

Joint City-County Planning Task Force

Meeting Notes – Approved December 4, 2013

November 13, 2013 – Greene County Archives and Election Center, 1126 Boonville Ave.

Meeting #7

Task Force Members present:

Greg Burris, Springfield City Manager
Tim Smith, Greene County Administrator
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
Sheriff Jim Arnott, Greene County Sheriff's Department
Chief David Hall, Springfield Fire Department
Jerry Moyer, Greene County Court Administrator

The meeting began at approximately 8:00am with a welcome from Tim Smith, Greene County Administrator. Mr. Smith asked the members to review the notes from the October 10, 2013 meeting and asked if there were any comments or changes. He noted that Jerry Moyer, Greene County Court Administrator, was present at the meeting but not listed with the members. The correction was noted. The meeting notes were seconded and approved.

Mr. Smith distributed a list of topics which were covered at the previous Task Force meetings. This list included upcoming topics, as well as topics that require additional attention. Despite being behind schedule, Mr. Smith suggested that the Task Force members continue to focus on the Safety & Justice Roundtable Report and to keep in mind that funding is still a primary focal point. Greg Burris, Springfield City Manager, stated that a joint memo requesting an extension of the Task Force would be sent to the Mayor and Presiding Commissioner. The memo will request the completion date be left open ended.

Mr. Smith discussed the failure of the County Use Tax proposal. While passing in some precincts within the City, it strongly failed in the County. It appears that the word "tax", confusion over how the Use Tax functions and the overall negative climate towards government played a large role in its failure. Mr. Smith stated that the County would continue to increase public understanding of the County's financial needs and let the public know that their voice had been heard with the outcome of the election.

Mr. Smith distributed the draft of the Safety & Justice Roundtable Four-Year Update Report. He welcomed comments on the areas highlighted in yellow and requested additional information from Task Force members. In particular, he asked that the Juvenile Office, Sheriff Arnott, Chief Williams, Chief Hall, Dan Patterson, Jerry Moyer, and Collin Quigley provide specific details for the report. Mr. Burris suggested including a one page dashboard-type summary to focus on the prominent problems detailed in the report. A deadline of Friday, November 22, was established for submitted requested information.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25am. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 10:30am at the Greene County Archives and Election Center.