. Commissioner Cirtin said that, given the amount of auditing and investigating, he could not imagine what unanswered questions there could be. Commissioner Cirtin expressed concern that he thought News Leader reporter Alissa Zhu did not ask Commissioner Hough what those unanswered questions were. Commissioner Cirtin said he asked for this to be discussed at this briefing in order to address any unanswered questions. Kate Morris noted that Commissioner Hough, who was absent from this meeting, asked her to remind Commissioner Cirtin that Commissioners Cirtin and Hough had already discussed this privately. Commissioner Cirtin confirmed that the discussion had taken place. He said Commissioner Hough answered that he was not referring to any specific issues, rather, he was referring to the whistleblower complaints that had not yet been revealed. Alissa Zhu noted that she is usually just an observer at these meetings, but wanted to clarify that she had asked Commissioner Hough what the unanswered questions were, and it was covered in her article. Commissioner Cirtin apologized for making the assumption.

Resource Management Director Kevin Barned informed that Commission that building management at Cox Medical Tower is planning to shut down power to the building starting after hours Friday, Sept. 14 and lasting through the weekend. This is being done for maintenance reasons. Barnes also told the Commission that his department is working on numbers for installing the fiber optics cable for the justice center and they are also working on a flood buy out of property on Farm Road 44. He said bids for the Operation Center came in under budget, and that there were six bidders with Branco being the winner. He said that they came in about \$600,000 under budget. He anticipates about nine months of construction time and then after that jail construction could begin.

Meeting adjourned.