Be It Remembered that the Greene County

Board of Commissioners met in Regular

Session on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at

9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners’ Room on

the third floor of the Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order by Rick Graves.

The Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting.

Those present were: Rick Graves, Nathan Abrams, Ed Michael, and County Attorney Marilyn Hartman.

**Re: Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting held on July 15, 2014 were approved on a motion made by Nathan Abrams. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Re: Claims**

Ed Michael made a motion to approve all claims submitted for payment on August 5, 2014. Nathan Abrams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Re: Greene County Community Building Renovation Update**

Nathan Abrams made a motion to move forward with the planned Greene County Community Building Renovation Project, naming Wolfe Construction as the General Contractor of the project for a final contract amount of $1,462,652.00. This is as a result of a base bid of $1,684,700.00 and allowing for value engineering deductions in the amount of $222,048.00 to arrive at the proposed final figure. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Terms of this contract are incorporated by reference.

**Re: County Recorder – Payment Requisition**

Nathan Abrams made a motion to approve 2 payment requests totaling $1,373.28 out of the Recorder’s Perpetuation Fund brought to the Commissioners by County Recorder Stuart Dowden in order to purchase both a large scale scanner and a fire and water proof safe for his office. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The payment request was already approved by the Council at their July 28, 2014 meeting.

**Re: County Lease – Russ Tire Center Property**

Nathan Abrams made a motion to enter into a commercial lease with local accountant Jerry Frye for use of the old Russ Tire Center property for his business. According to the terms of the lease, Mr. Frye will pay $150.00 per month for use of the property. Rick Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Terms of this commercial lease are incorporated by reference.

**Re: Clerk of Circuit Courts – Moving of Fairplay and Grant Township Polling Places**

Rick Graves made a motion to move the location of the Fairplay and Grant polling places from their present site at the 4-H Building to the Switz City Fire Station for this November’s General Election as requested by Clerk of Circuit Court Susan Fowler. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Re: EMPG Grant – EMA Director**

Nathan Abrams made a motion to approve the 2013 Emergency Management Performance Grants-Salaries Sub-Grant Agreement, CFDA #97.042, EDS# C44P-5-029B brought to the Commissioners by EMA Director Roger Axe. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. It was noted that the Indiana Department of Homeland Security has already approved this Agreement. The sub-grant is for an amount not to exceed $15,053.78 and must be used for purposes provided within the Agreement. Terms of this Agreement are incorporated by reference.

**Re: Letter of Resignation**

Ed Michael made a motion to accept the letter of resignation tendered to the Commissioners by Highway Superintendent Brent Murray. Nathan Abrams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. It was mentioned by all three Commissioners the tremendous effort and positive changes Mr. Murray has brought to the Highway Department. His leadership and presence there will be sorely missed.

**Re: Common Construction Wage Board**

Ed Michael made a motion to approve Brian Kollmeyer to be added to the Common Construction Wage Board that is needed as a result of the future construction of the Goosepond Visitor Center, which is to be located near Linton, Indiana. Nathan Abrams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Re: Highway Superintendent**

Rick Graves made a motion to approve Roger Hamilton to serve as the Highway Superintendent for Greene County through the remainder of 2014. Nathan Abrams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Re: Damages to Covered Bridge**

Ed Michael made a motion to approve the bid for work to be done on the county’s lone covered bridge. The approval of $2,600.00 for maintenance only or $4,850.00 for repair of damages and maintenance will be dependent on the availability of covered bridge funds and the amount, if any, that insurance may cover. Rick Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Nathan Abrams will check into the specifics of the work.

**Re: License Agreement for Redbird Crossing**

Nathan Abrams made a motion to approve the License Agreement between Greene County, Indiana, by and through its Board of Commissioners and the State of Indiana, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Outdoor Recreation. This would grant the State permission to install guardrails along certain boundaries of Redbird State Recreation Area. President Rick Graves said that certain off-road vehicles were using this area as a turnaround and the guardrails were needed to prevent any possible destruction of property near the county right-of-way and improve safety for all parties. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Terms of this Agreement are incorporated by reference.

**Re: Workplace Benefits Broker Agreement**

Nathan Abrams made a motion to approve the Independent Broker/Customer Agreement between Greene County, by and through its Board of Commissioners and Workplace Benefits of Indiana, Inc., which would allow Representative David Graham to act as an Independent Broker to both serve the present county employees who use other insurance companies and to feature his Allstate products to the employees as well when they are requested. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Terms of this Agreement are incorporated by reference. It was stated that Mr. Graham would act on his own merits and not on behalf of the Commissioners.

**Re: Blight Elimination Program (BEP) Grant Application**

Nathan Abrams made a motion to allow President Rick Graves to apply for a Blight Elimination Program (BEP) Grant Application on behalf of Greene County in to order to help clean up about 30 distressed properties within the county. Mr. Graves noted that there was approximately 13 million dollars available for this type of clean up. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Re: Citizen Comments**

County resident Fred Rose thanked the Commissioners and the Highway Department for their effort on getting county roads near his home black topped.

There being no further business to come before the board, Nathan Abrams made a motion to adjourn. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Rick Graves Edward L. Michael Nathan L. Abrams

Matthew W. Baker, Auditor