

Greene County Commission Briefing
County Commission Conference Room
1443 N. Robberson, 10th Floor
November 21, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

Present: Chris Coulter, Jared Denney, Stephanie Hamilton, Bob Cirtin, Harold Bengsch, Jeff Scott, Kate Morris, Lincoln Hough, Chris Mericle, Laura Merriman, Mike Cagle, Donna Barton, and Tina Phillips.

Budget Officer Jeff Scott presented proposed orders related to the Domestic Violence Board funding. The Domestic Violence Board met and requested an increase in the fees collected. At a previous briefing, Circuit Clerk Tom Barr asked that the Commission seek more information from the board before voting on the increases, raising questions as to whether the recipient of those funds, Harmony House, is actually in need of more. Scott said he spoke to board chairman David Cameron who said that Harmony House definitely needs more funding. He said Cameron explained that Harmony House's 2013 operating budget was \$978,781 compared to \$1,959,439 in fiscal year 2018. He noted an increase of their local fundraising goals from \$236,204 in 2013 to currently \$792,100. Scott said this explains the request for the requested \$11,000 - \$13,000 increase in revenue.

Scott first presented an order giving the Domestic Violence Board the authority to administer the allocation and distribution of funds to domestic violence shelters. Commissioner Bengsch made a motion to approve the order. Commissioner Hough seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Aye: Bengsch, Cirtin, Hough. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The next order pertaining to the Domestic Violence Board was regarding marriage license fees. This order moves authority from Greene County Commission to the Greene County Domestic Violence Board. Commissioner Bengsch made a motion to approve the order. Commissioner Hough seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Aye: Bengsch, Cirtin, Hough. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The next order pertaining to the Domestic Violence Board was regarding Civil Case Court Costs. This order moves authority from Greene County Commission to the Greene County Domestic Violence Board. Commissioner Hough made a motion to approve the order. Commissioner Bengsch seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Aye: Bengsch, Cirtin, Hough. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The next order pertaining to the Domestic Violence Board was regarding Criminal Case Court Costs. This order moves authority from Greene County Commission to the Greene County Domestic Violence Board. Commissioner Hough made a motion to approve the order. Commissioner Bengsch seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Aye: Bengsch, Cirtin, Hough. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The next order pertaining to the Domestic Violence Board was regarding Criminal Case Court Costs. This order moves authority from Greene County Commission to the Greene County Domestic Violence Board and also increases the fee from \$2 to \$4 in each case. Commissioner Cirtin made a motion to approve the order. Commissioner Bengsch seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Aye: Bengsch, Cirtin. Nay: Hough. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Scott also gave departmental update. He said that after the recommended budget was presented, the Juvenile Department brought up some items that had not been included. They had filled out the request line incorrectly, leading to the misunderstanding. Scott said another \$900,000 will now need to be found. Due to an increase in requests from various offices and departments, it was the consensus of the Commission to iterate to them the difference between GR I and GR II funds.

The 2019 county holiday list was presented. Chief Executive Assistant Kate Morris suggested changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day, to be held on the same date. Commissioner Bengsch opposed the idea, stating that if we righted one wrong, we'd have to right them all. It was recommended by Public Information Officer Donna Barton to follow suit with the State of Missouri Holiday List, which uses Columbus Day. Commissioner Bengsch made a motion to adopt the 2019 state holiday list.

Commissioner Hough seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Aye: Bengsch, Cirtin, Hough. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Purchasing Director Chris Mericle presented a recommendation to appoint Bells Construction for the judicial building renovation. Mericle said Bell's was the lowest bidder, which would put the project at &68,000 under budget. Commissioner Hough made a motion to appoint Bell's Construction.

Commissioner Bengsch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Aye: Bengsch, Cirtin, Hough. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Commissioner Cirtin brought up for discussion and vote the proposed paid holiday of Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 for the year 2018. Office Holders were notified of this proposal in an email and it was well received. Commissioner Cirtin made the motion to make Christmas Eve a paid day off for the year 2018. Commissioner Hough seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Aye: Bengsch, Cirtin, Hough. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Stephanie Hamilton and Jarod Denney gave an update on Pretrial Services. Donna Barton and Chris Mericle also gave updates.

Meeting adjourned.

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

DATE ISSUED: NOVEMBER 21, 2018

SUBJECT: Authority of Greene County Domestic Violence Board

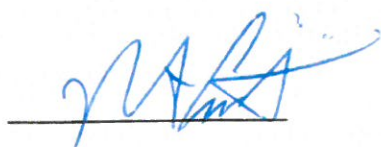
WHEREAS, Section 455.210, RSMo. provides statutory authority for County Commission to designate in an order an appropriate board as the designated authority to administer the allocation and distribution of the funds to shelters for victims of domestic violence in the manner provided in Sections 455.200 to 455.230; and

WHEREAS, Sections 455.200 – 455.305, RSMo. are known as Shelters for Victims of Domestic Violence and regulate the administration, applications, requirements, allocation priorities, and reporting requirements for the use of receipts in a special fund to be expended only to provide financial assistance to shelters for victims of domestic violence; and

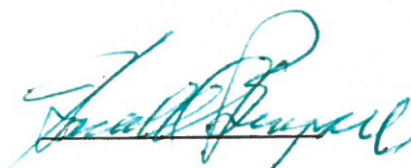
WHEREAS, Greene County currently has a Greene County Domestic Violence Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Greene County Domestic Violence Board be appointed as the designated authority to administer the allocation and distribution of the funds to shelters for victims of domestic violence in the manner provided in Sections 455.200 to 455.230 and that said board shall establish bylaws and operating policies to comply with Sections 455.200 to 455.230, RSMo.

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**ORDER OF THE
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SUBJECT: Funding for Domestic Violence Shelters-Marriage License Fees

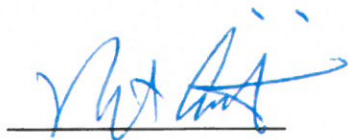
WHEREAS, Section 488.445 (1), et seq. RSMo. Provides statutory authority for the partial funding of domestic violence shelters through the imposition of surcharges and fees upon civil cases filed in Greene County Circuit Court and the issuance of marriage licenses by the Greene County Recorder of Deeds; and

WHEREAS, Section 488.445 (2), RSMo. (as amended 2005) permits the County Commission by Order to authorize the Greene County Recorder of Deeds to impose and collect a fee of \$5.00 upon the issuance of a marriage license from the person applying for the license; and

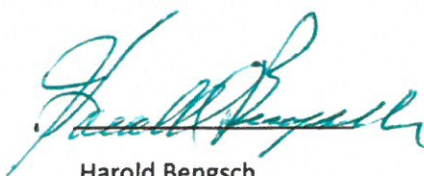
WHEREAS, Section 488.445 (3) RSMo. Provides that at the end of each month, the Recorder of Deeds shall file a verified report with the County Commission of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of 488.445 (2), and upon the filing of the reports the Recorder of Deeds shall forthwith pay over to the County Treasurer all fees collected pursuant to 488.445 (2), further the Greene County Treasurer is authorized pursuant to Section 488.445 (3) RSMo. to deposit all such fees upon receipt in a special fund to be expended only to provide financial assistance to shelters for victims of domestic violence as provided in sections 455.200 to 455.230 RSMo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Greene County Recorder of Deeds be and hereby is authorized to impose and collect upon the issuance of a marriage license a fee of \$5.00, and to disburse all such fees to the Greene County Treasurer who shall upon receipt of said fees deposit same into a special fund to be allocated and distributed by the Greene County Domestic Violence Board to provide financial assistance to shelters for victims of domestic violence in Greene County, Missouri as provided in Sections 455.200 to 455.230 RSMo. This Order supersedes previous orders based on Marriage License Fees and Section 488.445 RSMo. This fee is in addition to the mandatory \$5.00 fee authorized by Section 451.151 RSMo.

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SUBJECT: Funding for Domestic Violence Shelters-Civil Case Court Costs

WHEREAS, Section 488.445 (1), et seq. RSMo. Provides statutory authority for the partial funding of domestic violence shelters through the imposition of surcharges and fees upon civil cases filed in Greene County Circuit Court and the issuance of marriage licenses by the Greene County Recorder of Deeds; and

WHEREAS, Section 488.445 (2), RSMo. (as amended 2005) permits the County Commission by Order to authorize the Greene County Circuit Clerk to impose and collect a surcharge of \$2.00 upon the party who seeks to file a Petition in any civil case in the Circuit Court of Greene County, except those where costs are either waived or paid by the State, County or a Municipality, to be disbursed by the Circuit Clerk in the manner provided by Sections 488.010 to 488.020 RSMo. to the Greene County Treasurer for financial assistance to shelters for battered persons; and

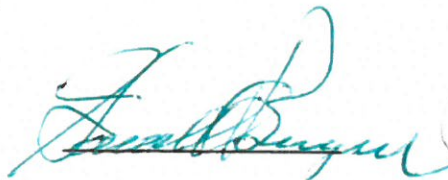
WHEREAS, The Greene County Treasurer is authorized pursuant to Section 488.445 (3) RSMo. to deposit all such fees upon receipt in a special fund to be expended only to provide financial assistance to shelters for victims of domestic violence as provided in sections 455.200 to 455.230 RSMo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Greene County Circuit Clerk be and hereby is authorized to impose and collect, as a portion of the total filing fee, upon all petitions filed in any civil case, in the Circuit Court of Greene County, Missouri, a surcharge of \$2.00, except those cases where the costs are either waived or paid by the State, County or a Municipality, and to disburse all such surcharges to the Greene County Treasurer who shall upon receipt of said surcharges deposit same into a special fund to be allocated and distributed by the Greene County Domestic Violence Board to provide financial assistance to shelters for victims of domestic violence in Greene County, Missouri as provided in Sections 455.200 to 455.230 RSMo. This Order supersedes previous orders based on Civil Case Court Costs and Section 488.445 RSMo.

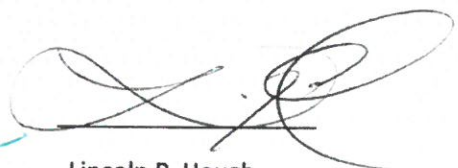
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SUBJECT: Funding for Domestic Violence Shelters-Criminal Case Court Costs

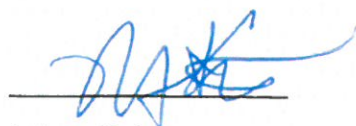
WHEREAS, Section 488.607 RSMo. (as amended 2014) permits the County Commission by Order to authorize the Greene County Circuit Clerk to collect a surcharge in the amount of \$4.00 per case for each criminal case, including violations of any County or Municipal Ordinance, in the Circuit Court of Greene County, Missouri, except in any proceeding or Defendant has been dismissed by the Court or when costs are to be paid by the State, County or Municipality; and

WHEREAS, such surcharges collected by the Circuit Court Clerk pursuant to Section 488.607 RSMo. shall be collected and disbursed in the manner provided by Sections 488.010 to 488.020, RSMo. to the Greene County Treasurer for financial assistance to shelters for battered persons; and

WHEREAS, the Greene County Treasurer is authorized to deposit all such fees upon receipt in a special fund to be expended only to provide financial assistance to shelters for battered persons, as defined in Sections 455.200 to 455.230 RSMo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Greene County Circuit Clerk be and hereby is authorized to collect a surcharge of \$2.00 in each criminal case, including violations of any County or Municipal Ordinance, to be taxed as court costs, except no such surcharge shall be collected in any proceeding when the proceeding or Defendant has been dismissed by the Court or when costs are to be paid by the State, County or Municipality. The Greene County Circuit Clerk shall disburse all such surcharges to the Greene County Treasurer to deposit same into a special fund to be allocated and distributed by the Greene County Domestic Violence Board to provide financial assistance to shelters for battered persons in Greene County, Missouri, as provided in Sections 455.200 to 455.230, RSMo. The imposition the additional surcharge in the amount of \$2.00 per case for each criminal case filed in Greene County Circuit Court shall be construed and is based upon the authority of Section 488.607, RSMo. (as amended 2014). This Order supersedes previous orders based on Criminal Case Court Costs and Section 488.607 RSMo.

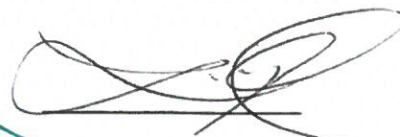
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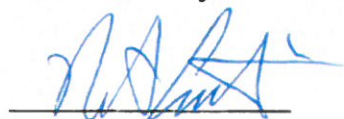
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WHEREAS, such surcharges collected by the Circuit Court Clerk pursuant to Section 488.607 RSMo. shall be collected and disbursed in the manner provided by Sections 488.010 to 488.020, RSMo. to the Greene County Treasurer for financial assistance to shelters for battered persons; and

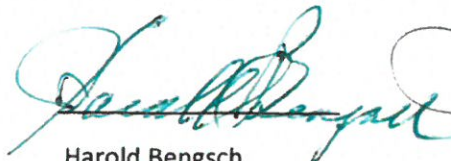
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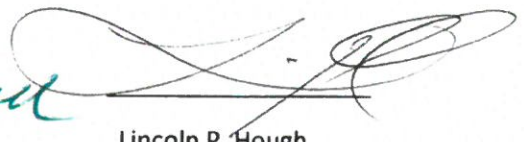
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