

Great Game Huddle Notes

August 2nd, 2016

The huddle opened with a thank you to all of our employees who are working the polls today for the Primary Election. Go TEAM!!

Commissioner Harold Bengsch gave us an update on campus happenings in today's Commission Corner. As part of the initial stages of formulating the 2017 County Budget, the County Commission is thinking through the pros and cons of a sales tax initiative to be added to the April, 2017 ballot. As the Financial Advisory Task Force wrapped up their discussion last week, their recommendation stood solid that the County needs another revenue source. A focus group, formed by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce to study local issues, will be discussing the status of where the County is and where we are headed financially for the next seven years. The Commissioners will not be part of this focus group.

Commissioner Bengsch talked a little about the proposed 100 bed temporary facility to house the overflow of jail inmates, and the financial impact such a facility would have on the county budget. As we all know the cost of reciprocity is a huge burden on the taxpayers of Greene County.

The sprinkler installation at the Judicial Facility is going well, and the Commissioner commended both the staff of that building for enduring the construction, and the contractor and his crew for their good work.

Remodeling is going well on the 8th floor at the Cox Medical Tower, future home of the Prosecuting Attorney's offices. Eventually, the P.A. will occupy both the 7th and 8th floors.

Character First presented by Circuit Clerk, Tom Barr – **RESPONSIBILITY**

A short video was shown featuring a Captain from the Oklahoma City Police Department who is responsible for public relations. His key recommendations to follow for responsibility are:

As a supervisor, you are responsible for a group of people. Be a hands-on team leader.

Know what is expected of you and get it done. Let your employees know what is expected of them.

Your word is your bond.

Keep your team informed on what is happening around them.

Treat people right!

Mr. Barr reiterated these qualities and told a story of how he learned about responsibility when he formed his own company in 1983. He spoke of the importance of treating your coworkers and clients well. Tom also emphasized the importance of taking ownership of your mistakes, rather than covering them up. This will build trust with your colleagues.

“The Price of Greatness is Responsibility” – Sir Winston Churchill