Be It Remembered that the Greene County

Board of Commissioners met in Regular

Session on Tuesday, September 17, 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 September 3, 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 September 17, 2019. Rick Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: David Willis – Alcohol Permit**

Rick Graves made a motion to approve the alcohol permit requested by David Willis for The Vault Restaurant LLC. The permit was already approved by the Alcohol Beverage Board at their September 3, 2019 meeting. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Memorandum of Understanding – Unofficial Detour on Local Roads**

Ed Michael made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the unofficial detour on local roads, which was needed for work on a bridge spanning Lattas Creek on SR 67 north of Switz City, Indiana. It was noted that this stretch of SR 67 will be closed until sometime in November, 2019. Rick Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Terms of this memorandum of understanding are incorporated by reference.

**Re: Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce – Scarecrow Contest**

Rick Graves made a motion to approve the use of the courthouse grounds for the month of October for a scarecrow contest sponsored by the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. It was noted that the north side emergency exit must have one side of its steps clear in case of emergency.

**Re: Road Permit Agreement – T Steele Construction**

Ed Michael made a motion to approve the Road Permit Agreement between Greene County, Indiana and T Steele Construction. The agreement gives T Steele Construction permission to utilize certain portions of Yoho Road, Britton Road, and North Tree Farm Road set forth in Schedule 1 as haul roads during construction of a cell tower within the county. Rick Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Terms of this agreement are incorporated by reference.

**Re: Resolution No. 2019-11 – Repair of Courthouse A/C Unit**

Rick Graves made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-11, Resolution of the Greene County Commissioners Regarding Repair of Courthouse Air Conditioning System. This resolution ratifies and confirms the decision made by Nathan Abrams in seeking the emergency repair of an air conditioning system within the Greene County Courthouse that failed to work properly and is allowable under IC 5-22-10-4. This issue constituted a threat to both employee and public safety. Trane US, Inc., made repairs on the air conditioning system for a total cost of $6,942.12. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Terms of this resolution are incorporated by reference.

**Re: Acquisition of Real Estate**

Rick Graves made a motion to approve the acquisition of real estate located at 44 S. Franklin Street in Bloomfield, Indiana for the purpose of housing the Public Defender’s Office. This is needed due to the addition of new Public Defender in 2020. The office in the courthouse will not be of sufficient size to give the attorneys and clients the privacy they need to carry out their business. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Final approval of said purchase is still needed by the County Council and Indiana Public Defender Council/Commission.

**Re: Sheriff Michael Hasler – Vehicle Purchase**

Ed Michael made a motion to allow County Sheriff Michael Hasler to purchase up to 3 new vehicles for the Sheriff’s Department. 2 of these vehicles would be replacements and one will be for a new Sheriff’s Deputy who will be added to the force next year. Rick Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. It was noted that the County Council must approve the available funds for this purchase.

**Re: Discussion Item – Greene County EMS**

Rick Graves made a motion to proceed with receiving bids for a county ambulance service according to the specifications set forth by the Greene County Ambulance Board. County Attorney Marvin Abshire presented the Commissioners with the specifications set by the Board and a Request for Proposals (RFP) that he would advertise appropriately. Mr. Abshire told the Commissioners that he would have the bids ready for their viewing at the November 5, 2019 Commissioners’ Meeting. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. The terms of both the Ambulance Board specifications and RFP are incorporated by reference.

**Re: SIDC - Home Assistance Grant Request**

Rick Graves made a motion to allow Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC) Representative Jenny Dearwester to apply for a home assistance grant on behalf of Greene County with the objective of helping 14 low-income homeowners restore and renovate their homes and property in order to meet their particular needs, whether it be ADA accessibility, lead containment, and/or window and door replacement, among others. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

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