



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **Greene County offices and courts closing due to inclement weather**

*SPRINGFIELD, Mo.* – All Greene County offices, departments, and 31<sup>st</sup> judicial circuit courts will be closed Thursday, Dec. 22 and Friday, Dec. 23 due to forecasted winter weather.

The National Weather Service is predicting liquid precipitation to begin at 3:00 a.m. on Thursday, followed by snow and flash freezing later that morning. Winds could gust to 35-45 m.p.h. in the county and wind chills are forecasted to be below zero.

The Greene County Commission took into consideration the hazardous driving conditions and severe cold temperatures both county employees and citizens would experience while coming into county offices.

“This decision was not made lightly as citizens routinely need to access our properties to conduct business or seek justice, but we must consider the safety of employees and all those accessing the buildings,” said Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon. “Please put your own safety first and that of your family and loved ones.”

The Greene County Highway Dept. is planning to pretreat roads early Thursday morning, but surfaces may not melt quickly due to cold temperatures. County vehicles will also plow roads when the snow begins to accumulate.

Strong wind conditions could lead to snow drift, especially in the western part of the county. The Highway Dept. will continue to monitor reports from the Sheriff’s Office, county employees, and citizens.

The closure will also affect citizens wanting to pay their 2022 personal property and real estate taxes **in-person** at the Greene County Collector’s Office.

However, “you can view your statement and/or pay your 2022 tax bill online at [www.CountyCollector.com](http://www.CountyCollector.com). The Collector’s website has a step-by-step video to assist you if you would like to pay your taxes online. If you have questions or need assistance, please send an email to [Collectorhelp@greencountymo.gov](mailto:Collectorhelp@greencountymo.gov),” said Allen Icet, Greene County Collector of Revenue.

Taxpayers will still have four more days to pay in-person, starting Tuesday, Dec. 27, with the last day being Friday, Dec. 30. The deadline to avoid penalty and interest is Dec. 31.

Greene County offices will additionally be closed Monday, Dec. 26, in observance of the Christmas holiday. All offices, departments, and 31<sup>st</sup> judicial circuit courts will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

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*Greene County is the State of Missouri’s fourth most populous county, serving approximately 295,000 people. Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.*

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