

Be It Remembered that the Greene County Council met in Regular Session on Thursday, October 3, 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 and special session held on August 20, 2019, and the Budget Hearings held from September 3 to September 5, 2019 were approved with one amendment, with reading waived, on a motion made by Gregg Roudebush. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Re: Coroner – Additional Appropriation Request

Brent Murray made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$11,000.00 within the General Fund for Pathologists as requested by County Coroner Joe Graves to pay for the number of autopsies performed this year. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Re: Clerk of Circuit Courts – Waiving of Employee 90-day Probationary Period

Jonas Uland made a motion to allow Clerk of Circuit Courts Stuart Dowden to waive the 90-day probationary period for his new Voter's Registration Deputy whereby the deputy would earn 10% less than the normal pay rate for that position. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. It is noted that Mr. Dowden reserves the right to observe the 90-day probationary period with regards to the employee's job performance.

Re: Highway Department Superintendent – Additional Appropriation Request

Ron Lehman made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$353,245.18 within the MVH Restricted Fund for the Lone Tree Road Project, the funds of which were paid to INDOT as part of the county's 20% match toward the Project and are being reimbursed back to the County Highway Department. This was requested by Highway Department Superintendent Roger Hamilton in order to use the reimbursement funds again. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Re: Highway Department Superintendent – Additional Appropriation Request

Gregg Roudebush made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$40,000.00 within the Highway Fund under Bituminous, so that the Department could use reimbursement funds that were initially paid out for culverts, rock, fuel, among others and as requested by Highway Department Superintendent Roger Hamilton. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Re: Chief Probation Officer – Additional Appropriation Request

Gregg Roudebush made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$8,000.00 within the General Fund as requested by Chief Probation Officer Mike Pate to help pay for salaries that can no longer be paid from other funds which are currently in the red. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Re: County Recorder – Additional Appropriation Request

Ron Lehman made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$85,000.00 within the Recorder Perpetuation Fund as requested by County Recorder Sarah Bender for both scanning of books by Fidlar and for office deputies to review recorded documents for errors and then to correct those that they find. Kelly Zimmerly seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Re: County Recorder – Use of Training Fund

County Recorder Sarah Bender requested Council permission to utilize the elected officials' training fund to pay the costs for her deputies to attend a Fidlar Training Seminar, a cost that should not

exceed \$1,000.00. Brent Murray made a motion to give Ms. Bender the authority to use the County Elected Official Training Fund for training. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Re: Salary and Wage Discussion

After much discussion about how to tweak the 2020 Budget proposal to address certain concerns brought up by the County Treasurer, Recorder, and Assessor regarding possible raises, Ron Lehman made a motion to amend the 2020 Budget to reflect 1 change and to hi-light 2 points of discussion. The change would be in the way that second deputies raises are figured, that is, to mirror the same wage increases that are currently being considered for the first deputies based on years of service, which is, the COLA rate (2.8%) for 0-4 years, \$1,800.00 for 5-9 years, \$3,000.00 for 10-14 years, and \$5,000.00 for 15 years and above. The 2 points of discussion are a clarification of the decision made at the 2020 Budget Hearings, namely, to include wage increases that surpassed the \$5,000.00 limit set by the Salary & Wage Committee and agreed upon by the Council, namely, different Ambulance employees who saw raises up to \$6,000.00 and for the Payroll Deputy who saw a raise of \$5,716.00. Jonas Uland seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-3. Jerry Frye, Joe Huntington, and Brent Murray abstained.

Re: County Sheriff – Additional Appropriation Approval

Gregg Roudebush made a motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$6,412.45 out of the County General Fund as requested by Sheriff Michael Hasler in order to recover costs associated with medical, hospital, and repair to equipment. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

1000-380-03-0063	General Fund – Medical & Hospital	\$1,520.15
1000-005-03-0052	General Fund – Repair to Equipment	\$4,892.30

Re: County Sheriff – Transfer of Funds Request

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve the 3 budget transfers as requested by County Sheriff Michael Hasler totaling \$45,000.00 within the General Fund to pay for prisoner meals and equipment repair. Jonas Uland seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Re: County Sheriff – Additional Appropriation Request

Gregg Roudebush made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$110,000.00 within the Sheriff County Correction Fund as requested by County Sheriff Michael Hasler to purchase 3 much needed new vehicles for the Sheriff’s Department. Kelly Zimmerly seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Re: Prosecutor – Transfer of Funds Requests

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve 2 budget transfers as requested by the Prosecutor in the amount of \$1,998.36 within the General Fund to pay certain payroll expenses. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Re: I.T. Department – Additional Appropriation Request

Gregg Roudebush made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$25,000.00 within the LIT Special Distribution Fund as requested by I.T. Director Chuck Long in order to purchase computers needed for various county offices. Kelly Zimmerly seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Re: Greene County Solid Waste – 2020 Budget Adoption-Ordinance 2019-05

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-05 for the 2020 Greene County Solid Waste Budget Adoption. Jonas Uland seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. Terms of this ordinance are incorporated by reference.

Re: Greene County – 2020 Budget Adoption

Gregg Roudebush made a motion to table any possible adoption of the 2020 Greene County Budget until the October 28, 2019 Council Meeting, thereby giving the auditor time to change the current budget to reflect changes approved earlier in this meeting. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Re: Job Description Change – Public Health Nurse

Jonas Uland made a motion to approve the revised job description for the position of Public Health Nurse presented to the Council by County Attorney Marvin Abshire. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. Terms of the updated job description are incorporated by reference.

Re: Resolution No. 2019-03 – Sales Disclosure Funds

Ron Lehman moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-03, Greene County Council Resolution for Transfer of Funds from General Fund to Line Item, which directs the auditor to transfer \$33,094.00 from the General Fund to the Sales Disclosure -County Share Fund. This is because these funds were mistakenly receipted into the General Fund since at or near statutory creation of the fund. Kelly Zimmerly seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. Terms of this resolution are incorporated by reference.

Re: Resolution No. 2019-02 – Interest in Purchase of Certain Land for Public Defender Office

Jonas Uland moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-02, Resolution of the Greene County Council of Greene County, Indiana, Expressing Interest in Purchase of Certain Land. The land is located at 44 South Franklin Street, Bloomfield, Indiana and if purchased would be used to house the Public Defender’s Office. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. Terms of this resolution are incorporated by reference.

Re: CCD Fund Budget Addition

Kelly Zimmerly made a motion to add \$245,000.00 to the 2020 Cumulative Capital Development Fund Budget, bringing the total to \$450,000.00. This would give the Commissioners the ability to move ahead with projects they have planned for next year. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-2. Gregg Roudebush and Joe Huntington voted against.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Kelly Zimmerly made a motion to adjourn. Gregg Roudebush 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