Be It Remembered that the Greene County

Board of Commissioners met in Regular

Session on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at

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

the third floor of the Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order by Nathan Abrams.

The Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting.

Those present were: Nathan Abrams, Ed Michael, Rick Graves, and County Attorney Marvin Abshire.

**Re: Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting held on July 16, 2019 were approved on a motion made by Ed Michael. Rick Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Claims**

Ed Michael made a motion to approve the accounts payable claims submitted for payment on August 6, 2019. Rick Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Greene County Public Defender – SEA 488**

Chief Public Defender Alan Baughman told the Commissioners that SEA 488 passed by the State Senate provides for multiple counties to join forces with their Public Defender’s Offices in order to save money and cover cases needed in those counties. Mr. Baughman said that the Circuit Court Judge, Superior Court Judge, and Prosecutor were not in favor of combining these offices. The Commissioners agreed and thanked him for his time.

**Re: Air EVAC RFQ**

Nathan Abrams opened 2 Request for Quotations (RFQ), one from RQAW and the other from Matheu Architects. Rick Graves made a motion to take these RFQ’s under advisement giving County Attorney Marvin Abshire time to review them. Afterward the Commissioners may pursue interviews with both companies concerning their engineering qualifications for the Air EVAC project. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: 2020 County Holiday Schedule**

Ed Michael made a motion to approve the 2020 County Holiday Schedule, which will mirror the 2020 Indiana State Holiday Schedule. Rick Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Road Permit Agreement – Hoosier Energy**

Rick Graves made a motion to approve the Road Permit Agreement between Greene County, Indiana and Hoosier Energy. The agreement allows Hoosier Energy use of E. Calvertville Road and O’Neill Road as haul roads during construction of new transmission structures within the county. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Terms of this agreement are incorporated by reference.

**Re: Resolution No. 2019-08 – EMS Chassis**

Rick Graves made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-08, Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Greene Regarding Exchange of Ambulance Chassis for Cash. This resolution in effect allows the Highway Department to exchange for cash a chassis from the EMS in the amount of $22,500.00. The Commissioners told the gallery that the Highway Department would be able to make good use of the chassis. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Terms of this resolution are incorporated by reference. It should be noted that the Ambulance Board already approved a similar resolution recommending the exchange.

**Re: Ambulance Service (EMS) Discussion**

Commissioner Nathan Abrams explained that the Ambulance Board met on August 2, 2019 to come up with recommendations for what the county would need in a proposal from perspective private ambulance providers. These recommendations would help to guarantee quality ambulance services within the county. Rick Graves made a motion to have County Attorney Marvin Abshire and Commissioner Ed Michael develop an RFQ for private ambulance companies with these recommendations in mind. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Mr. Abshire told the Commissioners that he believed he could have an RFQ ready for the 08-20-19 Commissioners’ Meeting. One hospital employee mentioned that he had some recommendations that could help the EMS to produce more revenue. The Commissioners thanked the person and told him it would be best to attend the next Ambulance Board Meeting in September and express his thoughts at that time.

**Re: Citizen Concern**

A county citizen asked the Commissioners about the progress of the repairs on the covered bridge. Commissioner Abrams told her that the contractor doing the work had the bridge in his schedule. Mr. Abrams also told the citizen that the possibility of a new bridge across the creek was in the beginning stages of development. The Commissioners thanked the citizen for her thoughts and concern.

There being no further business to come before the board, Ed Michael made a motion to adjourn. Rick Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

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Matthew W. Baker, Auditor