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Greene County Commission starts first phase of 2019 budget planning

This week the Greene County Commission, along with the Budget Office, Officeholders and Department Heads, will meet to begin the first phase of developing the County's 2019 budget.

Each year in September, itemized expense requests are submitted for the coming year. These items range from training and equipment to software and supplies. That list is compiled and prioritized by the Budget Office and presented to the Commission for detail review in November.

The first review of the budget requests for 2019 will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15 in Room 212 of the Greene County Historic Courthouse.

The budget in review compiles all funds, including:

- General Revenue - Fund 101
- General Revenue II - Fund 102
- Road & Bridge - Fund 201
- Assessment - Fund 202
- Real Property Improvement - Fund 203
- E911 - Fund 204
- LEST I - Fund 206
- Parks - Fund 207
- LEST II - Fund 216
- Miscellaneous Custodial Funds
- Bond - Fund 301
- Other/Officeholder Funds

“It is important to note the numbers presented during this first phase are a response to the request for needs. This is a base level recommended budget with many items left as Commission decision points,” said Budget Office Director Jeff Scott. “The Commission will take the information from this meeting to ultimately develop the 2019 budget.”

This year’s requests totaled more than \$200 million. The initial base line budget has been reduced to \$184 million. After Thursday’s presentation, the Commission will review the more than 5,000 line items and hold one-on-one meetings with Officeholders, County Department Heads and other agencies as necessary to further balance those requests against the estimated revenues that will be available for distribution. The final budget will be adopted and signed in January.

“It takes a great deal of collaboration to provide the services and resources needed in Greene County, that is why we have the detailed, multi-phased process that we go through each year to develop the most impactful budget that we can.”

A copy of Greene County’s 2018 budget is available at <https://greenecountymo.gov/files/PDF/file.pdf?id=31695>

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Greene County is the State of Missouri’s fourth most populous county, serving more than 275,000 people (2010 census). Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.

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