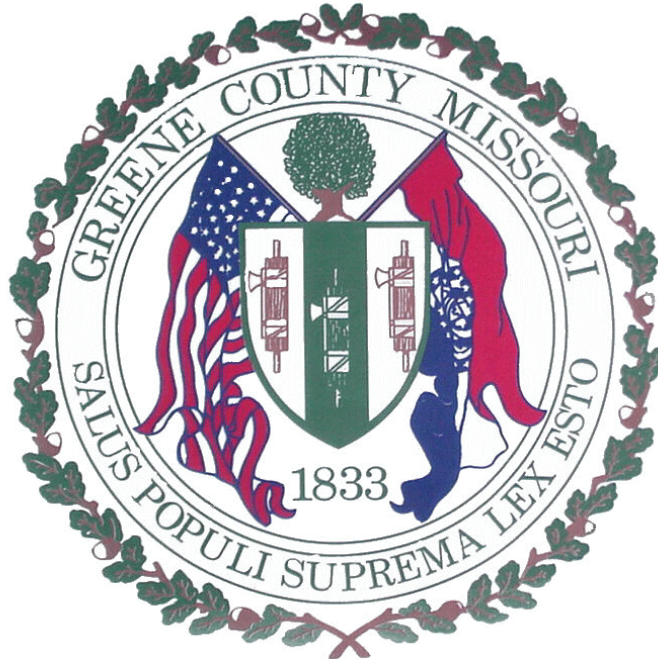


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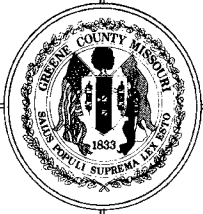
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Fierce, Isakowitz, & Blalock
Samantha Poole
600 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Samantha,

This is in reference to the federal funding priorities for Greene County in the 2006 appropriations budget concerning a regional crime lab in southwest Missouri. This project will be a renovation project of an existing building. This project will be a cooperative venture with the State of Missouri, Greene County, and the City of Springfield.

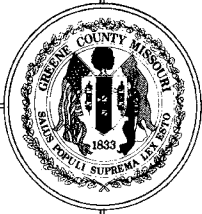
The building, located in Jordan Valley Park in downtown Springfield, has been purchased by the City of Springfield. We are seeking federal assistance for the renovation of the building. The renovation will create the much needed lab space along with office spaces. This crime lab will serve the State of Missouri by eliminating a backlog of cases at the main state crime lab. The delays at the State of Missouri's lab are completely unacceptable; currently the delays for good samples for rapes, assaults and ballistics can take from 8-12 months. Meanwhile, the actual perpetrator of these heinous crimes against people could still be out on the street for that length of time.

Greene County is seeking funding for the crime lab renovation in the amount of \$3 million. We will also need to have the building equipped, at a cost of \$2 million. The City of Springfield will be making this request for equipment.

The consideration of these three projects in Greene County would be appreciated. Should you have any questions, give me a call at 417-868-4892.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Reinold
Greene County Budget Officer



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Dear Samantha,

This is in reference to the federal funding priorities for Greene County in the 2006 appropriations budget concerning the Historic Courthouse renovation project. We are seeking federal assistance for the renovation of the Historic Courthouse that is nearly 100 years old. The goal of the renovation is to maintain the aesthetic integrity of this beautiful courthouse while also allowing for the modernization of the office spaces.

The overall structure of the courthouse is excellent, what is lacking are the necessary updates to the aesthetics of the building. For example, when the building was first constructed there was a very heavy parapet on the roof (an artist rendering is included in the packet). The original parapet placed undue stress on the building and was removed for the protection of the building. With technological advances in the building industry we are now able to replace the parapet with a new lightweight parapet that will restore the external integrity of the building. There are other external items that will also be addressed should funding be made available.

Internally the structure is excellent; with federal funding we would address items such as a new elevator, restoring terrazzo floors, paint and carpet. The largest challenges we need to address is to modernize the offices all the while maintaining the integrity of the historic courthouse. This will require careful attention to detail to make the offices as functionally efficient as possible without being too modern for the courthouse.

The total cost for the renovation is estimated to be \$2 million, Greene County understands there will be a matching requirement to these funds and is willing to match the money that is received. The consideration of these three projects in Greene County would be appreciated. Should you have any questions, give me a call at 417-868-4892.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Reinold
Greene County Budget Officer

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February 25, 2005

Hon. David L. Coonrod, Presiding Commissioner
Hon. Harold Bengsch, Commissioner, District 1
Hon. Roseann Bentley, Commissioner, District 2
Greene County Commission
Springfield, MO 65802

RE: A Pressing Need of the Criminal Justice System in Greene County

Dear Presiding Commissioner and Commissioners:

I am very pleased to send this letter in support of your efforts to help address a critical need of the criminal justice system in this county: a full service regional crime laboratory here in Springfield operated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol. This remains an urgent priority, not just for cases in Greene County. All prosecutors' offices and counties would benefit from a second full service Missouri State Highway Patrol Laboratory.

As you know, law enforcement in this area must send evidence needing forensic testing that falls in the following areas to the Missouri State Highway Patrol Laboratory in Jefferson City: DNA, firearms, hairs/fibers/other trace evidence, rape kits, toxicology and evidence collected in arson investigations. We do have a highway patrol satellite lab here, but it only serves to test suspected controlled substances (e.g., marihuana, methamphetamine, cocaine).

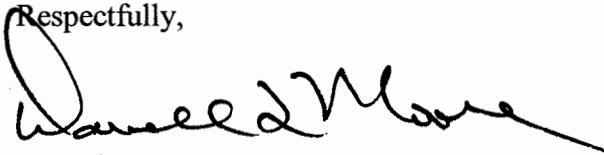
There is a significant time delay in getting cases processed in a timely manner for items sent to the main lab in Jefferson City. The average delay is approximately eight months, with longer delays in many cases. This is unacceptable. For us to have to wait eight months or more to receive the results of the testing of a rape kit (DNA, hairs, etc), before being able to make a filing decision is frustrating not only to us, but to the victim, victims' families and law enforcement. Part of the problem is that the MSHP lab in Jefferson City is responsible for processing evidence from not only the highway patrol, but also for the vast majority of counties in the state. The lab is simply understaffed and underpaid. MSHP lab officials support the need for establishing a second MSHP full service lab here in Springfield.

On July 26, 2004, Sheriff Merritt, representatives of the Springfield Police Department, MSHP Lab, DEA, U.S. Attorneys Office and I had the opportunity to brief Congressman Blunt about the need for a full service lab here to help combat the methamphetamine problem and provide for Homeland security. A copy of my presentation on that issue is attached. There may be the possibility of federal funding to establish a crime lab [i.e.,

funds to buy the equipment, rehab a downtown building for lab use, cover first year operating expenses and perhaps first year salary of lab personnel]in Springfield. If this occurs, the state would need to pick up the personnel and operating expenses in year two of operation.

I appreciate your efforts to seek and secure funding to address this pressing issue of the justice system. The citizens of this county deserve better, and for there to be true swift and certain justice, we need a crime lab. I am committed to working with you and all other interested parties in trying to address these need.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darrell L. Moore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "M".

Darrell L. Moore
Prosecuting Attorney

attachment (1)

**THE NEED FOR A FULL SERVICE CRIME LAB TO COMBAT
METHAMPHETAMINE/OTHER DRUG PROBLEMS AND ENHANCE
HOMELAND SECURITY IN MISSOURI¹**

A PRESENTATION TO THE HON. ROY BLUNT, JULY 26, 2004.

I. Delays in lab results impact effectiveness of meth and meth lab seizures and arrests.

- A. A key concept in effectively combating crime is swift and certain justice.
- B. There is currently nothing very swift and certain about prosecuting and punishing meth cooks, career drug offenders or other violent and dangerous criminals:
 - 1. 6 month or more delay in testing seized substances (Prosecutor cannot file cases without a lab report confirming that seized substances are indeed illegal controlled substance).
 - 2. 8-10 months for a rape kit to be processed.
 - 3. 8-10 months for blood work.
 - 4. 6 months for gunshot residue tests
 - MSHP lab has only one machine to perform such tests
 - State currently does not have funds to add a machine
 - 5. Delays in re-examining cold cases using new DNA technologies.

These delays are attributable to a dramatically increased case load generated by law enforcement, especially in the area of meth/meth labs/other drugs. The majority of these cases go to the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Lab system, which receives evidence from virtually every law enforcement agency in the state. Approximately 75% of the cases worked at the Patrol lab are from local and county agencies, and they provide these forensic science services at no charge. Virtually no crime is solved without the assistance of forensic science. Any incident that is investigated by law enforcement agencies will directly impact the Patrol crime lab, as it is the destination for much of this evidence. (For example, during the anthrax attacks of 2001, residents of Missouri received many letters and packages with "white powder" inside. These letters were sent to the state health lab to screen for the presence of anthrax. All were found to be negative. What few people know is that these letters were then delivered by various law enforcement agencies to the Patrol Crime Lab for examinations in the areas of DNA, fingerprints, and trace evidence in an attempt to determine the identity of the sender.)

II. Missouri is not prepared to handle a major natural or man made (i.e., terrorist) event requiring the assistance of forensic science.

The Crime Lab works behind the scenes to support law enforcement and homeland security. In the event of a mass disaster, it would be unprepared to provide the necessary support. (When

¹Prepared by Darrell Moore, Greene County Prosecuting Attorney, with assistance and material from the Bill Marbaker, MSHP Lab.

Governor Mel Carnahan's airplane crashed, the Patrol lab had to perform the unfortunate task of identifying the remains of the Governor, his son, and his aide through DNA analysis. The identification of these three victims required around the clock work of the entire DNA section for a week. Imagine the situation if an event like the World Trade Center catastrophe occurred in our home state.) **The Missouri State Highway Patrol feels that the role of the Patrol Crime Lab in homeland security is well defined and is vital to the goals of state and federal emergency response agencies. An investment in the state crime lab will have immediate benefits for all citizens of Missouri in addition to preparing us to respond to any future terrorist incident or catastrophic event.**

A full service crime laboratory located in Springfield would bring an added benefit of providing some much needed "backup" for law enforcement in the event a natural or man made tragedy would befall the laboratory in Jefferson City, thereby playing an important role in the State's "continuity of government" plan.

III. Estimated costs to establish a full service crime lab in Springfield.

*Annual operating expenses	\$ 800,000
*20 lab employees (annual salary/benefits)	1,230,000
*<u>Equipment (initial cost for setup of lab)</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>
TOTAL	4,030,000

[After initial set up, looking at ongoing personnel, operating expenses of \$2,030,000].

Building cost²: \$ 5.2 million for 19,000 square feet.

²Based on estimates to include lab as part of SMSU's Ozarks Public Health Institute.

FY04 Appropriations Project Datasheet

Project Name:	Greene County Crime Lab		
Exact Funding Recipient:		Location:	Springfield
Principal Contact:	Jeff Reinold, Greene County Budget Officer, 417-868-4892, jreinold@greencountymo.org	County:	Greene
		Total Project Cost:	\$3,000,000
		Federal Share:	\$3,000,000
		Local Match:	
		Prev. Funding: (Source of funding)	
Approps Bill:		Out-year cost:	
Specific Program/ Initiative Category:		D.O. Contact:	
Projected Comp. Date:		D.C. Contact:	
Purpose: Create regional crime lab in Southwest Missouri.			
Job Creation Impact:			
Rationale Benefits: The current backlog of testing in the State Lab in Jeff City is causing delays in the adjudication process of up to one year. The regional lab of Southwest Missouri is crucial to the law enforcement community.			
Project Details: The City of Springfield and Greene County are working jointly on this project. The City has acquired the building and we are looking to renovate the facility into a State of Missouri Regional Crime Lab. This will be a full service crime lab that will benefit all of southwest Missouri and the whole State by reducing the wait time for lab reports.			
Current Project Status (Indicate if local match is required and will money be available): Building is acquired. Local matching funds will be available.			
Support: City, County, State			
Opposition:			
Ltr of Support:		Announcement:	
Thank You Ltr:		Follow-up Op:	
Press Release:		Event Participants:	
Additional Notes:			

FY04 Appropriations Project Datasheet

Project Name:	Historic Courthouse Renovation		
Exact Funding Recipient:	Greene County	Location:	Springfield
Principal Contact:	Jeff Reinold, Greene County Budget Officer, 417-868-4892, jreinold@greencountymo.org	County:	Greene
		Total Project Cost:	\$2,000,000
		Federal Share:	\$1,000,000
		Local Match:	\$1,000,000
		Prev. Funding (Source of funding)	
Approps Bill:		Out-year cost:	
Specific Program/ Initiative Category:		D.O. Contact:	
Projected Comp. Date:		D.C. Contact:	
Purpose: Renovate the interior and exterior of the Historic Courthouse.			
Job Creation Impact:			
Rationale Benefits: The courthouse is a very functional, nearly 100 year old building that is in desperate need of modernization while maintaining the historic aspect of the building.			
Project Details: The courthouse needs interior work done, from carpeting to lighting to refurbishing the old terazzo floors. The exterior includes a restoration of the parapet on the top of the building that had to be removed because of the weight of the concrete, now a light-weight concrete is available to restore the original look of the building.			
Current Project Status (Indicate if local match is required and will money be available): Local match will be available, some of the work has already begun. The more critical items, like the elevator, have had to be started. The elevator was not functioning properly and needed to be replaced, so we were accessible to the public.			
Support:			
Opposition: NONE			
Ltr of Support:		Announcement:	
Thank You Ltr:		Follow-up Op:	
Press Release:		Event Participants:	
Additional Notes:			