

GREENE COUNTY COMMISSION SESSION
Greene County Commission Office
933 N. Robberson
Springfield, Missouri

9:30 a.m.
March 7, 2016
AGENDA

1. Prayer—Commissioner Harold Bengsch
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve Minutes from Previous Session
Commissioner Bentley made the motion to accept the minutes of the previous session as noted. Commissioner Bengsch gave the second. The vote resulted in 3 ayes in favor. Motion passed.
4. Chamber Economic Development Update—Ryan Mooney/Matt Morrow
Ms. Haymes filled in for Matt Morrow in giving the Chamber update.
 - *The Chamber has seventeen active projects, 1700 jobs involved.*
 - *They have conducted 32 business visits and updated on their conference and team contacts.*
 - *Update on conversations in providing products for new and existing business owners.*
 - *Update on “Go CAPS” working on real world projects i.e. smoking rates with regard to medical health care.*
 - *They will add computer sciences to their program and videos are being developed for recruiting specific talent (i.e. doctors) to the area.*
 - *Kraft is going to the City Council for approval of Chapter 100 creating 109 jobs and investments.*
5. Missouri Job Center Update—Mary Ann Rojas
 - *Update on current unemployment rate—the lowest in years at 3.2%. Youth unemployment is in crisis stage with some areas as high as 16% for the age group of 16-24 years old. They are developing their summer youth program and can subsidize up to 12 weeks for up to \$12.00 per hour. Youth may be able to establish a career path through this program.*
 - *Roundtable beginning during next week’s conference that will focus on construction, health care, manufacturing and information technology.*
 - *There will be a hiring event March 9, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Cox Health.*

Commissioner Bengsch asked what action they can take as the example of the recent closing of Ryan’s Cafeteria. Employees were notified of job loss with a note on the door of the establishment.

 - *The Career Center has a rapid response team for closed businesses that employ 50 or more with support of counseling, finances, consulting, résumés and locating other positions.*
6. Reappoint Sheriff Jim Arnott to the E-911 Advisory Board
Commissioner Bengsch made the motion to reappoint Sheriff Jim Arnott to the E-911 Advisory Board. Commissioner Bentley gave the second. The vote resulted in 3 ayes in favor. Motion passed.
7. Reappoint Chief Paul Williams to the E-911 Advisory Board
Commissioner Bentley made the motion to reappoint Chief Paul Williams to the E-911 Advisory Board. Commissioner Bengsch gave the second. The vote resulted in 3 ayes in favor. Motion passed.
8. Reappoint Mr. Howard Fisk to the E-911 Advisory Board
Commissioner Cirtin made the motion to reappoint Mr. Howard Fisk to the E-911 Advisory Board. Commissioner Bengsch gave the second. The vote resulted in 3 ayes in favor. Motion passed. It was noted that this is Mr. Fisk’s second term on the E-911 Advisory Board.

9. County Administrator Report—Chris Coulter
 - *Chris reported that several people are out this week due to children being on spring break.*
 - *Jamestown update regarding plotting procedures.*
 - *CID with City of Rogersville Update.*
 - *HRAs set for Chris and the Commissioners this Wednesday.*
 - *Review of Pretrial applications update.*
 - *Jennifer McClure is scheduled to start April 6, 2016 as Director of Communication & Public Engagement.*

10. Budget Office Report—Tina Phillips
 - *Tina reports from the Budget Office that sales tax is up 8.5%.*
 - *Update on delinquent sewer bill letters that have been mailed in February. Payments are coming in.*
 - *Projections will begin in again in April with an update each month.*
 - *Update on Public Safety Grant and working on requirements to maintain compliance on grants.*
 - *Historic Courthouse information being submitted regarding the grant for the roof project. Outlined possible cost/funding of this project through a grant. The Commission will continue to be informed of possible costs that the grant would not cover.*
 - *Tina states the Budget Office will attend the Office of Emergency Management workshop on March 17.*

11. Highway Department Report—Rick Artman
 - *Written report presented to the Commission.*
 - *Rick highlighted the different department projects and maintenance items.*
 - *Salt update. Due to the lack of snow events over the winter, there should be a good supply for next season.*
 - *Update of clean-up projects at the shop.*
 - *Vehicle safety update.*
 - *Random drug test update.*
 - *Prices for liquid asphalt are down at this time. \$42.00 per ton.*

12. Emergency Management Report—Chet Hunter
 - *Chet presented the Commission with a written monthly report.*
 - *FEMA update. Chet states that FEMA had commented on the excellent facility at PSC. Chet gave the stats on people applying for FEMA assistance during the flooding event in December. 715 people applied with 577 receiving assistance.*
 - *Larry Woods attended as part of the response team to Flint, Michigan during the water contamination crisis.*
 - *The department is developing a local exercise planning program.*
 - *Two radios received through a grant.*
 - *OEM has assisted Walnut Grove with their emergency plan.*
 - *Media continues to grow at OEM.*

13. Resource Management Report—Kevin Barnes
 - *Update on Jennifer McClure's office space located in the Purchasing Department area.*
 - *Open bid for Cox Tower renovation will be on March 21.*
 - *Coffee Bar update for the Judicial Courthouse—plumbing is in and progress being made.*
 - *Circuit Clerk's office space project to begin on next month.*
 - *FR105 property closing is today with demo scheduled after.*
 - *Staffing and application update—interviews coming up.*
 - *EDEN software started last week following training. Update on the new system program and how it relates to Resource Management in the field.*

14. Building Regulations Division Report—Dave O'Dell
 - *Written report presented to the Commission noting 67 single family permits issued last month.*

15. Missouri Extension Center Report—David Burton

- *David presented the Commission with the University of Missouri newsletter.*
- *March 29 is the Agriculture Produce Conference.*
- *Business classes begin March 30 through November 30.*
- *Fundraisers have produced \$12,000 this month.*
- *Two extension members serve on the first response team during job loss events.*

Commissioner Bengsch commented on the Missouri Extension Annual meeting noting that the two young ladies that gave the program did an excellent job.

16. Planning and Zoning Division Report—Kent Morris

- *Kent Morris presented a written monthly report to the Commission.*
- *Collections are up—\$45,000 so far this year.*
- *Tom Kissee continues to develop subdivisions and is a long time developer in the area.*

- Old Business
- New Business

a. Request Rezoning, Planning Board Case Number PB 1902, James Robert Horton ETAL, TR, applicant.

Rezone request from A-1, Agriculture to RR-1, Rural Residence District at 267 S. FR 197, Springfield to allow it to be divided into 2 tracts. Board recommended in favor 7-0 to allow with conditions as stated.

Surveyor, Rick Wilson was present to answer any questions.

Commissioner Cirtin called for anyone to speak in favor or opposition to the request. None were present.

Commissioner Bengsch made the motion to approve the rezoning request with conditions. Commissioner Bentley gave the second. The vote resulted in 3 ayes in favor. Motion passed.

b. Request Rezoning, Planning Board Case Number PB 1903, James Skinner, applicant.

Rezone request from A-1, Agriculture to A-R, Agriculture Residence District at 12219 W. FR 194, Billings to allow the applicant to divide the tract into two 5 acre tracts. Board recommended in favor 7-0 to allow with conditions as stated.

Surveyor, Rick Wilson was present to answer any questions.

Commissioner Cirtin called for anyone to speak in favor or opposition to the request. None were present.

Commissioner Bengsch states this case received a lot of discussion at the hearing.

Commissioner Cirtin made the motion to approve the rezoning request with conditions. Commissioner Bentley gave the second. The vote resulted in 3 ayes in favor. Motion passed.

- Other Business—None

17. Public Comment—None

18. Other Business for Commission

Commissioner Cirtin:

- *Volunteer Initiative: “Team Green” at the information desk at the Historic Courthouse and the Judicial Courthouse facilities. The intern has been working on this project and is coming close to a draft stage—possibly next week. Discussion of a volunteer award.*
- *Discussion of an employee of the month. There would be criteria for nominations i.e. activities beyond regular duties with possible donations of an award.*