

Great Game Huddle Notes
June 14, 2016

Budget Officer, Jeff Scott welcomed huddle participants and began the discussion of the current funding sources for the existing county jail facility. The current cost to run the jail is \$ 13,109,708 per year. The funding for this expense is derived from the following sources:

- General Revenue.....\$ 7,259,129
- LEST I..... 3,179,204
- LEST II..... 2,264,501
- Inmate Security Fund..... 406,873

Mr. Scott also supplied a breakdown of these revenue sources from a percentage perspective. Currently 54% are derived from reimbursements and fees with the remaining 46% attributable to the citizens of Greene County from LEST I & II taxes and general revenue.

Jeff further described the funding sources for the jail and the burden each community incurs to meet payment of their share. The LEST I formula has a large disparity in distribution between the City of Springfield and Greene County. The city pays nothing per citizen in jail funding from LEST I. The LEST II formula recoups some funding from the city but the bottom line expenditure has the county contributing 5.9% more than its total population whereas the city provides 11.13% less than the total population it represents. Without immediate help the county will have a \$1.72 million shortfall to be draw from general revenue.

The county proposal to set a temporary jail structure near the existing facility would solve the current jail overcrowding situation and more equitably distribute the funding burden between city and county. Mr. Scott said that operation of a temporary jail facility would cost \$1,450,000 per year with a required \$1,000,000 per year reciprocity payment from the City of Springfield for 3 years. This agreement could extend beyond this initial period. Although the facility cannot be constructed without city assistance, they are under no obligation provide any. Jeff concluded by saying that the county may receive the city's decision regarding the county jail funding proposal by the end of the business day, Tuesday, June 14th.