

SPRING SEMINAR

MARCH 26, 2026



Evan Masters
Forvis Mazars

GASB UPDATE

Evan is a 2019 graduate of Evangel University, Springfield, Missouri, with a B.B.A. degree in finance and management. As member of the Grants Management service line, Evan provides grants management assistance to clients from various public service industries. He has assisted clients with developing grants management policies and procedures that meet operational needs and align with federal funding agency guidelines and the Uniform Guidance.

Evan has significant experience in assisting clients with developing subrecipient monitoring programs that balance institutional risk tolerance with funding agency guidelines and the Uniform Guidance. In his work with IJA funds, Evan has been engaged in researching allowable expenditures for the Orphaned Well Plugging program and communicating compliant strategies to clients. In his work with the FEMA PA program for healthcare, Evan has been involved in analyzing payroll and clinical data to construct claims that meet client goals and adhere to FEMA policy.



Mailyn Jeffries
Greene County

INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES

Mailyn Jeffries is the Human Resources Director for Greene County, Missouri, with nearly 11 years of public sector HR experience. She also serves as an adjunct professor at Evangel University, where she teaches human resources courses, and as a volunteer District Director for the Missouri State Council of SHRM. Mailyn holds an MBA from Missouri State University and is certified as a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR).

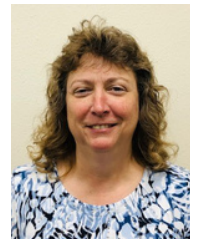


Andrea Elliott
Cox Health

BUDGETING PANEL

Andrea Elliott has over 28 years of healthcare experience working in the industry and as a consultant, leading teams around financial management, accounting and financial reporting. Andrea is responsible for executing the annual system operating budget and ensuring that adequate procedures and internal controls are in place throughout the organization.

Leslie is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Management Accountant, and has worked in governmental accounting for over 30 years. She has served as the Finance Director of the City of Joplin since March 2006. As Finance Director she is responsible for preparing the annual budget and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.



Leslie Haase
City of Joplin



Brandon Barnes
BOKF

ECONOMIC UPDATE

Brandon is Senior Vice President and Senior Equity Portfolio Manager for Cavanal Hill Investment Management, a wholly owned subsidiary of BOK Financial.

Brandon manages the investment team responsible for Cavanal Hill's fundamental equity strategies, and he is a portfolio manager for the Cavanal Hill Hedged Equity Income Fund.

Brandon joined Cavanal Hill in 2011 and is an alumnus of Texas Tech University (BBA, MS).



Cindy Stein
Greene County

ETHICS

Cindy Stein, CPA, graduated from Missouri State University, with a B.S. degree in Accounting and a minor in Computer Science. Cindy began her career with a local public accounting firm and remained there until her election to Greene County Auditor in 1994. Cindy and the Greene County team began practicing "open book" management in the fall of 2012. The goal was to improve the County's cash balance, and to improve financial literacy and responsibility from the front-line employees to the elected officials. The County developed a Transparency Portal website so that community members can also view their finances. The portal includes line-item budgeting, revenues received and expenditures, with the ability to export all data. Cindy earned the Great Game of Business Internal Coaches certification in 2023 for using her skills to teach Open Book Management at the Greene County Leadership Academy.