

Great Game Huddle Notes

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Office of Emergency Management's Carole Kidwell introduced the two newest members of the OEM staff: Aubrey Hardy (Administrative Coordinator, or front desk) and Robbin Sawyer (Administrative Manager).

Greene County Treasurer Justin Hill offered a recap of the May 2017 Leadercast conference that was broadcasted in the PSC and organized by the Highway Department. This year's theme was "Leading with Purpose."

What is Purpose?

According to presenter Andy Stanley, purpose is the reason for which something exists or is accomplished. It is a means to an end. However, that presents a conflict because we do not want to be the "reason" or "means." We want to be the "something" or "end."

We are usually asking "What is my purpose? Why am I here?" To be powered by purpose, we should ask "What purpose am I serving?" Ask yourself how you can be part of something bigger than yourself.

You can't divorce purpose from service

"Those who devote themselves to themselves will ultimately have nothing but themselves to show for themselves." – Andy Stanley

"if you don't plan to serve, you don't need a purpose." Cheryl Bachelder

Living with purpose has a price

The example used here was that of CVS Pharmacy who recognized they were not living their mission and vision to improve the lives of those they serve. Selling tobacco products, they found, was inconsistent with that mission/vision. Their decision to stop selling tobacco products was neither cheap nor easy, but the right course of action according to the purpose they laid out for themselves.

Purpose insists on this ...

Researchers interviewed a large number of people who left their organizations to start similar organizations with the same values and purpose. They wanted to know why one would do that. The common thread they found was: "I felt like I wasn't making a _____." Many might think they said "difference," but the answer was "contribution."