

Greene County Commission

Daily Briefing

FRIDAY, June 3, 2016

9:00 AM

County Commission Conference Room

933 N. Robberson

Attendees: Commissioner Cirtin; Chet Hunter, Erin Hedlun, Kevin Gipson, Clay Goddard, Fire Chief David Hall, Zim Schwartz, Jennifer McClure and Marilyn Elsass.

Items for Consideration and Action by the Commission

(None)

Informational Items

1. Health Department—Kevin Gipson & Clay Goddard
 - *Clay reports on Health Assessment through local hospital(s).*
 - *Zika update. Clay explained they looked at Maple Park Cemetery when evaluating the type of mosquitos that are present. Cemeteries offer good breeding grounds due to water standing in vases and trees that offer a good study of mosquitos. They are watching Zika closely. This can also be transmitted sexually and through blood transfusions.*
 - *Kevin stated that the West Nile mosquito actually breeds in drought conditions.*
 - *Kevin reports a female elephant in the local zoo has been diagnosed with Tuberculosis. This can be transmitted to humans and the department are taking precaution steps to test all people who may have come in contact with the animal.*

2. 911—Zim Schwartz, J. R. Webb & Chief David Hall
 - *Chief David Hall reports on a meeting with Republic to update agreements with municipalities. He will be meeting with city and county staff as well as counsel.*
 - *Chief Hall indicates he has seen the update for appointing board members and has met with his approval.*
 - *Update on staffing study for 9-1-1. Staff will meet at the end of June to go over recommendations from the consultants.*
 - *Zim states she and Budget Officer, Jeff Scott have been meeting to go over the 9-1-1 budget. It appears there will be some challenges.*
 - *Update on Special Olympics held at the MSU campus. Zim states that OEM assigned staff to monitor weather conditions since they had some issues with tornados last year during this event. Springfield has entered into an agreement to hold this event for four years and this was out second year. It will be reviewed after our fourth year to determine the location of future events. Zim suspects they will want to keep the games in Springfield.*

3. Emergency Management—Chet Hunter
 - *Chet reports that he and Erin have met with the deaf community and the fact that many times they may need an interpreter to communicate with this group. Interpreters cost money and the deaf community require the interpreter to be qualified and licensed. One aspect is needing interpreters at press conferences that can sign. Chet states the individuals took a tour of the Public Safety Center and were impressed with center. They toured the 9-1-1 offices as part of their visit and were surprised at how the calls are handled. Erin mentioned that Kevin Babbit helped out with interpreting at no cost. Kevin is Vice-President of the deaf community.*
 - *Update on accreditation process—93% complete.*
 - *Update on UAS (Unmanned Aerial Service) Program. This program is 100% grant funded. The department is now working on insurance policy/procedure requirements. FAA is also involved in setting requirements. Operation of the device must be by a licensed pilot and states that Dale Moore meets that requirement. The device would aid in weather events and rescue such as flooding. There are stipulations regarding not flying within five miles of an airport and needing authorization to fly the device within those parameters.*

- *Chet presented Commissioner Cirtin with pictures of a fully equipped truck that was donated to the county. Upon receiving the truck, it was discovered that it is not drivable. The truck needs a new engine which would be a significant cost that OEM does not have budget money to provide. There may be other parts to replace as well in order to make it road worthy. The truck itself may be worth about the same price as a new engine. Options are to rebuild with a new engine, try using used parts or send the truck to scrap. They have checked and no one is willing to take this truck as a trade-in unless it's fixed. There may be some grant money to access or share the cost with the city. Chet presented a service quote for the repairs. Chet states this truck could be used for possible towing of equipment that the present equipment is not authorized to do. It was suggested that it could possibly be used for animal control. Commissioner Cirtin will take up this issue with the other Commissioners for discussion. No action was taken.*

4. Other Items—none.