

Great Game Huddle Notes

July 25th, 2017

Associate Commissioner Harold Bengsch gave us a brief overview of the County-wide Prescription Drug Monitoring Program that the County Commission has approved. This program is exactly the same as the one passed by the City of Springfield on Monday. The PDMP is one step toward combatting the opioid crises in our local communities. Prescribing physicians or pharmacists will be able to access a database with information about their patients regarding prescription opioid use. Although regarded by some as an infringement on privacy, the database will be a tool to identify if addiction is imminent, or if the prescribed opioids are a threat to life. The PDMP should take effect by October, 2017 and is funded by grants.

Greene County Treasurer, Justin Hill, reported the numbers to us. There were not many changes from last month's projections. Some items to note:

- A few departments showed some savings in salaries and benefits due to vacancies.
- The budget office predicts that sales tax revenue will increase a little. The numbers reflect those increases for the remainder of the year.
- Information Systems has seen some savings in maintenance fees.
- A pat on the back goes to Building Operations for saving money on unforeseeable expenses.
- Vehicle operations costs are down.
- The Highway Department has moved some paving projects forward to 2017 as paving costs will go up in 2018. They are taking advantage of the lower pricing while they can. Good thinking!

The General Fund projections as of June, 2017 are summarized below:

| Beginning Balance | Revenue Projection | Expenditure Projection | Estimated End Balance |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 9.5 mil. | 37.6 mil. | (41.6 mil.) | 5.5 mil. |