

Dear Greene County Citizens:

In 2008 while participating in the Greene County Leadership Class I began to consider running for county Mayor. Over time my wife, Louise, and I began to pray about the possibility. In 2014, after much prayer, we felt at peace that this was the right time for me to run for County Mayor. I want to thank the citizens of Greene County for allowing me the privilege to serve as your Mayor. As we began, several months ago, praying about whether or not I should run for a second term that answer became very clear to us. I will not be seeking a second term as County Mayor. Many of you have been asking and encouraging me to seek another term and I am grateful for your support. I am not sure where the next chapter in my working career will lead but we are very much at peace with this decision and anticipate the future by trusting in the Lord.

During my time as Mayor there were many challenges and difficult decisions that had to be made. I have tried to make each decision prayerfully and with the consideration of what would be in the best interest of Greene County. I feel confident in knowing that when I leave office that I can say that I did my best.

I would like to take the time to recap some areas of progress that were made during my term as County Mayor. There are many others who have also been instrumental in helping to move our County forward to include my Staff, the County Commission, other Elected Officials and various community individuals who have served on various committees. The hiring of a Human Resources Director is helping us to move forward related to compliance with the Americans with Disability Act/ADA and she is developing a Drug Free Workplace Policy and moving toward improving OSHA and improving safety within the workplace. The hiring of key leadership positions to include the Budget & Finance Director; EMS Director, Solid Waste Director, Animal Control Director and Maintenance Supervisor.

The following is a sample of the many opportunities and areas of progress that developed during my tenure as Mayor to include:

- A monthly radio broadcast to inform our citizens of action taken at monthly Commission Meetings and other activities in our County.
- Appointed a new audit committee consisting of three members of our community; two of which are certified public accountants and the third who has a Bachelor and Master's Degree from Tusculum College and happens to be the first female to serve on the audit committee.
- Appointed more diverse boards. Appointed all new members to four of the County Water Commission Districts including two female Commissioners for the first time in

Greene County. One advised me that when she went to the region training she was the only female Water Commissioner in attendance.

- Worked with Budget Committee and County commission in refinancing bond debt that will save over \$2 million dollars with no additional time on the bond for payment
- Worked with Insurance Committee to negotiate with the provider for Employees Health Clinic that resulted in a reduced costs and contracting with local health care providers of Takoma Regional Hospital and Corley's Pharmacy.
- Worked with the Insurance committee to bid a change in our insurance broker that lowered our employee insurance rates and held cost down to county tax payers.
- Applied for and received HOME Grant in the amount up to \$500,000 to provide housing rehabilitation for low income person(s) at no cost to the county.
- Developed capital projects fund to implement funding for long-term projects which funded replacing the roof at the county Courthouse in 2017 that had been leaking for over 20 year.
- Worked with the Animal Control Committee to implement a \$1 fee on dog/cat rabies vaccinations to be set aside for capital projects to help fund the purchase of vehicles and long-term projects at Animal Control.
- Worked with Greene County Sports Council to recruit the NCAA Junior College DIII World Series in 2017 with an anticipated multi-year contract.
- Worked with Economic Development to apply for and received Fast Track funding of \$300,000 to assist Worthington Industries and \$1,500,000 for Forward Air to expand and keep jobs in Greene County.
- Personally continued my education/training with County Technical Assistance Service/CTAS by taking classes and became a Certified Public Administrator.
- I have paid for my own travel, use my own personal car, do not turn in for mileage reimbursement, pay for my cell phone, and other expenses amounting to over \$22,500 savings to the County since I took office in 2014.

Greene County Citizens thank you for allowing me the blessing to serve as your County Mayor for four years ending August 31, 2018. During this time I have grown tremendously personally and professionally. As a citizen of Greene County I urge all those who will be voting for our next County Mayor to vote for the person who has a progressive vision and one who is committed to always doing what is in the best interest for the future of all citizens of Greene County. You can be assured that I will continue to strive to do my very best until my last day in office as your County Mayor. Thank you again for the privilege and the honor to serve.

I will continue to pray that God continues to bless the citizens of our beautiful county.

