Be It Remembered that the Greene County

 Council met in Regular Session on Monday,

 March 31, 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, Gregg Roudebush, D. Joe Huntington, and Council Attorney Marvin Abshire.

**Re: Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting held on February 24, 2014 were approved on a motion made by Hal Harp. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. Motion passed. 5-0. Gregg Roudebush abstained.

**Re: Greene County Substance Abuse Task Force – Additional Appropriation Request**

Hal Harp made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of $13,790.41 out of the County Drug Free Community – Superior Fund as requested by Task Force Member Bridget Blanton. Gregg Roudebush seconded the motion. Motion passed. 6-0.

**Re: Health Department – Payment Requisition**

Jerry Frye made a motion to approve the payment request in the amount of $900.00 out of the Indiana Local Health Trust Account Fund brought to the Commissioners by Health Department Registrar Lori White in order to purchase a much needed computer for her department. Mark Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The payment request still needs to be approved by the Commissioners at their April 1, 2014 meeting.

**Re: County Assessor – Transfer of Funds Request**

Jerry Frye made a motion to approve the transfer of funds request in the amount of $2,040.24 within the Reassessment Fund brought to the Council by County Assessor Dawn Abrams. The request is needed in order to purchase 3 computers for her and County Treasurer Kelly Zimmerly’s Offices. Patti Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Re: Chief Probation Officer – Additional Appropriation Request**

Patti Jones made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of $4,080.48 out of the County General Fund brought to the Council by Chief Probation Officer Mike Pate in order to purchase 6 much needed computers for his department. Gregg Roudebush seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Re: 2013 County Sheriff Annual Activity Summary**

The Council accepted the 2013 County Sheriff Annual Activity Summary and told County Sheriff Terry Pierce that they appreciate all of his Department’s hard work and effort on behalf of the citizens of Greene County.

**Re: Greene County Solid Waste District Discussion**

After some discussion about certain issues facing the Greene County Solid Waste District, some of which include falling market prices for recyclables and increasing costs to run the district as explained by Solid Waste Director Erek Wilson, Gregg Roudebush made a motion to table any action on behalf of the Council until a future meeting. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Re: Commissioners – Additional Appropriation Request – Plan Commission**

Gregg Roudebush made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of $5,000.00 out of the County General Fund brought to the Council by Board of Commissioners’ President Rick Graves in order to allow the Plan Commission to purchase office supplies and other necessary materials as well as pay for court filing fees related to the new Blighted Property Ordinance. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Re: Commissioners – Lone Tree Road Construction Project**

Board of Commissioners’ President Rick Graves told the Council about the proposed road construction project near the Greene County General Hospital on Lone Tree Road. Mr. Graves explained that the widening of Lone Tree Road to 52 feet would improve safety and enhance economic development in that area. The estimated cost of the road project would be $2.5 million dollars and would stretch from State Road 54 to around Rowe Law Firm. The project, if funding could be approved by INDOT, would begin sometime in 2018. Gregg Roudebush made a motion to give the Commissioners a Vote of Support, thereby allowing the Commissioners to apply for a Federal/INDOT grant, which if approved, would pay for approximately 80% of the project, with Highway Department funds making up the difference. Patti Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Council thanked Mr. Graves for his time and information.

**Re: Commissioners – County Extension Remodeling Project**

Board of Commissioners’ President Rick Graves gave a presentation to the Council on the possible 4-H Extension Building renovation and remodeling project. Mr. Graves offered 2 different viable options for this project. Option #1 would be to add 4,000 square feet to the existing 12,000 square feet of space at an approximate cost of $1,572,350.00 to cover the necessary new construction as well as the remodeling of the existing structure. Option #2 would be similar except it would add only 1,894 square feet of new construction and along with the remodeling of the existing structure would cost approximately $1,251,918.00. Mr. Graves gave a detailed description of the type of work to be done and the many uses the newly renovated building would entail, some of which include new office space and meeting rooms for those who currently use the building and future tenants, possible storage space for certain permanent courthouse records, and splitting the exhibition hall into 2 or 3 smaller units when needed. After much discussion about how to finance the project after the $439,750.00 worth of commitments received already have been applied, Jerry Frye made a motion to make the full amount remaining in the Cumulative Capital Development Fund and $100,000.00 from the Riverboat Fund available toward funding of the project with the understanding that the additional appropriation process would need to followed when the time came to actually fund said project. Joe Huntington seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Re: Health Insurance Discussion**

The Council discussed some of the ways the county is trying to cut health insurance costs and still maintain good coverage for its employees at an affordable price. It was noted that a few high dollar cases have put a dent in funding which will need to be addressed at a future date. The county is encouraging employees to take a more proactive role in their own healthcare and has seen good results with regard to participation.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Gregg Roudebush 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.

Patti Jones Gregg Roudebush

D. Joe Huntington

Attest:

Matthew W. Baker, Auditor