

Be It Remembered that the Greene County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room on the third floor of the Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order by Jerry Frye.

The Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting.

Those present were: Jerry R. Frye, Gregg Roudebush, Joe Huntington, Jonas Uland, Brent Murray, Kelly Zimmerly, Ronald Lehman, and County Attorney Marvin Abshire.

Re: Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting held on May 20, 2019 were approved, with reading waived, on a motion made by Jonas Uland. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Re: Council – Correctional or Rehabilitation Facilities Income Tax – First Reading

At 4:05 p.m., County Attorney Marvin Abshire read the First Reading of the proposed Correctional or Rehabilitation Facilities Income Tax, Ordinance #2019-04, which is a .02% income tax used primarily to make the Jail Renovation Bond Payments. The reading concluded at 4:09 p.m.

Re: Suspension of Council Meeting for Purpose of Conducting Public Hearing

After the First Reading of Ordinance #2019-04, Jonas Uland made a motion to suspend the Council Meeting for the purpose of conducting a public hearing. Gregg Roudebush seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Re: Public Hearing on Correctional or Rehabilitation Facilities Income Tax, pursuant to notice given

At 4:10 p.m., the gallery was asked if there were any questions or comments to be made concerning Ordinance #2019-04. Since there was no comment from the gallery, the public hearing concluded at 4:12 p.m.

Re: Reconvene Council Meeting

At 4:12 p.m., Gregg Roudebush made a motion to reconvene the Regular Session of the County Council. Jonas Uland seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Re: Discussion of Correctional or Rehabilitation Facilities Income Tax and possible vote

At 4:13 p.m., there was much discussion among the Council Members and C.L. Coonrod Representative Ben Roeger on the merits of a possible Correctional or Rehabilitation Facilities Income Tax. At 4:45 p.m., when the discussion was complete, Jonas Uland made a motion to approve Correctional or Rehabilitation Facilities Income Tax, Ordinance #2019-04 as presented on its first reading. Gregg Roudebush seconded the motion. Motion failed for a lack of unanimous approval necessary according to Indiana law. There were 4 votes in favor, namely, Jerry Frye, Jonas Uland, Joe Huntington, and Gregg Roudebush. There were 3 votes against, namely, Brent Murray, Ron Lehman, and Kelly Zimmerly. County Attorney Marvin Abshire told the Council that since the vote was not unanimous, there must be a special meeting held before July 1, 2019 in order to pass the Correctional or Rehabilitation Facilities Income Tax, since an amendment to the current law takes effect on July 1, 2019 which seriously limits the way the funds collected can be used. After hearing that, Brent Murray made a motion to set up a Special Meeting of the County Council on Monday, June 24, 2019 whose sole purpose is to reconsider Ordinance #2019-04 by means of a second reading. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. This concluded at 4:59 p.m.

Re: Greene County General Hospital Board of Trustees Appointments

Jonas Uland made a motion to reappoint Rita Hasler and Beth Gillan to serve on the Greene County General Hospital Board of Trustees. Gregg Roudebush seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Re: Board of Commissioners – Additional Appropriation Approval

Brent Murray made a motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$100,000.00 out of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund in order to hire an architectural firm for work on drawings, elevations, and other necessary work for a possible helicopter pad and hanger/EMS station. The proposed site would be just east of the emergency room at the Greene County General Hospital. Board of Commissioners President Nathan Abrams explained to the Council that this was

needed while in the planning phase and before any federal or state grants could be applied for on behalf of the county. He also mentioned that Air-Evac was very interested in this location and would be willing to enter into a 10-year lease once the site was up and running. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-2. Jonas Uland and Joe Huntington voted against.

1138-000-03-0049	CCD Fund – Air Evac Grant Match	\$100,000.00
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Re: County Sheriff – Additional Appropriation Request

Jonas Uland made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$7,930.67 out of the County General Fund as requested by Sheriff Michael Hasler in order to recover costs associated with medical, hospital, postage, prisoner meals, and repair to equipment. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Gregg Roudebush abstained.

Re: Salary & Wage Committee – Health Insurance Savings

Salary & Wage Committee Chairman Nathan Abrams presented a set of spreadsheets to the Council showing how much the county was saving on health insurance related costs for 2019 in comparison to 2018 due to efforts of getting better discounts at local health providers, including Greene County General Hospital and IU Health.

Re: Salary & Wage Committee – 2020 Wages Spreadsheet

Mr. Abrams also gave the Council a 2020 Wages Spreadsheet along with an explanation of how the Council could give raises that are comparable to the average wages of 9 other counties the same size as Greene County, that is, having a population between 30,000 and 35,000 people. The Council decided to table any action on the proposed wage increases until their July 29, 2019 Meeting. The Council also thanked Mr. Abrams and the Salary & Wage Committee for all of their time and effort in putting these numbers together.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Gregg Roudebush made a motion to adjourn. Jonas Uland seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Jerry R. Frye

Ronald Lehman

Kelly Zimmerly

Brent Murray

Jonas Uland

Gregg Roudebush

D. Joe Huntington

Attest:

Matthew W. Baker, Auditor