

Great Game Huddle Notes

January 3, 2017

Commission Corner

Bob Cirtin informed us that the Commission is currently working on the budget process; and that Greene County is still in negotiations with City of Springfield and making progress.

Harold Bengsch gave us an update on Darlene, who is recovering well at home; welcomed all who are interested to attend budget sessions, as there are no secrets regarding our budget; said that the Commission is looking at what revenue sources are needed for the County to continue in the direction that we all want; thanked County employees for the work done last year, and informed us that he has received many compliments from the public, and that good government means helping people

Lincoln Hough informed us that his official starting date as Eastern Commissioner is Thursday, January 5th; that Roseann has left him with "huge shoes to fill"; and that he is excited about his new place on the Greene County team.

Q&A

1. Commissioner Cirtin told us that at the first court session scheduled for 01/09/17, there will be discussion about a ½ cent tax increase on the August ballot.
2. Janet Price welcomed Lincoln Hough to Greene County, asked all the Commissioners to stop by County offices when they are visiting office holders, and asked how new Commissioners get trained. All the Commissioners explained that there is mandatory training at least annually in February and MAC conference in the Fall each year. There are also a number of informational meetings that the Commissioners attend throughout the year. If the Commissioners do not attend the mandatory training, they have part of their salary deducted for their failure to attend. Harold Bengsch said that John Housley has written "Commissioner 101" that is used by Commissioners throughout the state of Missouri; and that the Commissioners are bound by state statutes on what they are allowed to do. Lincoln Hough plans to visit all Greene County offices.

Character First Video-Generosity

Generosity is managing resources to freely give. Example cited was "Cleats for Kids" in Oklahoma City. Generosity is seeing a need and coming to the aid of the needy. It is also helping customers-going above and beyond.

1. Notice opportunities to be generous (needs in your office or community)
2. Make it a habit (make it a part of who you are)
3. Give freely and unrestricted (find your passion-sports, music, art, etc.)

Character First Presentation-Generosity-Judy Hill

List ways to be generous-Generosity is not just about wealth

Generosity is things we have; things we do; things that we do that go unseen by others.

Generosity starts with Joy; the joy that you receive from being generous

Generosity is giving assistance and helping others. Time can be given freely (example: Weaver school-lunch buddies, emotional support, craft day)

Generosity is training-helping others get better, giving knowledge and information

Generosity is politeness-thoughts and prayers

Be generous with your joy and laughter

Generosity is compassion, kindness, appreciation, gratitude, remembrances (sending "thank you" notes)

Be generous with your discipline in a consistent manner, especially with your children; but also be generous with your love and giving praise

Be generous with your curiosity to learn

Be confident with your generosity.