

The Board of Greene County Commissioners met in a special session at 9 A.M. Those present were: Tom Koogler, Robert J. Glaser and Richard D. Gould.

Devon Shoemaker, Executive Director of the Regional Planning Commission, welcomed those in attendance to the Kick-off Event for the Greene County Complete Count Committee (CCC). He explained the importance of the 2020 Census and the key role the CCC plays in raising awareness of the Census. According to Mr. Shoemaker, the CCC is comprised of volunteers from a wide range of backgrounds. He said the Census is used to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, distribute federal dollars to state and local governments, provide statistical information for grant applications, and help communities plan for the future.

Mr. Shoemaker said the Census is confidential and protected for 72 years. People can respond either on-line, by mail or by phone. He added that approximately \$1,200 is lost per person not counted in the Census.

Mr. Glaser said obtaining an accurate count is important, but it is going to be challenging especially following the displacement of some residents from the Memorial Day tornadoes. Mr. Gould said the money that flows from the Census information is crucial to communities.

Mark Boyd, Partnership Specialist of the U.S. Census Bureau, commended Greene County on its efforts and the way the leadership understands the importance of the Census.

Bob Hickey, Wright State University, said they are looking forward to the Census and thousands of students at universities haven't heard of the Census.

Bob Stone, City of Beavercreek, said having the County as the central body to organize the local Census efforts is the best method. Kent Campbell, Cedarville Township, encouraged all jurisdictions to send a representative to the CCC meetings to receive information on how to proceed with getting an accurate count in those communities.

Deborah Wallace, Beavercreek Township, said local decisions on business growth and housing needs are based on Census figures. Paul Keller, City of Fairborn, said the City recognizes how critical the Census is and how valuable it is to the citizens.

Sarah Mays, City of Xenia, said the City is excited to be on board with the Census and working with other jurisdictions to benefit the County. Pam Conin, Village of Yellow Springs, said the Village is on board with the Census plan to safeguard important issues.

Mr. Koogler thanked everyone for attending the CCC Kick-off Event. He said the fact that everyone is working together makes the County stronger and communities stronger.

A photograph was taken of everyone in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Shoemaker said subcommittees will begin meeting soon and there will be a full Committee meeting afterwards to go over what the subcommittees have decided. The CCC will be at the Greene County Fair next week from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. He said this project is about people and there are great people working on the Committee. He thanked all those who have volunteered to be a part of this historic and important event.

Copies of some resolutions/ordinances approved by local jurisdictions follow this page in the journal.

Commissioners adjourned at 9:30 A.M. and will reconvene Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 1 P.M.

Attest: _____
Clerk