

GREENE COUNTY COMMISSION SESSION
Greene County Commission Office
933 N. Robberson
Springfield, Missouri
9:30 a.m.
May 2, 2016
AGENDA

1. Prayer—Rick Artman, Greene County Highway Department Director
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve Minutes from Previous Session

Commissioner Bentley made the motion to approve minutes from the previous session as presented. Commissioner Bengsch gave the second. The vote resulted in 3 ayes in favor. Motion passed.

Commissioner Cirtin mentioned the Convoy of Hope event set for Saturday, May 7. Many Greene County employees will be participating at the Springfield Ozark Fairgrounds. Greene County is a Silver Sponsor. Many of the Sheriff's deputies will be providing security for the event.

Team Greene, volunteers for the information booths at Greene County, is soon to be underway. Commissioner Cirtin till provide the proposed manual to the other Commissioners for their review and approval. Commission will revisit at the end of the week. Criteria for participants will include a background check.
4. Commendation for E-911 Director of the Year—Zim Schwartz, E-911

Commissioner Cirtin read and presented the Commendation to Zim Schwartz for being selected as E-911 Director of the Year.
5. Presentation of “Top Branch Award”—Commission

Commissioner Cirtin read and presented Top Branch Award certificates to Greene County employees, Melissa Denney, Highway Department; Chuck Suchoski, Building Operations; Bill Prince, Juvenile Office; and Deputy David Jollif, Sheriff's Office along with gift certificates from various local vendors. Top Branch Award recipients are nominated by their peers and selected through a committee for their outstanding character and job performance.

Commissioner Cirtin and Prosecuting Attorney, Dan Patterson each presented Chelsea Fletcher, a Greene County Intern, with a Challenge Coin for her research, statistical work and projects performed for the two offices. Intern Ben Dadian, who also served as a Greene County Intern, was unavailable. Mr. Patterson noted that statistical figures indicate that misdemeanor domestic cases have improved from 60 days to 2 days service time.
6. Appointment of Mr. Eric Clay to the Greene County Domestic Violence Board

Commissioner Bentley made a motion to appoint Mr. Eric Clay to the Greene County Domestic Violence Board. Commissioner Bengsch gave the second. The vote resulted in 3 ayes in favor. Motion passed.

Commissioner Cirtin states this board will soon be taking a more active role and expanding its tasks in finding ways to assist in this important issue.
7. Reappointment of Ms. Peggy Lane to the Senior Citizens' Service Fund Board

Commissioner Cirtin made the motion to reappoint Ms. Peggy Lane to the Senior Citizens' Service Fund Board. Commissioner Bengsch gave the second. The vote resulted in 3 ayes in favor. Motion passed.
8. Chamber Economic Development Update—Ryan Mooney/Matt Morrow
 - *Matt Morrow reports that this is Small Business Week which is celebrated May 4 with an award luncheon at the Ramada/Oasis.*
 - *Springfield National Day of Prayer Breakfast will be Thursday, May 5.*
 - *Good Morning Springfield will return the following week, May 12 at the Darr Agriculture Center.*
 - *Matt notes that Springfield is 17th in the country for Spanish entrepreneurs.*
 - *Matt reports 4.2% unemployment rate noting this is probably due to more people entering the workforce.*
 - *Greene County has led wage growth for Missouri.*
9. Missouri Job Center Update—Mary Ann Rojas, absent.
10. Missouri Extension Center Report—David Burton
 - *David reports that the Extension Center's plant sale produced \$15,000 in raising funds for education.*
 - *David presented the Commission with a copy of the Extension Newsletter noting that the 4-H team won state competition.*
 - *David gave the Financial Score Card.*

Presentation to Commissioners

 - *Give Ozarks Day is May 3. David presented the Commissioners with a T-shirt to designate the event. This event offers an opportunity for the community to go on line to contribute to the Extension Center.*

11. Planning and Zoning Division Report—Kent Morris

- Old Business
- New Business

Mr. Morris reports plats remain down and presented the Commission with a written report.

Commissioner Cirtin read the Planning & Board statement.

- a. Request Rezoning, Planning Board Case Number 1904, Sherri Santos, c/o Ellen Medforth, applicants.

Request to rezone from A-1, Agriculture to AR, Agriculture Resident District located East side of FR 59, one-quarter mile north of FR 174. The request is to be able to divide the property into two tracts, each containing five acres. The board recommended approving the request with conditions. The board felt the land use plan should be amended and approved.

Commissioner Cirtin called for anyone to speak in favor of the request.

Denise Medforth: states this request is to subdivide the property in order for family to live close to care for family members.

Commissioner Cirtin called for anyone to speak in opposition. None

Commissioner Cirtin asked Ms. Medforth if she was aware of the conditions indicated and in agreement with them. Ms. Medforth's response was that she is aware of the conditions and will comply.

Commissioner Bengsch made the motion to approve the request with conditions. Commissioner Bentley gave the second. The vote resulted in 3 ayes in favor. Motion passed.

- b. Request Rezoning, Planning Board Case Number 1905, Margaret DeHoff Trust #1, c/o Steve Stinnett, applicants.

Request to rezone from R-1, Suburban Residence and C-2, General Commercial to O-2, General Office in order to establish an assisted living and independent living senior care facility. Neighbors discussed issues and worked out a set of agreements that was submitted to Planning and Zoning. Six to one board members recommended approval.

Commissioner Cirtin called for anyone to speak in favor of the request.

Steve Stinnett states he has met with homeowners and their representative and have worked out the concerns that were presented to them. Changes to the request will be recorded with the plat.

Commissioner Cirtin commented on the balance of economic development and addressing concerns with neighbors and complimenting the manner in which this case has been handled. Mr. Gaither has been a part of this process.

Commissioner Cirtin called for anyone to speak in opposition. None.

Commissioner Bengsch made the motion to approve the request. Commissioner Bentley gave the second. The vote resulted in 3 ayes in favor. Motion passed.

- c. Request Rezoning, Planning Board Case Number 1906, Mary Ann Norris Trustee for John Henley Trust, c/o Tom Kisse, applicants.

Request to rezone from A-1, Agriculture to C-3, Rural Commercial for the purpose of the applicant to sell the property to a person who owns an excavation/construction business so that they may relocate the property if it is successfully rezoned. The board recommends unanimously to approve the request. It will require an additional hearing for conditional use permit after this hearing. Use permit hearing would be one week from tomorrow, May 11. C-2 requires connection to a sewer and there is no sewer on this property causing P&Z not to be able to support a C-2 request.

Commissioner Cirtin called for anyone to speak in favor. Mr. Lee is here to answer any questions. No one else spoke in favor.

Commissioner Cirtin called for anyone to speak in opposition. None

Commissioner Bentley made the motion to approve the request. Commissioner Bengsch gave the second. The vote resulted in 3 ayes in favor. Motion passed.

- Other Business—None

12. Certification of Miles of Line & Railroad Utility Value—Shane Schoeller, County Clerk
Shane Schoeller, County Clerk presented documentation for Certification of Miles of Line & Railroad Utility Value to the Commission for review and approval.

Commissioner Bengsch made the motion to accept the Certification of Miles of Line & Railroad Utility Value as presented. Commissioner Bentley gave the second. The vote resulted in 3 ayes in favor. Motion passed.

13. County Administrator Report—Chris Coulter

- *Chris reminds the Commission that the state is wrapping up and the bills the county are tracking are regarding the Per Diem and Court Surcharge bills. Suggested the Commission may want to e-mail Senator Dixon to offer support of these bills.*
- *The Budget Office is out of the office this week in training.*
- *Monday is a holiday honoring former Missouri President Harry S. Truman.*

14. Highway Department Report—Rick Artman

- *Rick presented the Commission with a written report highlighting items from the report.*
- *Interviews for seasonal staff update.*
- *Meeting with FEMA today regarding any possible funding available from the December weather event.*
- *Update on outside auditor review. This occurs when there is Federal Funding involved in projects.*
- *Reminder of “Leadercast” on Friday, May 6.*

15. Emergency Management Report—Chet Hunter

Action Item—County Continuity of Operations Plan

- *Chet presented the Commission with a written report highlighting items.*
- *Community Specific Training update.*
- *Disaster preparedness/PSA in partnership with Springfield Cardinals.*
- *Alternate EOC Exercise update.*
- *Public certification classes update.*
- *Greene County Campus Emergency Plan*
- *SEMA conference—Erin Hedlun participated as a presenter.*
- *Department using some flex hours due to overage on weather events.*

Action Item:

This includes the Highway Plan and Vital Records Plan and is a “global” approval of the plans.

Commissioner Bengsch made the motion to approve the plans. Commissioner Bentley gave the second. The Vote resulted in 3 ayes in favor. Motion passed.

16. Resource Management Report—Kevin Barnes

- *Update on Big Momma’s Coffee Bar opening in the Judicial Courthouse.*
- *Carpet going in at the Courthouse.*
- *Judge Mountjoy’s courtroom is complete. Judges using courtrooms available and sharing during renovation. Workers are attempting to hold down closed courtrooms to one week.*
- *Discussion of courtroom usage and caseloads.*
- *Sprinkler work in the Judicial Courthouse continues.*
- *Update on budget and time lines for Cox Tower project.*
- *Discussion of P&Z cases audio availability on line.*
- *Zoning complaints: Staff is working well on these issues and many cases are being resolved without legal action. Discussion of property complaints that have been ongoing.*
- *Crown Meadows update. Representative(s) are wanting 2 of 3 properties under the convenient. Commission Bengsch offered a suggestion that they send proposal to legal counsel. Properties located at Farm Road 127 and northwest of I-44.*

17. Building Regulations Division Report—Dave O’Dell

- *Dave presented a written report highlighting items.*
- *Update of construction and revenue. Numbers are 50% higher from last year’s numbers at this time and the highest since May 2013.*

18. Public Comment—None

19. Other Business for Commission