

## **Great Game Huddle Notes**

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**Character First: DECISIVENESS**  
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Decisiveness: Processing information and finalizing difficult decisions.

As explained in the video, decisiveness involves thinking through decisions and determining the right time and manner in which to make the decision. A leader should think through the situation, incorporate their values to support the decision, and understand the importance of not rushing the process. The sense of responsibility, or ownership, of the decision should allow you to proceed with confidence and resolve. For others to have confidence in your decision, they need to know that you have done what is necessary to make the best decision possible.

According to essayist and motivator Ogwo David Emenike, "Courage, self-reliance and decisiveness are the main traits that define a man."

There are three primary steps to being decisive:

1. Prepare for Decisions – If you prepare, you will make better decisions.
2. Commit Yourself – Before you ask others to go along, be sure to commit yourself to make your decision work.
3. Act with Conviction – Inspire others by making good decisions with confidence.

In the group discussion, it was expressed that the necessary core values to make better decisions include: honesty, respect, trust, and integrity. These values play an important role in gaining commitment from others and should help persuade them to follow your decision. If you become sound in your decisions and decisiveness, you will often find that others will look to you for direction, responsibility, and leadership.

### **Commission Corner**

Commissioner Cirtin stated that the Family Justice Center planning meeting are taking place this week. These strategic sessions with the County's Prosecutor and Sheriff, and the City's Chief of Police are designed to get the Family Justice Center up and running by July 1, 2018.

Commissioner Cirtin stated that Jennifer Wilson, with N-Form Architects, is moving forward with the design for the jail. A construction company has not yet been selected.

Commissioner Bengsch explained that the Community Mental Health Evaluation that's currently taking place should go hand-in-hand with the work that is being done for the Family Justice Center.

Commissioner Cirtin commented that the Missouri Ethics Commission were very close in resolving their cases against Greene County.

After the Commissioners opening discussion, they welcomed questions from the group. In keeping with the Character First topic of decisiveness, Cindy Stein asked the Commissioners to each give an example of a difficult decision they had made in their lives. Commissioner Cirtin stated that difficult decisions must be made daily. These decisions directly impact the citizens and employees of Greene County. On a personal note, his most difficult decision was to run for the office of Presiding Commissioner. In making his decision, it was important to keep in mind the greater goal of making the community a better place to live.

Commissioner Bengsch prefaced his statement by saying that any decision you make will result in consequences - both intended and unintended. He continued by explaining that his most difficult decision came in 1983 with the question of how to handle the community's alarm with the AIDS epidemic. The decision was made by the Health Department to deal with this alarm as a public health issue versus fear. With that in mind, it was decided that community education would be the best manner in which to handle the alarm.