

Great Game Huddle Notes
January 12, 2016

Angie Crews welcomed huddle participants. 2016 marks the 25th anniversary of the formation of the "Great Game of Business" concept and approach. Greene County has adopted and modified the philosophy of open book management to our local government within the last 5 years. In honor of the anniversary, the huddle gathered together to send a congratulatory video message to the national organization by simply saying, "Happy anniversary from our huddle to yours!"

Deputy Budget Officer, Tina Phillips outlined the 2016 budget process and the incorporation of a football inspired mini-game to identify roadblocks and chart the progress of their team, the Greene County Generals, into the end zone. The process began during the early summer of 2015 as governed by Missouri statute, with the HIP 3 year projections, continuing through several training sessions, review of office recommendations, budget submission by the Budget Office, final meetings with office holders and concluding with the official budget signing on January 10, 2016. The new budget contains 1120 lines of expense requests and 680 revenue requests. The County Commission had 200 decision lines to act upon. Tina added that budget requests were analyzed and approved or rejected based upon the reasons given for proposed increases, past history and future use. She closed by reminding attendees that the full 2016 Budget is available in PDF form through a Budget Office link on the Greene County website.

Budget Officer, Jeff Scott followed with a description and display of the results of a 9 year study of sales tax trends in Greene County from a program created by Treasurer Justin Hill. The resulting data from the study was instrumental in 2016 budget revenue projections and will be utilized in all future Greene County budgets.