

## Joint City-County Planning Task Force

### Meeting Notes

August 21, 2013 – 8:00 am – Greene County Archives Election Center  
Meeting #3

#### Task Force Members present:

Greg Burris, Springfield City Manager  
Tim Smith, Greene County Administrator  
Fred Marty, Springfield Deputy City Manager  
Collin Quigley, Springfield Asst. City Manager  
Cindy Stein, Greene County Auditor  
Mary Mannix-Decker, City of Springfield Financial Director  
Martha Mundt, Greene County Budget Director  
Dan Patterson, Greene County Prosecutor  
Chief Paul Williams, Springfield Police Department  
Maj. Kevin Spaulding, Greene County Sheriff's Department

Tim Smith opened the meeting by referencing the previous meetings and presenting today's agenda to continue the County's discussion regarding the Law Enforcement Sales Tax 1 (LEST 1), followed by the City's information on their portion of this tax. Notes from the previous meetings (July 26, 2013 and August 7, 2013) were seconded and approved by the Task Force.

Dan Patterson discussed the Evaluation Criteria for Proposals, suggesting that the first step is to determine whether the proposal is a revenue source, an expenditure reduction, and/or a proposed collaboration. From there, each proposal would be broken down further to determine its effect, impact, and where it falls within the statutes. Mr. Smith called for approval to use the Evaluation Criteria for Proposal as a format; it was seconded and approved by the Task Force. Mr. Burris reminded the group the cutoff for citizens' suggestions is 5pm, August 21, 2013. Cora Scott, City Public Information Officer, stated there were approximately 18 suggestions submitted so far.

Mr. Smith reviewed slides from the previous meeting that covered the cost and capacity to operate the jail, including inmate population, housing costs and state paybacks based upon the category of inmate. Mr. Patterson defined the different categories of inmates in regard to federal versus state or municipal, and the different levels of crime. Ms. Alia Stowers, with Greene County PreTrial, explained the use of electronic monitors, including the costs and savings involved with this program.

Mary Mannix-Decker presented the City's LEST 1 PowerPoint "Commitment to Public Safety," in which she covered staffing provided by this tax, as well as the revenue stream and its subsidy by the general fund. The percentage of funding is broken down by the most recent decennial census. The 2010 census resulted in a decrease of LEST 1 funding to the City and an increase to the County. The percent of the City's General Fund budget dedicated to Public Safety has increased from 54% in 2008 to 60% in 2014.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Patterson explained funding and budget for LEST 2, by the voters in April, 2012. LEST 2 provides additional staffing for the jail, Sheriff's Department, Prosecutor's Office, Juvenile, Pre-trial, and Courts. Not all positions have been filled. A budgeting team created a five to six year plan with the intent for this fund to be self-sufficient and fully maintained. Mr. Patterson stressed that LEST 2 was not

a complete fix for funding but stretched the 1/8-cent as far as possible. Currently the number one priority is personnel.

Mr. Smith discussed the plans for Greene County's November election. On Monday, August 19, 2013, County Commissioners agreed to place a Use Tax on the November 5<sup>th</sup> ballot. It is estimated to generate approximately \$3million annually for the County's General Revenue fund.

Next, Mr. Burris presented the Proposal to Develop Public Safety "Solution Scenarios" in response to the City's and County's funding shortfalls and concerns about the increasing crime rate. He proposed this Task Force take the lead in the development of three scenarios: 1) keeping the status quo, 2) continue to address major crime but maintain status quo on minor crime, and 3) fully address all criminal activity. After discussion by the Task Force, it was decided to wait until after reviewing the citizens' suggestions to see where the group stood in regard to timeframe. In the meantime, the group will begin reviewing the Safety and Justice Roundtable reports.

The next meeting will be hosted by the City of Springfield; date and time to be announced.