

County of **GREENE** State of Missouri

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June 20, 2008

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Dear County Commissioners:

As a follow up to the May 28th tour of the crime lab we are sending you the attached information showing how the Crime Lab funding would be broken down by population over the ten-county area comprised of Barry, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Lawrence, Polk, Stone, Taney and Webster Counties. (The population breakdown formula also includes the 8 largest cities outside Springfield in the ten-county area).

Where cities are listed, the population shown for the county in which they are located is for the area of the county not including the listed cities. For example, Christian County's total population according to the 2000 census would be obtained by adding the population shown for the county (32,496) plus the populations of Nixa and Ozark (12,124 and 9,665 respectively) for a total county population of 54,285. Where there are no cities in a county listed, such as for Barry County, the population listed is for the total county (34,010).

The entire \$6.1 million construction cost is broken down as follows:

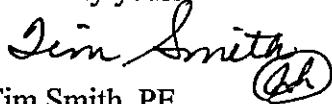
State of Missouri 2007 and 2008 appropriations	\$1,900,000	31.1%
City of Springfield	\$2,850,000	46.7%
Greene County	\$ 810,000	13.3%
Other cities and counties in the 10-county region	\$ 540,000	8.9%
Total	\$6,100,000	100%

The State funding comes from appropriations by the legislature of \$400,000 in 2007 and of \$1,500,000 in 2008. Funding by the City of Springfield includes \$1.5 million from their level property tax and their half of the \$2.7 million loan obtained from a consortium of local banks. Greene County's portion is 60% of the remaining half of the \$2.7 million loan. The funding we are seeking from other cities and counties comprises 40% of the remaining half of the \$2.7 million loan. The City of Springfield and Greene County are sharing the interest cost on the \$2.7 million loan. The figures shown above are for principal only.

In addition to the construction cost of the facility, the State of Missouri has agreed to pay the salaries of staff needed to operate the facility. Equipment for the facility will be purchased with federal funds obtained through the efforts of Congressman Blunt.

I hope this information is helpful as you consider your city or county's contribution. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 417-868-4015 or by e-mail at tsmith@greencountymo.org. Thank you for your interest in this vital project. With your help we will make this a truly remarkable regional partnership and ensure more timely justice for all of our citizens.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Smith". To the right of the signature is a circular stamp containing the initials "TS".

Tim Smith, PE
Greene County Administrator

cc: Greene County Commission

Southwest Missouri Crime Lab Coalition

June 20, 2008

This chart contains no interest costs.

Counties less Municipalities	2000 Census	July 2006 Estimate	2006 % of Pop	10 Yr Amt	Per Year
Barry County	34,010	36,000	11.3%	61,036	6,104
Christian County	32,496	36,017	11.3%	61,064	6,106
Nixa	12,124	17,391	5.5%	29,485	2,949
Ozark	9,665	16,354	5.1%	27,727	2,773
Dade County	7,923	7,603	2.4%	12,890	1,289
Dallas County	12,880	13,338	4.2%	22,614	2,261
Buffalo	2,781	3,112	1.0%	5,276	528
Greene County			43.8%	810,000	81,000
Republic	8,438	11,354	3.6%	19,250	1,925
Lawrence County	31,188	32,730	10.3%	55,491	5,549
Mount Vernon	4,017	4,449	1.4%	7,543	754
Polk County	17,849	19,135	6.0%	32,442	3,244
Bolivar	9,143	10,563	3.3%	17,909	1,791
Stone County	28,658	31,206	9.8%	52,908	5,291
Taney County	33,653	36,778	11.5%	62,355	6,235
Branson	6,050	7,435	2.3%	12,606	1,261
Webster County	25,325	28,051	8.8%	47,559	4,756
Marshfield	5,720	6,987	2.2%	11,846	1,185
Total County Population	281,920	318,503	100%	1,350,000	135,000



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Dear Commissioners:

The Greene County Commissioners wish to express our sincere thanks to you for accepting our invitation to tour the future Missouri Highway Patrol Regional Crime Lab and share lunch with us last week. We know your schedules are busy and that driving to Springfield takes time. Your attendance illustrates our region's interest in the Crime Lab's completion.

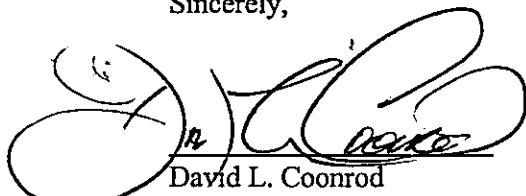
As many people acknowledged at the lunch meeting, the Crime Lab will be a tremendous asset to law enforcement and criminal justice in southwest Missouri—especially the 30-60-day turn around the Missouri Highway Patrol is anticipating for most evidence. We are humbled and honored by your words of encouragement, as well as your support, for our proposal to help fund construction of this facility. We know each of you appreciates the value of reaching out and forming partnerships within your respective communities. It is indeed gratifying for us to know that spirit of collaboration extends far beyond city limits or county lines.

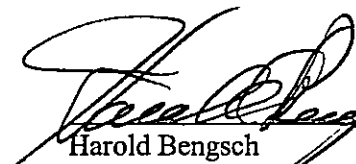
Again, the figures discussed at the meeting were only preliminary numbers. Greene County looks forward to having more detailed conversations about various levels of support your county may offer to this important project. We will provide you with more details of this proposal shortly.

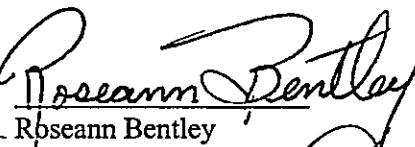
We know that not everyone from your jurisdiction was able to attend last week, and we are planning another tour for the afternoon of June 26. We'll be inviting Sheriffs, Police Chiefs, and Prosecutors from the area, though city administrators and county commissioners are welcome to attend. The City of Springfield Public Information Office also shot a video of last week's tour. You may watch it at www.springfieldmo.gov/cityconnect (scroll down the page to find it).

Thanks again for your interest and words of support. We will be in contact with you again very soon. Until then, if you or your staff members have any questions about the Crime Lab, don't hesitate to call our office at 417-868-4112.

Sincerely,


David L. Coonrod
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Roseann Bentley
Commissioner District 2

FUNDING SUMMARY FOR REGIONAL CRIME LAB

August 2008

Funding Partner	Amount	Source	Total Amount	Percent of Total
STATE OF MISSOURI*				
	\$ 400,000	2007 Appropriation		
	\$1,500,000	2008 Appropriation	\$1,900,000	31.1%
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD	\$1,500,000	Level Property Tax		
	\$1,350,000	Bank Consortium Loan	\$2,850,000	46.7%
GREENE COUNTY	\$ 810,000	60% of Remaining Amount	\$ 810,000	13.3%
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August 27, 2008

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RE: Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Lab

As you may have heard from the Greene County Commission or through the news media, our community is seeking assistance from area cities and counties to fund a portion of the new Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Laboratory in downtown in Springfield. We think this is a good idea because the Crime Lab will be of great benefit to all cities and counties in our area. Following our meeting on May 25th, several communities have voiced their support for this project and their intention to provide financial assistance.

We have been asked, "Why would we participate when we get a free ride anyway?" As mentioned above, the simplest answer is that having a regional crime lab will benefit all of us. While the crime lab has been needed badly for years, its cost would be out of reach for any of us individually. By combining our resources we can all have its benefits. As we noted in our letter of May 12th, because the lab will be located here in our area, it will provide more immediate accessibility. This will allow investigators and crime lab experts to directly share information about valuable pieces of evidence. All this will greatly enhance and expedite on-going, as well as future investigations, helping bring more timely justice for both the victims and the accused.

However, from comments we have received both directly and indirectly, there appears to be several misconceptions about what we are trying to do. We are writing in hopes of clearing up any rumors or misunderstandings. Our request for funding assistance is predicated on the following:

- Any participation on your community's part is strictly voluntary.
- The services provided to your community will in no way be tied to whether you contribute, or how much you contribute.
- Contributing communities will not be given priority in service. Priority will be determined by law enforcement professionals in the same manner that it is now.

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Southwest Missouri Crime Lab Coalition

as proposed by Greene County

Last updated, 9/4/2008

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<u>Municipality</u>	<u>July 2006 Estimate</u>	<u>2006 % of County Pop</u>	<u>% of Total Population</u>	<u>10 Yr Amt</u>	<u>Per Year</u>
BARRY COUNTY	36,404	100%	10.8%	58,286	5,829
Arrow Point	145	0.4%			
Barry County-Unincorporated	22,089	60.7%			
Butterfield	423	1.2%			
Cassville	3,250	8.9%			
Chain-O-Lakes	131	0.4%			
Emerald Beach	285	0.8%			
Exeter	755	2.1%			
Monett	6,015	16.5%			
Purdy	1,167	3.2%			
Seligman	920	2.5%			
Washburn	477	1.3%			
Wheaton	747	2.1%			
CHRISTIAN COUNTY	70,514	100%	20.9%	112,899	11,290
Billings	1,127	1.6%			
Christian County-Unincorporated	31,589	44.8%			
Clever	1,281	1.8%			
Fremont Hills	617	0.9%			
Highlandville	922	1.3%			
Nixa	17,391	24.7%			
Ozark	16,354	23.2%			
Saddlebrooke	23	0.0%			
Sparta	1,210	1.7%			
DADE COUNTY	7,804	100%	2.3%	12,495	1,249
Arcola	45	0.6%			
Dade County-Unincorporated	4,826	61.8%			
Dadeville	223	2.9%			
Everton	321	4.1%			
Greenfield	1,296	16.6%			
Lockwood	958	12.3%			
South Greenfield	135	1.7%			
DALLAS COUNTY	16,696	100%	5.0%	26,732	2,673
Buffalo	3,112	18.6%			
Dallas County-Unincorporated	12,997	77.8%			
Louisburg	155	0.9%			
Urbana	432	2.6%			
GREENE COUNTY(County)	79,595	100%	20.9%	810,000	81,000
GREENE COUNTY(all other)	24,394	100%	7.2%	39,057	3,906
Ash Grove	1,492	6.1%			
Battlefield	3,870	15.9%			
Brookline village	367	1.5%			
Fair Grove	1,302	5.3%			
Republic	11,354	46.5%			
Rogersville #1	55	0.2%			
Strafford	2,014	8.3%			
Walnut Grove	642	2.6%			
Willard	3,298	13.5%			

LAWRENCE COUNTY	37,400	100%	12.1%	65,345	6,535
Aurora	7,377	19.7%			
Freistatt	194	0.5%			
Halltown	200	0.5%			
Hoberg	63	0.2%			
Lawrence County-Unincorporated	17,004	45.5%			
Marionville	2,170	5.8%			
Miller	795	2.1%			
Monett	2,711	7.2%			
Mount Vernon	4,449	11.9%			
Pierce City	1,447	3.9%			
Stotts City	265	0.7%			
Verona	725	1.9%			
POLK COUNTY	29,596	100%	9.6%	51,710	5,171
Aldrich	80	0.3%			
Bolivar	10,563	35.7%			
Fair Play	447	1.5%			
Flemington	132	0.4%			
Goodnight	16	0.1%			
Halfway	188	0.6%			
Humansville	1,001	3.4%			
Morrisville	368	1.2%			
Pleasant Hope	585	2.0%			
Polk County-Unincorporated	16,216	54.8%			
STONE COUNTY	6,981	100%	2.3%	12,197	1,220
Blue Eye	129	0.3%			
Branson #2 (Stone)	2	0.0%			
Branson West	408	0.9%			
Coney Island	100	0.2%			
Crane	1439	3.3%			
Galena	524	1.2%			
Hurley	159	0.4%			
Indian Point	668	1.5%			
Kimberling City	2540	5.8%			
McCord Bend	314	0.7%			
Reeds Spring	698	1.6%			
Stone County-Unincorporated		0.0%			
TANEY COUNTY	43,770	100%	14.2%	76,475	7,647
Bradleyville	82	0.2%			
Branson	7,433	17.0%			
Bull Creek	224	0.5%			
Forsyth	1,701	3.9%			
Hollister	3,796	8.7%			
Kirbyville	140	0.3%			
Merriam Woods	1,195	2.7%			
Rockaway Beach	583	1.3%			
Taney County-Unincorporated	28,241	64.5%			
Taneyville	375	0.9%			
WEBSTER COUNTY	35,507	100.0%	11.5%	62,038	6,204
Diggins	337	0.9%			
Fordland	755	2.1%			
Marshfield	6,987	19.7%			
Niangua	490	1.4%			
Rogersville #2	2,426	6.8%			
Seymour	2,004	5.6%			
Webster County-Unincorporated	22,508	63.4%			
GRAND TOTAL	309,066		100.0%	1,350,000	133,780

If Greene County paid 20.9% their allocation would be \$282,150, however Greene County proposing to pay 60% of the cost or \$810,000.



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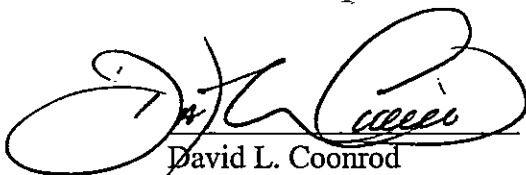
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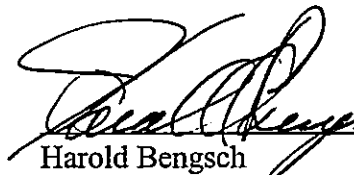
RE: Correction to Funding Spreadsheet for Southwest Missouri Crime Laboratory Coalition


The Greene County Commission has already received positive feedback from our letter of August 29 regarding a southwest Missouri coalition of counties and municipalities working together to fund construction of the crime laboratory. We appreciate the commitments made.

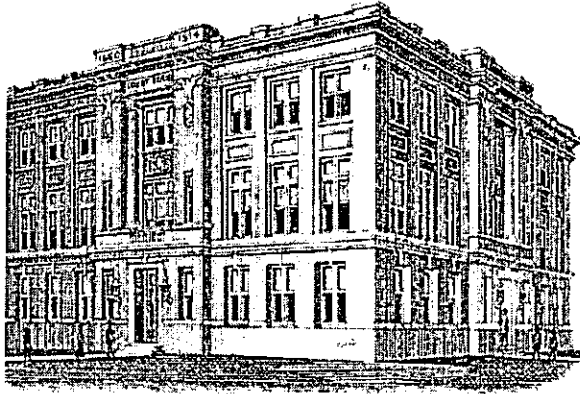
However, it has been brought to our attention that when a correction was made to the coalition list, the percentage numbers were not recalculated. The error has been corrected and a revised spreadsheet is enclosed. For most of the coalition this means the suggested contribution has been reduced.

Thank you for working with us on this important project. We are excited about the dynamic results our collaboration will produce for the progress of our region, and for the benefit of the citizens of southwest Missouri.


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To: Nixa City Mayor-Brian Bingle

From: John Grubaugh-Presiding Commissioner

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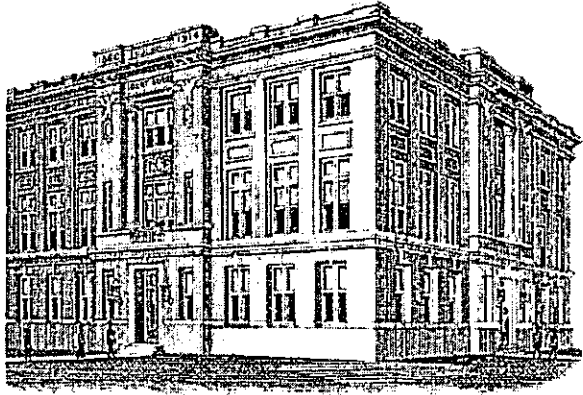
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To: Highlandville City Administrator

From: John Grubaugh-Presiding Commissioner

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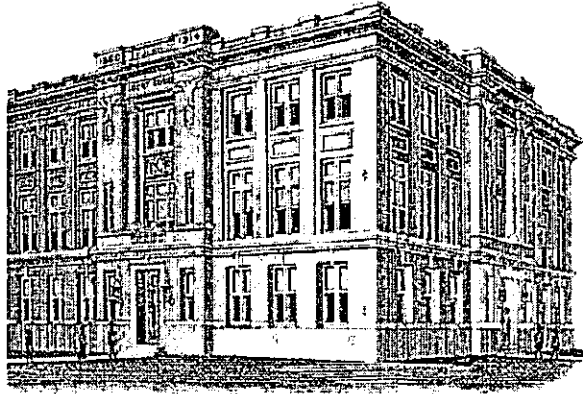
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From: John Grubaugh-Presiding Commissioner

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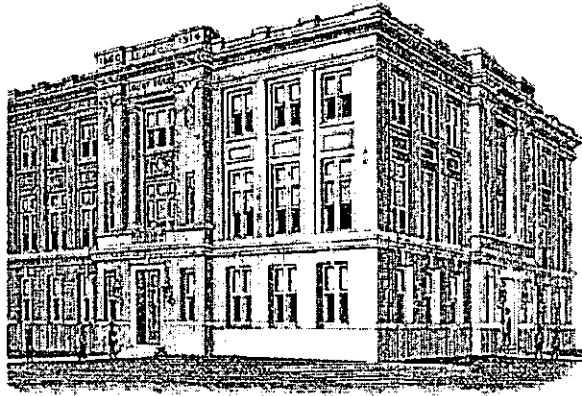
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To: Billings City Administrator

From: John Grubaugh-Presiding Commissioner

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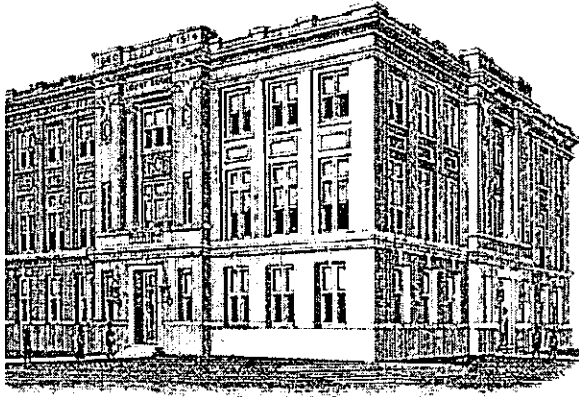
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From: John Grubaugh-Presiding Commissioner

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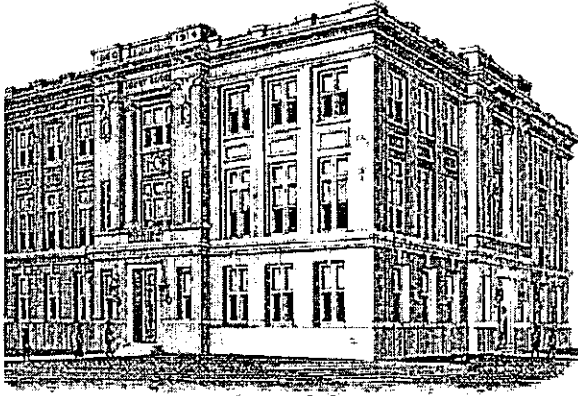
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To: Ozark City Mayor Don Watts

From: John Grubaugh-Presiding Commissioner

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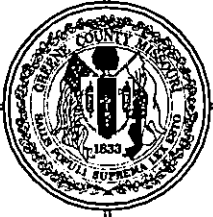
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COUNTY COMMISSION

TO: Neighboring Cities and Counties

RE: Crime Lab Funding Update

Thank you for your overwhelming response to help fund the Crime Lab. So far we have received pledges of support from twelve cities and one county totaling \$185,218! A list of communities and the amount pledged is attached. We have also attached a summary of the Crime Lab funding for your information.

We know that in these challenging economic times, squeezing even more from your budgets is difficult. Your response affirms the critical need for a Crime Lab in southwest Missouri and the great benefits it will give to our citizens who are victims of crime. By working together and sharing our financial resources and burdens, we show that we can make progress even when times are tough.

The Crime Lab dedication has been scheduled for December 15, 2008. We invite all of you to join us for this occasion. All contributing communities will be recognized. We will send you more details of this event as soon as they are available.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to respond to our request, we ask that you would let us know if you still have the request under consideration. As we said in our letter dated August 27, 2008:

- Any participation on your community's part is strictly voluntary.
- The services provided to your community will in no way be tied to whether you contribute, or how much you contribute.
- Contributing communities will not be given priority in service. Priority will be determined by law enforcement professionals in the same manner that it is now.
- No additional fees will be charged to communities which do not contribute.

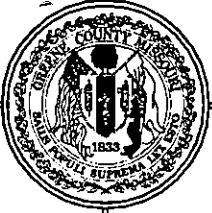
If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Mr. Tim Smith, our County Administrator, at 417-868-4873. Thanks again for your interest and support.

David L. Coonrod
Presiding Commissioner

Harold Bengsch
Commissioner District 1

Roseann Bentley
Commissioner District 2

c: Greg Burris, Springfield City Administrator
Roy Blunt, U. S. Congressman
Local Legislative Delegation



County of **GREENE** State of Missouri

GREENE COUNTY COMMISSION

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Commissioner 2nd District

November 10, 2008

County Commission
Christian County
100 W. Church Street
Ozark, MO 65721

Re: Southwest Missouri Crime Laboratory

Dear County Commissioners:

The members of the Greene County Commission are grateful to receive a pledge from the Christian County Commission to participate in funding the new Southwest Missouri Crime Laboratory currently under construction in the City of Springfield. We sincerely appreciate Christian County's willingness to cooperate across jurisdictional boundaries to make the crime lab facility a reality.

It is our hope that other jurisdictions will have the foresight demonstrated by Christian County, and join our collective effort in assisting in the development of this important project. Again, our heartfelt thanks to you for your confidence and vision in making this facility a reality for southwest Missouri.

Sincerely,

David L. Coonrod
Presiding Commissioner

Harold Bengsch
Commissioner District 1

Roseann Bentley
Commissioner District 2

c: Greg Burris, Springfield City Manager
Tim Smith, County Administrator
Jeff Reinold, Budget Officer



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October 30, 2008

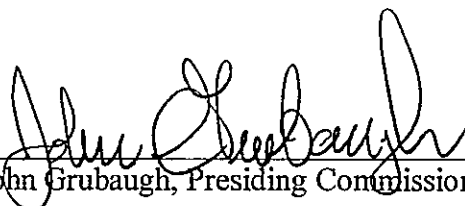
Greene County Commission
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Springfield, MO 65802

RE: Funding for Southwest Missouri Crime Laboratory

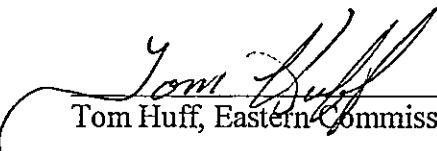
The Christian County Commission is pleased to support and participate in the funding of the new Southwest Missouri Crime Laboratory. We feel that the Crime Lab will be of tremendous benefit to the counties and cities in Southwest Missouri.

Christian County will budget \$11,290 in 2009 on behalf of Christian County and the municipalities located in the County. The Commission hopes to contribute a total of \$112,899 over the next ten years to this important project.

Sincerely,


John Grubaugh, Presiding Commissioner


Bill Barnett, Western Commissioner


Tom Huff, Eastern Commissioner



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Date: October 30, 2008

To: Sam Yarnell


From: County Commission

Re: Request for Funds for Crime Lab

Please adjust 2009 budget for \$11,290 to be paid to Greene County, MO for the support of a new Crime Lab.

~~Christian County has been asked to contribute \$112,899 over the next ten years on behalf of the County and the municipalities in Christian County.~~

Thank you,



John Grubaugh, Presiding Commissioner



Bill Barnett, Western Commissioner



Tom Huff, Eastern Commissioner

County of Greene, MO

940 Boonville
Springfield, MO 65802
Phone 417.868.4112 Fax 417.868.4818

INVOICE

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2009

TO:
Christian County Courthouse
100 W. Chuch
Ozark, MO 65721
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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2009 Crime Lab Payment	\$11,290
TOTAL	\$11,290

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Make all checks payable to Greene County, MO
Payment is due within 30 days.

Thank you for your business!



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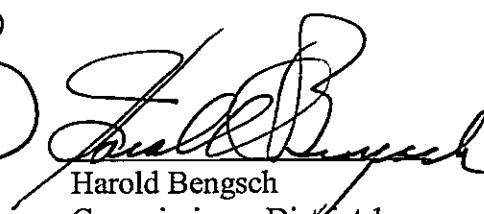
Christian County Commission
100 W. Church
Ozark, MO 65721

RE: Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Lab

We will soon mark the one-year anniversary of the opening of the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Lab in Springfield, Missouri. Thanks to the voluntary financial partnership of cities and counties in southwest Missouri, we were able to fund construction of the \$6.2 million regional facility. The cooperation demonstrated by our communities illustrates how the collaborated effort of many can contribute to the success of all.

As you will recall, last year Christian County Commission joined other communities in a pledge to pay for the crime lab construction over the next ten years. For your convenience, we have prepared an invoice to assist you in preparing your 2009 pledge contribution. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Jeff Reinold, Director of Administrative Services, at 417-868-4892. Thank you for your attention and consideration of this matter.


David L. Coonrod
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