

Greene County Commission

Daily Briefing

FRIDAY, February 5, 2016

9:00 AM

County Commission Conference Room

933 N. Robberson

Attendees: Commissioners Cirtin, Bengsch and Bentley; Kevin Gipson, Zim Schwartz, Kate Morris, Jeff Scott, Chet Hunter, Katie Townes-Jeter, A.D. Hill, Betty Redwanski, William Lindsey, Chris Arnim, Tamiko Exford and Marilyn Elsass.

Items for Consideration and Action by the Commission

(None)

Informational Items

1. Health Department—Kevin Gipson & Clay Goddard

- *Katie reports that the Zika virus is carried from mosquito to humans. There has been only one case reported as person to person which was transmitted through intimacy. This is critical to pregnant women which could result in brain alterations in newborns. Seven days to circulate the virus.*
- *Update on Shigella virus outbreak at Lakeland beginning to diminish. Shigella is very contagious. The facility is in the midst of clean up. There are 300 staff but uncertain of the number of patients during the outbreak.*
- *Flu case update—fewer than last year.*
- *The Department is focusing on heart, lung, and mental health diseases.*
- *Two staff members to go to Virginia to be trained to become an accredited health department. Kevin states we need standards throughout the nation. There are 115 health departments in the State of Missouri.*

2. 911—Zim Schwartz, J. R. Webb & Chief David Hall

- *Update on the number of calls. Zim presented a handout on statistics.*
- *Landline phones are on the decline. Eight out of ten calls are from wireless phones.*
- *Seventeen counties in Missouri have no 9-1-1 call centers.*
- *House Bill 1904 is in progress regarding 9-1-1 call centers. A copy of the bill is attached.*
- *Update on revenue increase—approximately 3% over predictions.*
- *Working on staffing study. They have a consultant that is working with staff.*

3. Emergency Management—Chet Hunter

- *Update on accredited process. Chris Coulter will contact MU regarding SEMA notation.*
- *NIIMS: Resolution was previously adopted. One sentence needed to be corrected. The Resolution was circulated for signature to the revised document.*
- *FEMA staff is present to present information to the Commission. Each introduced themselves. A.D. Hill is the supervisor/coordinator for FEMA recovery in Greene County. Betty Redwanski is over government agencies that contact counties. Chris Arnim handed out material for review by the Commission. This material can be viewed in the Commission office. Mr. Arnim emphasized registering for programs such as loans and grants. They review each application case by case regarding what the individual would qualify for services. Material also include information regarding flooding. People can sign up for assistance through the local Library Center and there are people on staff to guide them through the process.*
- *Mr. Armin mentioned preparing a “go bag” in case of disaster that would include a list of medications, doctors etc.*
- *States they look at debris removal and can turn to churches and Red Cross for assistance in clean up.*

4. Other Items

Chris Coulter:

- *Chris reminded the Commission of the 2:00 Office Holders meeting. Jeff will do a brief presentation of the projected numbers.*
- *Discussion of Highway Department programs. Tracking vehicles would benefit the Sheriff's office, but not the highway department. Discussion of funding for purchases.*
- *Discussion of civil officer and vehicle expenses. Jeff states there is not a line item in the budget for this equipment. The Sheriff's office will use the best of the current fleet for that officer instead of replacing the vehicle. This is a deputy office working civil cases.*
- *Discussion of possible proposed tax. The tax has not changed since 1987.*