



GREENE COUNTY COMMISSION

HAROLD BENGSCHE
COMMISSIONER 1ST DISTRICT

BOB CIRTIN
PRESIDING COMMISSIONER

LINCOLN P. HOUGH
COMMISSIONER 2ND DISTRICT

MINUTES
Commission Court Session
Greene County Historic Courthouse Rm. 212
November 06, 2017
9:30 a.m.

Presiding Commissioner Bob Cirtin called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Hough led a moment of silence for the shooting in Southern Texas, prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Bob Cirtin, Harold Bengsch, Lincoln Hough

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Hough motioned to approve the minutes of the October Commission Court Session. Commissioner Bengsch seconded the motion. The motion passed.
Aye: Bengsch, Cirtin, Hough Nay: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Chamber Update

Chamber President Matt Morrow was unable to attend.

Missouri Job Center Update

Bill Smiley told the Commission that the Job Center participated in the Business Expo this week, which was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. It was well attended. Employment rates continue to drop and it is now down to 2.9%. There are still close to 500 jobs in the MOJobs Systems. Hiring events are still being held at various locations throughout the city, and some new materials, including a new banner, are being used. He said the Momentum 2018 Survey is coming out next week, which collects good information about community needs in the area. Governor Greitens has appointed new Department of Workforce Development Director Marty Leathers. Smiley also invited the Commission to the annual Job Center Board meeting on Dec. 13. Smiley said veteran representatives have been attending veterans hiring events throughout the area.

Missouri State University Extension Center Update

Civic Communication Specialist David Burton provided the Commission with the Extension's newsletter and pointed out highlights within the newsletter. The newsletter may be found at <http://extension.missouri.edu/greene>.

Top Branch Awards Presented

Greene County's employee recognition program, the Top Branch Awards, were given to Bob Jaudes (Assessor's Office), Sean Rush (Building Operations), Ashley Keesling (GCYA), and Erin Hedlun (Office of Emergency Management) for the month of October; and Brooke Risley (Juvenile Office) for the month of September.

Commissioners presented a Proclamation for National Native American History Month.

County Administrator Update

Chris Coulter told the Commission that the County will likely be down to a skeleton crew tomorrow, as many employees will be serving as election judges throughout the county s it will be an election day. He reminded the Commission that the County will be observing Veteran's Day on November 10 and offices will be closed. He updated them on the Medical Examiner's Office, stating that he and Human Resources are working on looking into options as to whether the office should be operated under the County umbrella or contracted out.

Highway Department Update

Highway Director Rick Artman provided the Commission with a monthly report (Exhibit A) and read highlights of the report.

Office of Emergency Management

OEM Director Larry Woods distributed a monthly report (Exhibit B) and read highlights from the report.

Resource Management Update

Director of Resource Management Kevin Barnes updated the Commission about properties that were subjects of code compliance and are currently under clean up by the County. He said one property will be up for sale in mid-December and another will be up for sale this month. He said that because the County has been pursuing these legal matters, it is convincing other property owners to initiate clean up on their own, which is a positive trend. Barnes said the temporary jail is nearly finished, with minor work on fencing and other light projects being wrapped up soon. The boiler project in the judicial building is complete, and the Cox 10th floor should be ready for occupancy by this time next month. He also noted that flood plain maps are under review. He said the northern portion should be completed by Dec. 1 and then a formal review will begin, followed by adoption. These updated floodplain maps, with help from SEMA, will feature helpful LIDAR data.

County Geologist Update

Matt Forir said Saturday digs at the Riverbluff Cave have been yielding a lot of fossil material. He said dung found in the cave is now being used in an international study creating a database of fungus that may be used to determine animal sources of dung. He said work continues on the new geologic map of Greene County.

Building Regulations Update

Dave O'Dell said 30 single family dwelling permit had been issued in October, bringing the year to date total to 307. That is about 16% below last year. Total permits issued for the month was 148, with the year to date being 1,426. Estimated cost of construction for October was \$10.4 million and ytd is \$84.8 million. He said numbers are currently lower because there aren't as many lots for people to build on.

Planning and Zoning Update

Kent Morris said the amount of final plat lots has nearly doubled in the month of October (185), due to several subdivisions being recorded. Preliminary plat lots is at 132, he said. He said administrative subdivisions are up, and BOA cases will go from 35 to 46 as of next week. Morris said case numbers haven't been that high since prior to 2000, which is a good indication that things will continue to improve.

Prior to moving on to new business, Commissioner Cirtin read aloud the parameters of presenting Planning and Zoning requests to the Planning and Zoning Board and the Greene County Commission.

Request Rezoning, Planning Board Case Number 1948, Rogersville Land Holdings, LLC, c/o Brad King of King Built Properties, LLC,

Brad King was not present. Morris said there were two new pieces of information regarding this case. He provided an email from Steve Myer from City of Springfield. Morris said he informed King about a week prior to this commission session that he would need to be in attendance at the session or it would be likely that the Commission would deny this case. Morris had not heard from King since. Commissioner Hough noted that the Commission had this case on the agenda since February, and he felt that King had not made a good faith effort to move it forward. No one was present to speak in favor of the case. Andy Bennett, representing neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Mahaffy was present to oppose the case, citing waste water concerns and exit concerns.

Commissioner Hough made the motion to deny case 1948. Commissioner Cirtin seconded the motion. The motion passed. Case denied.

Aye: Bengsch, Cirtin, Hough Nay: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Request Rezoning, Planning Board Case Number 1987, Dmytro Biliychuk, c/o Tom Riddell, Rozell Survey Company, applicants.

Request to rezone from agriculture to rural residence district for property located west of State Highway 125 about 450 feet north of the intersection of 125 and EE. Owners want to split their 10 acres into three parcels for residential construction. Staff and Planning Board are very supportive of this area becoming residential. No one was present to oppose the case.

Commissioner Bengsch made the motion to approve case 1987. Commissioner Hough seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Aye: Bengsch, Cirtin, Hough Nay: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Request Rezoning, Planning Board Case Number 1988, Gregory and Stephanie Kellogg, applicants.

Request to rezone from agriculture to rural residential for property located at 4360 West Farm Road 174 in Battlefield. A 10 acre tract and 2.9 acre tract, they would like to change it to a three acre and 7 acre tract to move the septic system on the same property as their house, with room for one other building on the site. Planning Board approved the request. No one was present to oppose the case.

Commissioner Hough motioned to approve case 1988 with the four conditions. Commissioner Bengsch seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Aye: Bengsch, Cirtin, Hough Nay: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Public Comment

Donald G. Arnold, who lives at 5508 Stonegate, shared a concern that the two block area around his residence is completely void of street lights. Several attempts have been made by neighbors to get lights put up, but it has been stopped for various reasons. Arnold recently found out from City Utilities that it would be possible to put a light on his property. He said that most neighbors do want a light, but there is at least one neighbor who does not. CU told him that, even if the majority of residents want a light, they will not install a light if one neighbor opposes. Commissioner Bengsch suggested that the CU Board might possibly be able to help. Commissioner Cirtin said he went out to the location and agrees that a street light is needed there. Commissioners recorded Arnold's contact information and said staff would try to help find a way to resolve the issue.

With no other items for public comment, the meeting was adjourned.