

Greene County Commission Briefing
Commission Office
1443 N. Robberson, 10th Floor
February 01, 2019
9:00 a.m.

Present: Bob Dixon, Harold Bengsch, John C. Russell, Chris Coulter, Clay Godard, Katherine Wall, Larry Woods, J.R Webb, Donna Barton and Megan Applegate.

Health Department Director Clay Goddard gave an update to the commission. Goddard explained that this flu season is the mildest year since 2011, 163 cases last week. Goddard provided the Commission with key dates in regards to the medical marijuana, it is estimated that it will be January 2020 before retail dispensaries are available. Public Information Officer Katherine Wall reminded the commission that until 03/01 nominations are open for the Harold K. Bengsch award. The Harold K. Bengsch award is an award who shines light on people who work behind the scene in health care. Wall also informed Commission that the first week in April is health week.

Assistant director of communications JR Webb thanked the Commission for signing the 2019 budget. Webb explained that E911 is hiring for 6 new positions and at the current time 911 has the highest number of filled positions. Webb also updated of a possible radio system upgrade in the future with possible encryption options.

OEM Director Larry Woods informed the commission that the annual EOC workshop with table top exercise that will take place on 03/27. OEM is waiting to see if they will be awarded a mini matching grant. Woods explained that there is another grant that the GCSO secured which will replace existing worn out computers in the PSC. IS has begun to work on the upgrades. Staff updates were also given.

Public Information Officer Donna Barton explained that social media views are up 53%. The Southwest Missouri PIO group that Ms. Barton is a member of is looking to receive SEMA training and will look to OEM for the training.

Commissioner Bob Dixon informed the group that MPR has send a notification that health insurance cost will be rising 14%-20% only 6% has been budgeted. Other options will be explored.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned.