Be It Remembered that the Greene County

Council met in Regular Session on Monday,

March 28, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the

Commissioners’ Room on the third floor

of the Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order by Gregg Roudebush.

The Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting.

Those present were Kelly Zimmerly, Jerry Frye, Joe Huntington, Karen Abrams, Brent Murray, Ronald Lehman, and County Attorney Marvin Abshire. Gregg Roudebush was absent.

**Re: Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting held on February 28, 2022, was approved, with reading waived, on a motion made by Ron Lehman. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**Re: Superior Court Judge – Additional Appropriation Approval**

Karen Abrams made a motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of $2,724.45 within the County Drug-Free Community-Superior Fund to cover the amount of funds received in this fund, which was more than the $25,000.00 amount approved at the 2022 budget hearings. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**Re: Superior Court Judge – Additional Appropriation Request**

Ron Lehman made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of $20,000.00 within the General Fund to cover the costs of psychiatric services needed for certain defendants. Kelly Zimmerly seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**Re: Community Corrections Director – Job Description Approval**

Jerry Frye made a motion to approve the updated job description of Corrections Officer within the Community Corrections Department as requested by Director Lynn Wininger. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Terms of this job description are incorporated by reference.

**Re: County Extension Director – Extension Office Updates**

County Extension Director Malea Huffman gave several updates on the County Extension Office, including, introducing new Community Wellness Coordinator Tina Graven, interviewing candidates for a summer intern and Sadie Davis’ vacated position, and news that the Greene County Lifesmart Team was going to Washington D.C. to represent the county in the nationwide Lifesmart competition. The Council thanked Malea for her time and information.

**Re: Chief Public Defender – Additional Reimbursement Opportunities**

Chief Public Defender Ashley Dyer told the Council that there may be an opportunity for more reimbursements from the state for CHINS (Child in Need of Services) cases. This is due to the need for a Public Defender to represent the child in such cases and not the parents alone. Ms. Dyer noted this may be made mandatory by the Indiana Public Defender Commission in the next few years and she wanted to forewarn the Council of the need for a full-time Public Defender for children involved in such cases. The Council assured Ms. Dyer that she had their support for such a move if this was made mandatory.

**Re: County Assessor – Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) Issue**

Karen Abrams made a motion to approve Chief Deputy Assessor Jennifer Parr (R) to serve on the PTABOA for 2022, replacing former member Irene Davis (R) for the remainder of the year, as requested by County Assessor Dawn Abrams. It was explained to the Council that one member of the PTABOA must both attain and retain a Level II Certification for the board to be compliant with state statute. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-1. Brent Murray abstained.

**Re: County Sheriff – Additional Appropriation Approval**

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of $3,122.04 within the General Fund as requested by County Sheriff Michael Hasler to make use of reimbursement funds received for medical expenses and prisoner meals. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**Re: County Sheriff – Additional Appropriation Approval**

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of $100,000.00 within the Sheriff County Correction Fund as requested by County Sheriff Michael Hasler to replace the $100,000.00 within the General Fund that he voluntarily returned to the Council at the 2022 budget hearings. Karen Abrams seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**Re: County Sheriff – Body Camera Grant**

After County Sheriff Michael Hasler explained in detail the need for his on-duty Deputies to wear body cameras, Joe Huntington made a motion to approve use of Rainy Day funds for the $18,174.00 that the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) will reimburse the county when the body camera project is completed. This amount was approved by the IDHS through a matching grant applied for by the Sheriff’s Department. Karen Abrams seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. The county’s portion of the matching grant is $4,543.50. Sheriff Hasler told the Council that he would follow the same policy and specifications as the Indiana State Police with regard to body cameras, including the manufacturer, Axon Enterprise, Inc.

**Re: County Sheriff – Body Camera Grant Continued**

Karen Abrams then made a motion to fund the remaining cost of the body camera system, which includes cloud storage, out of the Rainy Day Fund. The total being initially paid from the Rainy Day Fund is $66,883.80. This motion covers the amount that is remaining after the $18,174.00 is expended, namely, $48,709.80. Joe Huntington seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. It is noted that Sheriff Hasler will reimburse the county the $48,709.80 from the Sheriffs Commissary Fund.

**Re: Mileage Rate Update**

Brent Murray made a motion to use the federal mileage reimbursement rate for the new county standard. The rate, which is 58.5 cents per mile for 2022 as set by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), replaces the former standard, the Indiana state mileage reimbursement rate, effective March 29, 2022. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Included within the motion, the federal mileage reimbursement rate will remain, including each time it is updated by the IRS, until such time it is acted upon by the Council.

**Re: Convention, Visitor & Tourism Board Appointment**

Ron Lehman made a motion to table any approval of a Convention, Visitor & Tourism Board Appointment until the April 25, 2022 Council Meeting. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**Re: Board of Commissioners – Ratification of Commissioners’ Resolution 2022-07**

Karen Abrams made a motion to ratify use of ARPA funds included within the Commissioners’ Resolution No. 2022-07, Resolution Identifying Non-Public Critical Infrastructure Sector and Recommending Premium Pay Grant to Eligible Employer, which was approved by the Board of Commissioners at their March 15, 2022 Meeting. This grant would include approval of an upgraded HVAC system to be installed at the courthouse by Sycamore Engineering. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Terms of this decision and Commissioners’ amendment are incorporated by reference. It is noted that Ron Lehman had to leave the meeting after this vote.

**Re: Board of Commissioners – Local Appropriation Request/Approval – Resolution No. 2022-07**

Brent Murray made a motion to approve the local appropriation requested by the Board of Commissioners in the amount of $550,000.00 out of the ARPA Fund in order to finance the HVAC system upgrade at the courthouse. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Jerry Frye made a motion to adjourn. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Jerry R. Frye Ronald Lehman

Kelly Zimmerly Brent Murray

Karen Abrams Gregg Roudebush

D. Joe Huntington

Attest:

Matthew W. Baker, Auditor