Be It Remembered that the Greene County

Council and Board of Commissioners met in Joint Special Session on March 2, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners’ Room on the third floor of the Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order by President Gregg Roudebush.

The Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting.

Those present were Gregg Roudebush, D. Joe Huntington, Karen Abrams, Brent Murray, Jerry Frye-by phone, Kelly Zimmerly, and County Attorney Marvin Abshire. Absent was Ron Lehman.

Those present from the Board of Commissioners were Nathan Abrams, Ed Michael, and Rick Graves.

**Re: Negative Fund Discussion**

Commissioner Rick Graves gave a presentation regarding the Commissioners’ view on how best to address the county’s negative fund balances, which include, the Community Events Center, EMS, Redevelopment Commission, and BIC Payment Funds. The Council also presented their view as explained by Council President Gregg Roudebush and Council Financial Consultant Ben Roeger. The Commissioners, after hearing the Council’s recommendations, made several motions and approved them accordingly. The Council made the following motions in direct response to each Commissioner approval.

**Re: Board of Commissioners – Community Event Center – Additional Appropriation Request**

Kelly Zimmerly made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of $44,800.00 requested by the Board of Commissioners within the LIT EDIT Fund in order to support the Community Event Center Fund until such time as the negative balance of –32,615.77 within the Community Event Center Fund is made whole. Brent Murray seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 6-0.

**Re: Board of Commissioners – Greene County Redevelopment – Additional Appropriation Request**

Kelly Zimmerly made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of $730,000.00 within the LIT EDIT Fund in order to make payments on behalf of the Redevelopment Commission for 2021, which include, Redevelopment Authority Lease Rental Revenue Bonds, Series 2013, and trustee fees totaling $628,500.00, a Rural Development Loan in the amount of $74,004.00, and a UDWI Revolving Loan in the amount of $30,000.00, for a grand total of $732,504.00. Brent Murray seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 5-0-1. Jerry Frye abstained. As of today, March 2, 2021, the Redevelopment and TIF Debt Funds have a combined negative balance of

–$1,364,345.07 when the $815,000.00 Rainy Day Fund Loan is removed.

**Re: Board of Commissioners – Battery Innovation Center and Greene County Building Corporation**

**– Additional Appropriation Request**

Karen Abrams made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of $750,000.00 within the LIT EDIT Fund in order to make the Battery Innovation Center (BIC) Bond payments on behalf of both the BIC and the Greene County Building Corporation for 2021, that is, the Lease Rental Revenue Bonds of 2017 (Tax Back-up) which total $1,040,000.00. It is noted that BIC makes $420,000.00 worth of payments annually toward their debt and for 2021 only there was a balance of $107,887.14 from a remaining balance on the other Lease Rental Bond which was paid off in 2020 that will be placed upon the debt. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 6-0.

**Re: Board of Commissioners – Ambulance Service (EMS) – Additional Appropriation Request**

Karen Abrams made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of $300,000.00 within the LIT Public Safety Fund in order to make accounts payable and payroll payments on behalf of the EMS until such time as changes made to the EMS Department in the last year or so can put it on a better financial footing. Brent Murray seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 6-0. As of today, March 2, 2021, the EMS Fund has a negative balance of –475,932.42.

**Re: General Fund for Use of CARES Funds**

Brent Murray made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of $500,000.00 within the General Fund in order to use part of the approved 2020 CARES Reimbursement in that amount for various projects and purchases made necessary by the Coronavirus Pandemic. Kelly Zimmerly seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 6-0.

**Re: Rainy Day Loan to Redevelopment Fund Forgiveness**

Jerry Frye made a motion to forgive the Rainy-Day Loan in the amount of $815,000.00 that the Redevelopment Fund currently owes to the Rainy-Day Fund, seeing there is no foreseeable way that the Redevelopment Commission can ever realistically pay it back given its lack of resources. Karen Abrams seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 6-0.

**Re: Movement of Greene County Building Fund Balance to Rainy-Day Fund**

Kelly Zimmerly made a motion to move the existing balance of the Greene County Building Fund in the amount of $2,247,800.87 to the Rainy-Day Fund. This is necessary according to the Indiana State Board of Accounts as the Building Fund is not a statutory fund. Karen Abrams seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 6-0.

There being no further business to come before the board, Kelly Zimmerly made a motion to adjourn. Brent Murray seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Jerry R. Frye Ronald Lehman

Kelly Zimmerly Brent Murray

Karen Abrams Gregg Roudebush

D. Joe Huntington

Attest:

Matthew W. Baker, Auditor