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1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner

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2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner



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County Administrator

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Executive Assistant

**COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**Greene County, Missouri**  
**(417) 868-4112**

**Greene County Commission  
Commission Briefing Minutes**

**Wednesday, July 21, 2021**  
9:30 AM  
Commission Conference Room  
1443 N. Robberson, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor

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PLEASE BE AWARE: Cox Health has adopted a universal masking policy for all their properties. Masks are to be worn entering and exiting their facilities and medical office buildings as well as when in any interior common areas such as a lobby, hallway, shared bathroom, elevator, and stairwell.

**Attendees:** Bob Dixon, Rusty MacLachlan, John Russell, Chris Coulter, Megan Applegate, Donna Barton, Jeff Scott, Katie Towns, Laura Merriman, Deiter Duff, Lyle Foster, Ella Martin and Natalie Gomez.

**Teleconference Attendees:** Tina Phillips, Mike Cagle, Larry Woods, Angie Crews, Jeff Bassham, Andrea Stewart, Royce Denny, Jess Kerr and Allen Icet.

**Informational Items**

Health Department-Katie Towns

- 259 hospitalizations currently.
- 235 seven day average of COVID-19 cases.
- 40.61% of fully vaccinated individuals.

**S-Jess Kerr**

- About to place order for new jail facility.

**Purchasing-Laura Merriman**

- 11 formal bids
- 22 new contracts
- 451 active contracts

**Pre-Trial-Natalie Gomez**

- 440 of defendants on supervision.
- 9 new GPS and 5 new scram in last month.
- 5 new assessments.
- New employee that started 2 weeks ago.

**Medical Examiner-Dr. Deiter Duff**

- Update on grant.
- COVID deaths at an all-time high.
- 202 post mortem exams.
- 305 total cases.
- 4 full time staff, 5 part time staff.

**Items for Consideration and Action by the Commission**

**(EX1) Discussion and Possible Vote: Declaration of Emergency COVID-19 , OEM**

Commissioner Rusty MacLachlan moved to approve the declaration of emergency for COVID-19 and to reassess prior to August 31<sup>st</sup> 2021. Commissioner John Russell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Yes: Dixon, MacLachlan and Russell.

**Other:**

With no other business the meeting was adjourned.

**ORDER OF THE  
GREENE COUNTY COMMISSION  
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI**

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, a novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and its variants continues to spread throughout the world, including the United States; State of Missouri and County of Greene; and

WHEREAS, a significant increase in COVID-19 cases generated primarily from a rapidly spreading and highly communicable variant in conjunction with low community vaccinations has led to a crisis level healthcare response exceeding earlier COVID-19 thresholds; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri has extended its State of Emergency in response to the COVID virus; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with City, County and State officials it is the judgment of the Presiding Commissioner of the County of Greene, there exists emergency circumstances located in Greene County, Missouri requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective actions for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the County of Greene; and

WHEREAS, to prevent or minimize injury to people, damage to property and maintain supply chain resilience resulting from this event;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in the Greene County, Missouri Commission by local and state law;

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1) That all necessary sections of this County of Greene Emergency Management Declaration will be implemented; and
- 2) That the following measures also be implemented:
  - A. The local Emergency Operations Plan (“EOP”) is hereby activated to the degree as indicated by the County Director of Emergency Management; and
  - B. The Emergency Operations Center (“EOC”) is hereby activated to the level as indicated by the County Director of Emergency Management; and
  - C. The Commissioners direct the County Director of Emergency Management to coordinate the County’s activities of emergency response, to work with local partners, as well as, state and federal authorities, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this emergency, to aid in the continuation and/or restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response actions deemed necessary to respond to this incident.
  - D. The Commissioners direct the County Director of Emergency Management to promulgate such rules, policies and guidance as is necessary and appropriate to implement this Order; and
  - E. The Commissioners direct the Interim Director of the Springfield-Greene County Health Department to exercise such authority granted by law, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this emergency, to aid in the continuation and/or restoration of essential public health and medical services, and to take any other emergency response actions deemed necessary to respond to this incident on behalf of the citizens of Greene County.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED this declaration of local emergency shall be effective at X:XX x.x. on July XX, 2021 and shall expire only upon further Order declaring the emergency no longer exists. A copy of this Order shall be filed in the office of the Greene County Clerk before 5:00 p.m. this date and copies of said order shall be printed and available for distribution to the public in the office of the County Clerk.

ADOPTED BY THE GREENE COUNTY COMMISSION this XX day of July, 2021 at X:XX o'clock PM.

**GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI**

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ROBERT DIXON, Presiding Commissioner Date

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RUSTY MACLACHLAN, Commissioner 1<sup>st</sup> District Date

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JOHN C. RUSSELL, Commissioner, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Date

**ATTEST:**

County Clerk Certification

I certify that I am the County Clerk of Greene County, Missouri; that the foregoing document is true, complete, and correct Order adopted by the Greene County Commission, Missouri on July XX, 2021, as the same appears in the official records of the County, and the Order has not been modified, amended, or repealed, and is in full force and effect on the date hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed the Certificate and affixed the seal of the County of Greene, Missouri this XX day of July 2021.

GREENE COUNTY CLERK:

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SHANE SCHOELLER  
Greene County Clerk