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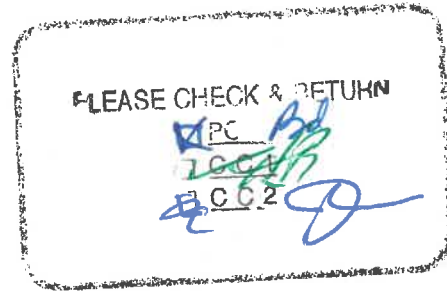
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**COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**Greene County, Missouri**  
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**Greene County Commission  
Commission Briefing Agenda**

**Tuesday, March 31, 2020**  
08:45 AM  
Commission Conference Room  
1443 N. Robberson, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor



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**Attendees:** Bob Dixon, Harold Bengsch, John Russell, Chris Coulter, Donna Barton, Melissa Denney, Aubrey Hardy, Dan Patterson, and David Yancey.

**Teleconference Attendees:** Mike Cagle, Justin Hill, Royce Denny, Devra Leach, Jeff Bassham, Phil Corcoran, Tina Phillips, Ned McAuliffe, Jeff Scott, Mike Cagle, Mailyn Jeffries, Amanda Corcoran, Taylor Smalley, Jim Arnott, Kevin Barnes, Chaunee Shaw, Mike Sindel, Doreen Hull, and Cindy Stein

**Informational Items**

**Budget-Jeff Scott:**

- Budget Office is currently collecting information for upcoming Tax Oversight Committee meeting.

**Donna Barton:**

- Working with the City of Springfield to answer questions about COVID-19 for a once a week Springfield Live stream.

**Items for Consideration and Action by the Commission**

Discussion ensued among the group in regards to changing insurance carriers and withdrawing from MPR.

Commissioner John Russell moved to recess the meeting until 3pm. Commissioner Harold Bengsch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Yes: Dixon, Bengsch and Russell.

Meeting reconvened at 3:05 PM.

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### **Items for Consideration and Action by the Commission**

Discussion reconvened among the group in regards to changing insurance carriers and withdrawing from MPR.

Commissioner Dixon, Bengsch and Russell explained the reasons why the Commission felt it in the best interest of the County to change insurance carriers. Which included: doing what is best for employees by offering plans with Mercy and Cox Health and to stabilize employee contributions, ability to balance short term and long term planning, over \$900,000.00 savings in year one, future access to claims data which will give the county more options.

Commission also stated that there have been many public meetings on this topic which included attendance by some office holders and their representatives dating back to October of 2019.

Sheriff Jim Arnott explained that if Commission made the choice to go with United Healthcare, he would pull his department from the pool and stay with MPR.

Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson explained that he may pull his department to stay with MPR as well.

Commissioner Bengsch expressed concern that if two large departments left the pool that the consequences for the remaining employees could be severe.

County Clerk Shane Schoeller stated concern over whether United Health Care would even accept the group if two large departments left the pool.

Devra Leach stated that UHC would not be valid if the County split.

Auditor Cindy Stein explained that she is not in favor of the switch and hoped in the future the Commission would involve Office Holders feedback before making a decision that involves all employees.

Commissioner Dixon reminded the Commission that if there were no further discussion that a decision must be made by 5 pm if they would like to withdraw from MPR.

Commissioner Bengsch stated concern that if the Commission chose to withdraw from MPR and the Sheriff's Office and PA's office chose to leave the pool that the rest of the County could run the risk of having nowhere to go.

### **Change Medical, Dental, and Vision Insurance Carrier July 1, Human Resources**

Commissioner John Russell moved to change medical, dental and vision insurance carrier beginning July 1. Commissioner Bob Dixon seconded the motion and it passed. Yes: Dixon and Russell. No: Bengsch.

### **Resolution to withdraw from MPR Employee Benefits Pool, Human Resources**

Commissioner John Russell moved to approve the resolution to withdraw from MPR employee benefit pool. Commissioner Bob Dixon seconded the motion and it passed. Yes: Dixon and Russell. No: Bengsch.

### **Other:**

With no other business the meeting was adjourned.



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