Be It Remembered that the Greene County

Board of Commissioners met in Regular

Session on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 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 January 19, 2021 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 February 2, 2021. Rick Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Chief Public Defender – Office Intern**

Rick Graves made a motion to support Chief Public Defender Ashley Dyer’s effort to bring on an intern to learn how the Public Defender’s Office operates first-hand. The candidate, Levi Baysinger, is a local native who is currently going to law school. Ms. Dyer noted that she hoped Mr. Baysinger might consider the role of a full-time Public Defender one day based upon his experience in the office. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Veteran’s Service Officer – Carport Purchase**

Rick Graves made a motion to ratify the purchase of a carport as requested by Veteran’s Service Officer Richard Nichols in order to protect the Veteran’s Service Van and Driver from the elements. The current parking spot is no longer available. The finished carport, which would cost $2,816.00, would be placed at the vacant lot located on 78 Spring Street in Bloomfield and owned by David Reed. Mr. Reed would allow the van to be parked there free of charge by approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between he and the Board of Commissioners, with liability being provided by Greene County. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Veteran’s Service Officer – Purchase Agreement**

Rick Graves made a motion to approve the purchase agreement between the Board of Commissioners and David Reed for the purchase of the previously mentioned carport on behalf of Veteran’s Service Officer Richard Nichols. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: County Assessor – Use of Funds**

Rick Graves made a motion to allow County Assessor Dawn Abrams use of Reassessment Funds in amount of up to $5,000.00 to hire an appraiser on behalf of the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) to appraise property owned by Griffin Industries located near Newberry, Indiana in order to resolve an issue brought to the PTABOA. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: County Sheriff – Vehicle Purchase**

Rick Graves made a motion to allow County Sheriff Michael Hasler to purchase a 2018 Ford Escape with approximately 17,000 road miles to use as an administrative vehicle. Sheriff Hasler noted that the vehicle would only be equipped with a computer and no added equipment such is used by a Merit Deputy. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: EMS Director – Excess Vehicle Bids**

Rick Graves made a motion to take the bids received for the EMS Vehicles advertised for sale under advisement until a future meeting. The bids in the amounts of $2,700.00 and $3,790.00 were deemed rather low for the quality of vehicles advertised. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Board of Commissioners – Certificate Sale**

Rick Graves made a motion to have Treasurer Nicole Stahl work out the scheduling of the Certificate Sale to be held this spring. It was noted that the sale may be an online sale, depending on Governor Holcomb’s direction regarding the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Board of Commissioners – 2021 Annual Appointments**

Rick Graves made a motion to approve the appointment of Tim Abbott to serve out the term of the late Teddy York on the Drainage Board for 2021. Board of Commissioners’ President Nathan Abrams spoke of how Mr. York would be missed and of his strong contribution to both the county and his community. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Economic Development Report**

Economic Development Corporation Director Brianne Jerrels gave the Commissioners a report on what the GCEDC has been working on, including work on local rural development and grants on behalf of the county. The Commissioners thanked for Ms. Jerrels for her time and effort.

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