Be It Remembered that the Greene County

Board of Commissioners met in Regular

Session on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 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 June 3, 2020 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 June 16, 2020. Rick Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Payroll Docket**

Ed Michael made a motion to approve the payroll claims docket submitted for payment on June 16, 2020. Rick Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: OCRA Approval Letter re Broadband Readiness Grant**

Ed Michael made a motion to approve a letter addressed to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) to approve the Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC) to conduct and transcribe the public hearing regarding the Greene County Broadband Readiness Grant. Rick Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Recess to Conduct Public Hearing for the Greene County Broadband Readiness Grant**

Commissioners’ President Nathan Abrams announced a recess in order to conduct a public hearing for the Broadband Readiness Grant to be led by SIDC Representative Rhonda Rumble.

**Re: SIDC – Public Hearing for Greene County Broadband Readiness Grant**

SIDC Representative Rhonda Rumble opened the Public Hearing for the Greene County Broadband Readiness Grant at 9:36 a.m. Along with Taylor, Siefker & Williams Representative Amy Williams, Ms. Rumble explained the study of the county’s broadband readiness which TSW conducted, including a slide presentation of statistics, options, and recommendations to improve both the internet speeds and capacity of Greene County. With no public comment regarding the grant application, Ms. Rumble closed the Public Hearing at 10:01 a.m.

**Re: Reconvene Commissioners’ Meeting**

At the close of the Public Hearing, Commissioners’ President Nathan Abrams reconvened the Commissioners’ Meeting.

**Re: Resolution No. 2020-07, Broadband Readiness Plan Approval**

Rick Graves made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-07 of the County Commissioners of Greene County, Indiana for Approval of the Broadband Readiness Plan, and have hired Taylor, Siefker & Williams to define and describe the issues, advise the county of its options, and make recommendations to address this issue in the near future. The county has received $50,000.00 in federal dollars through OCRA to help fund this study and made a local match of $5,556.00 to assist in the cost. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Terms of this resolution are incorporated by reference.

**Re: SIDC – Broadband Grant Payment**

Ed Michael made a motion to approve the claim for invoice #19014-02 in the amount of $20,000.00 or 40% of the total cost quote of $50,000.00 submitted by Taylor Siefker Williams for services provided to prepare the Greene County Broadband Readiness Study. This makes up the remainder of what was owed to Taylor Siefker Williams for services rendered. Rick Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Highway Superintendent – Small Public Works Project**

Rick Graves made a motion to approve the small public works project at the Highway Department, which consists of a new office to replace the old makeshift scale house that served as an office for many years. Included within this motion was the approval of using ProMark to construct the turnkey office, minus the septic system, at the cost of $115,000.00 to be paid from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (CCD) and at the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Roger Hamilton. There were 2 other bids received: DC Metal at a cost of $115,462.09 and Graber Post Buildings at a cost of $116,448.64. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Superior Court Judge – Coronavirus Relief Grant Agreement**

Ed Michael made a motion to approve the Coronavirus Relief Grant Agreement presented to and approved by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute in the amount $71,000.00. The Commissioners thanked Superior Court Judge Dena Martin for her time and effort in accessing these funds on behalf of Greene County. This approval reimburses the county for certain costs incurred within the courts and related county offices/departments. Rick Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Terms of this agreement are incorporated by reference.

**Re: Coronavirus Relief Fund Acceptance Certification – CARES Act**

Rick Graves made a motion to approve the Coronavirus Relief Fund Acceptance Certification which will, in effect, give Greene County and her townships the opportunity to recover up to $1,038,395.00 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds through December 30, 2020. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Terms of this certification are incorporated by reference.

**Re: Covered Bridge Certification**

Ed Michael made a motion to approve and sign the 2020 Covered Bridge Certification that states that Greene County has one covered bridge. With this approval, the county will receive $1,850.00 from the state in order to maintain the bridge. Rick Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Tax Sale, September 19, 2020**

Rick Graves made a motion to approve the 2020 Tax Sale Calendar with the tax sale taking place on Wednesday, September 19, 2020. SRI will be administering the sale. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Local Law Enforcement Support**

Commissioner Nathan Abrams said publicly that the Board of Commissioners wanted to show support for the Greene County Sheriff’s Department and other local law enforcement by any means within their authority and thanked them for their service.

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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Nathan L. Abrams Edward L. Michael Rick Graves

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Matthew W. Baker, Auditor