

## Greene County Commission

### Daily Briefing

**FRIDAY, January 8, 2016**

9:00 AM

County Commission Conference Room

933 N. Robberson

Attendees: Commissioners Cirtin, Bengsch and Bentley; Chris Coulter, Clay Goddard, Kevin Gipson, Chet Hunter, Erin Hedlun, J.R. Webb, John Ayres and Marilyn Elsass.

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

##### 1. Planning & Zoning Board Appointment Discussion and Possible Appointment

#### Informational Items

##### 1. Health Department—Kevin Gipson & Clay Goddard

- *Clay states there are no flu cases reported other than the national numbers.*
- *Monday will be an Ebola debriefing to improve outbreak preparedness.*
- *Kevin Gipson states they had a Nora virus outbreak over the holidays with 23 cases reported. This was in a restaurant setting stemming they think from a sick employee. The restaurant has been cleaned between work shift hours and is in operation.*

##### 2. 911—Zim Schwartze, J. R. Webb & Chief David Hall (Ms. Schwartze and Chief Hall, absent)

- *J.R. Webb reported 911 calls have increased 155% since last year. On December 26 alone, they received 117 rescue calls related to the rainfall. Some calls received were regarding water rescue and others wanting assistance pumping water out of their homes.*
- *Brookline Fire Department has not signed an agreement with Greene County and some responses had to go through on the state level.*
- *Staffing—with the signing of the budget today, they will be able to fill some vacancies.*

Commissioner Cirtin states the Missing and Exploited Children had complimented Greene County's response to their issues. Commissioner Cirtin complimented staff as well on what a tremendous job they perform.

Chet Hunter of OEM voiced his thanks to the 911 division on how quickly they respond without hesitation.

##### 3. Emergency Management—Chet Hunter

###### ➤ Commission Radio Training

*John Ayres instructed the Commissioners on the operation of the portable radios explaining the capability of the equipment with regard to access. He gave an outline of the channels that would be most widely used.*

- ❖ *A-1 is Zone A, Channel 1—normal internal channel*
- ❖ *B-15 is the Weather net—Public safety channel as well as storm spotters/911*
- ❖ *A-8 is Zone A, Channel 8—and is displayed as the Highway Department. This channel is used by highway work crews.*

📡 *When the radio beeps, that indicates you may begin speaking. Release the button when finished speaking.*

📡 *The call signs for the Commission are: Commission 1, 2, and 3 which will be designated individually to each Commissioner.*

📡 *Highest usage would be cell phone failures and still being able to communicate with elected officials.*

📡 *There is approximately one day battery on the radios before charging is required. The charges are "smart" chargers and will automatically adjust if left plugged in without damaging the device.*

📡 *The radio does not scan. It stays on the channel where it is placed.*

- Erin Hedlun presented the Commission with the OEM annual report and highlighted its content. The city helped put the design together for the booklet.
- Chet Hunter gave an update on FEMA and states we may be locally able to access disaster assistance. OEM will be taking FEMA on a tour of the December storm damage to present the impact the storm had on the community.
- The city has put OEM on their rain gage network so the County will be able to access numbers.
- Chet gave an update of the monetary damage created by the December rain storm.
- Chet presented the Commission with a written overview of staff impact created during weather events. The overview included distinction of different staffing "levels" depending on the severity of the event as well as the overtime hours employees accumulated showing the monetary equivalent and a copy of the personnel policy related to "Emergency Declared" guidelines. Chet asked for consideration of updating the guidelines to be able to create a budget line to compensate employees who are called to work in an emergency situation. For this storm, they may be able to receive funds from FEMA to cover costs, but the department is not able to count on that or other future events.  
 With the December storm, Chet had to call in staff over the holiday creating overtime hours that may or may not be able to be funded. The Commission may want to consider revision of the policy based on the staffing level indicated for a particular event.  
 Chet indicates it may be 4-6 weeks before they receive a response from FEMA regarding funding.
- Chet indicates we are expecting 2-4 inches of snow over the weekend.

NOTE: The media is always listening to these channels.

#### 4. Other Items

Commissioner Curtin:

- There was a brief discussion of filling future positions on the Planning Board. Roseann's possible applicant(s) are not able to apply due to personal issues. Chris states the next vacancy will occur in the fall of this year. There will be further discussion regarding membership of this board.

Meeting adjourned to go into declared emergency session. Vote and attendees will be noted separately on closed meeting minutes.