Be It Remembered that the Greene County

 Council met in Regular Session on Monday,

 February 24, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the

 Commissioners’ Room on the third floor

 of the Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order by County Sheriff Terry Pierce.

The Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting.

Those present were: W. Edward Cullison, William H. Harp, Jerry R. Frye, Mark E. Hall, Jr., Patti Jones, D. Joe Huntington, and Council Attorney Marvin Abshire.

**Re: Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting held on January 27, 2014 were approved on a motion made by Patti Jones. Mark Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed. 6-0.

**Re: Superior Court Judge – Magistrate Court Discussion**

Superior Court Judge Dena Martin spoke to the Council on the possible need of a Magistrate Court Judge in the near future. Judge Martin explained that a 2012 Weighted Caseload Measures Study shows that Greene County needs 2.59 Judges to handle the workload that she and Circuit Court Judge Erik Allen currently preside over, giving a utilization factor of 1.30. Judge Martin also noted that Indiana State Representative Matt Ubelhor of the 62nd Congressional District introduced House Bill 1160 and asked both judges to speak on the county’s behalf before the state to ask for such a Magistrate Court Judge. Although the request was denied, Mr. Ubelhor and both judges will try again this year with a hopeful appearance before the Commission on Courts before they proceed any further, which should vastly help their case in securing permission to have a Magistrate Court Judge and thus reduce their workload and give those in the court system a more speedy hearing or trial. The Council thanked Judge Martin for her time and effort in this endeavor.

**Re: EMS Director – Additional Appropriation Approval**

Mark Hall made a motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of $100,000.00 out of the EMS Billing Services Fund brought to the Council by EMS Director David Doane in order to pay for medical billing services for 2014. Hal Harp seconded the motion. Motion passed. 6-0.

EMS Billing Services Fund - Medical Billing 4201-000-03-0010 $100,000.00

**Re: Soil & Water Conservation District – Matt Hanauer**

Watershed Coordinator Matt Hanauer presented the Council Members with a report about what the Soil & Water Conservation District is doing to help keep the county’s waterways as healthy as possible, including grass and tree borders to help prevent erosion. Mr. Hanauer mentioned that the application for the 319 Grant did not get approved by IDEM, but IDEM would pass it along to the EPA for possible consideration for funding on a federal level. Mr. Hanauer also told the Council for every $1.00 the county spends with regard to the Soil and Water Conservation District, the SWCD leverages $50.64 back to the local economy. The Council thanked Mr. Hanauer for his time and information.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Patti Jones made a motion to adjourn. Mark Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed.

W. Edward Cullison William H. Harp

Jerry R. Frye Mark E. Hall, Jr.

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D. Joe Huntington

Attest:

Matthew W. Baker, Auditor