

Be It Remembered that the Greene County Council met in Special Session on Monday, July 8, 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, Ronald Lehman, and County Attorney Marvin Abshire.

Re: Superior Court Judge – Additional Appropriation Request

Jonas Uland made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,000.00 within the General Fund for Psychiatric Evaluation Services as requested by Superior Court Judge Dena Martin. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: County Council – Salary and Wage Discussion

After much discussion about whether to approve an increase in salaries/wages for the EMS, Sheriff’s, and Jail Departments or possibly all offices/departments for the remainder of 2019 or to wait until 2020 to implement said changes, Jonas Uland made a motion to have the Salary and Wage Committee rework their spreadsheet to include the updated figures worked out by the Council for the EMS Department along with any possible changes requested by the Sheriff’s and Jail Departments. After that is complete, the Committee will approach EMS Director David Doane and County Sheriff Michael Hasler and see if those figures are acceptable. At that point, the Council will revisit the issue at their July 29, 2019 Council Meeting held in regular session. Gregg Roudebush seconded the motion. Motion failed 2-4. Jonas Uland and Gregg Roudebush voted for and Jerry Frye, Joe Huntington, Brent Murray, and Ron Lehman voted against.

After more discussion among the Council Members and several office holders, department heads, and employees, Ron Lehman made a motion to adjourn and readdress the issue at a future Council Meeting or possibly the 2020 Budget Hearings to be held in September 2019. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion failed 2-4. Brent Murray and Ron Lehman voted for and Jerry Frye, Joe Huntington, Gregg Roudebush, and Jonas Uland voted against.

Jonas Uland then made a motion to approve his original motion, that is, to have the Salary and Wage Committee rework their spreadsheet to include the updated figures worked out by the Council for the EMS Department along with any possible changes requested by the Sheriff’s and Jail Departments. After that is complete, the Committee will approach EMS Director David Doane and County Sheriff Michael Hasler and see if those figures are acceptable. At that point, the Council will revisit the issue at their July 29, 2019 Council Meeting held in regular session. Gregg Roudebush seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-2. Brent Murray and Ron Lehman voted against. Please note that it will take an amendment to the 2019 Salary Ordinance and an approved additional appropriation in order for any salary increases to take effect this year, which would make the earliest possible date of any such salary increases effective sometime in mid to late September.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Brent Murray made a motion to adjourn. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. The special meeting concluded at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Jerry R. Frye

Ronald Lehman

Kelly Zimmerly

Brent Murray

Jonas Uland

Gregg Roudebush

D. Joe Huntington

Attest:

Matthew W. Baker, Auditor