

## Greene County Commission

### REVISED Daily Briefing

**THURSDAY, January 14, 2016**

9:30 AM

County Commission Conference Room  
933 N. Robberson

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

1. Agreement for Forensic & Pathology Services—Jeff Scott

- *Jeff presented the Commission with an agreement with Missouri University/Medical Examiner renewal. The only difference is paying the Medical Examiner when summoned to court for testimony. The agreement was circulated for Commission signatures.*
- *Side note: The Commissioners signed the remaining budget books and the budget office will distribute.*

#### Informational Items

1. Juvenile—Bill Prince

- *Update of department and vacancies. Seventeen have applied to Juvenile and nine will be interviewed. There is about half being interviewed from outside the department and the other half within. They are hoping for a decision by next week. If they fill Marie Swope's position and a probation officer position, they will be at full staff unless hiring from within will create a different vacancy.*
- *To build morale, Bill asked staff for input on what could be done to make their jobs easier. They are working on training to relieve some pressure issues.*
- *Damon Young has received a scholarship to Washington D.C. to attend a Diversity Program.*
- *Domestic Relations Officer—grant proposal for programming including counsel for marital issues. Grant would be approximately \$25,000.*
- *Senate Bill 1812 deals with detention issues referred to as "The Jail Removal Bill". If a judge certifies a juvenile to stand trial as an adult, the youth would be arrested and incarcerated whether 12 or 16 after being removed from detention. The bill insures the youth would remain in juvenile detention until the person is of 17 years or older or the case has been disposed. Impact will depend on whether there are different programs for this group or if there will be isolation of this group.*
- *Building security issues are being addressed. Access to the back door as well as escorting visitors in the building have been a problem. They are considering swipe cards for the back entrance.*
- *Bill informed the Commission of the joy his staff has expressed with regard to the increase in salary. There was also a question regarding advancement of those employees at the top of the pay scale.*

Chris Coulter states when salaries are reviewed they look at longevity/merit based.  
Commissioner Cirtin asked how much it costs to house a juvenile in detention.

*Bill states it is costing \$75 per day for the youth from Joplin they are housing. Joplin is covering this cost. Any ongoing treatment i.e. insulin for a juvenile in detention is the responsibility of the family. Routine exams or emergency room visits are county cost.*

## 2. Resource Management—Kevin Barnes

- *States fire alarms and panic buttons just went down with the power outage in the Judicial Facility. The judges are aware. Parts have been ordered for replacement. To replace the entire board would cost \$8000; Operational portion would be \$1800. The solution to the outage is in progress.*
- *States Jerry Moyer, Courts Administrator is aware of the sprinkler system process. They are looking for alternate court room(s). The judges asked if they can work at the PSC/no. The PSC cannot accommodate this function and scheduling would be problem as well. Room 300 of the Historic Courthouse is a possibility.*
- *Cox North Tower update. They have no timeline on when Cox staff will be vacating the facility. The plans are ready and waiting for space to become available so Greene County can bid (2-3 weeks to set up bid).*
- *Campus beautification: signs to blend in with current signs directing visitors.*

Commissioner Cirtin states there is debris at the northeast basement entrance of the Historic Courthouse. He would like to see it checked daily. Kevin will take care of the request.

- *Building Inspector, Randy Long is retiring. His last day will be March 1, 2016. The department will be requesting to replace that position.*

## 3. Other Items

- *There was discussion of Planning Board members and vacancies. At the Board's last meeting Paul Sherman was elected as chairman and Mike Scott as vice-chairman for the coming year. Both gentlemen's membership terms expired November 2015. They are allowed by statute to serve on the board until the termed positions are appointed.*
- *Kent Morris explained how it would work to be able to stagger member terms. That could be done by reappointing the two gentlemen mentioned or anyone else for one year and begin the staggering term process. This would allow only two vacancies once a year.*
- *Chris reminded the Commissioners of the IDA hearing this afternoon.*
- *Brief discussion of the P&Z case presented at the recent study session.*

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