Be It Remembered that the Greene County

Council met in Regular Session on Monday,

July 25, 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 Gregg Roudebush, Kelly Zimmerly, Joe Huntington, Ron Lehman, Brent Murray, Karen Abrams, Jerry Frye, and County Attorney Marvin Abshire.

**Re: Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting held on June 20, 2022, were approved, with reading waived, on a motion made by Karen Abrams. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**Re: 4-H Junior Leaders Presentation**

Greene County 4-H Junior Leaders Karly Smock, a Senior at Linton-Stockton High School and Brayton Rose, a Linton-Stockton High School Graduate, appeared before the Council, to give a report on what the 433 Greene County 4-H members were doing this year. Mr. Rose explained that the newly formed Greene County Youth Health Council is looking to help local youth with much needed life skills. Ms. Smock gave a report on the success of this year’s 4-H Fair and the participation of the 433 members. The Council thanked them both for their leadership and information they provided.

**Re: Resolution No. 2022-04 – Quasar Management Declaratory Resolution**

Karen Abrams made a motion to approve Greene County Council Resolution No. 2022-04, A Preliminary Declaratory Resolution Designating an Economic Revitalization Area and Fixing a Date, Time, and Place for a Public Hearing Thereon for Quasar Properties LLC and Quasar Management LLC d/b/a K-7 AMMO. This resolution sets the date and time of the public hearing on Monday, August 22, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room located on the third floor of the Greene County Courthouse. County Attorney Marvin Abshire commented that this was the first step for possible approvement of an abatement for the 60 acres that Quasar Management is planning to develop and use near Lyons, Indiana. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. Terms of this Resolution are incorporated by reference.

**Re: Marilyn Hartman – Redevelopment Commission/Westgate Authority Discussion**

Attorney Marilyn Hartman presented a loan proposal on behalf of the Redevelopment Commission and the Westgate Authority which is required to upgrade the Westgate Academy so that it will suit the needs of the NSA Crane Human Resources Department, which will be housed there when the work is completed. The total amount required for the upgrade is expected to be between $350,000.00 and $550,000.00. Radius Indiana has committed to providing $250,000.00 of these funds as a direct loan, which is the maximum they can provide to one entity. The remaining funds are being requested from Greene and Daviess Counties respectively. Radius Indiana has proposed loaning Greene County $150,000.00 to be used for the support of this effort. The county will, in turn, loan an amount not to exceed $150,000.00 to the Westgate Authority. Repayment of this loan from the county will be satisfied with revenue collected from the contract with NSA Crane, which has already been finalized. Funds will be shown as money in and money out, with no possible liability placed upon Greene County taxpayers to shoulder the burden. After much discussion, Jerry Frye made a motion to support the Redevelopment Commission Loan to Westgate Authority for the purpose of renovating Westgate Academy as proposed. Karen Abrams seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1-2. Gregg Roudebush and Ron Lehman abstained, and Brent Murray voted against.

**Re: Highway Superintendent – Additional Appropriation Request**

Brent Murray made a motion to advertise for additional appropriations totaling $168,000.00 within the Highway Fund as requested by Highway Superintendent Roger Hamilton to reuse funds reimbursed to the department by county citizen purchases, which include, road culverts, fuel, bituminous, tires, and road equipment. Kelly Zimmerly seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**Re: Ordinance No. 2022-03 – Salary Ordinance Amendment, County Recorder**

Karen Abrams made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-03, an Ordinance Amending Greene County Employee Salary Ordinance for Calendar Year 2022 Adopted December 13, 2021. This ordinance amends the part-time hourly rate requested by County Recorder Sarah Bender for employee(s) classified as Permanent Part-Time – Project Staff Member to reflect a two-tier rate employee, one for the aforementioned employee, which will remain at the current hourly rate of $15.15, while a higher rate will be set for a Senior Permanent Part-Time – Project Staff Member at $15.40 per hour, to the 2022 Salary Ordinance. This is possible due to adequate funding within the Recorder’s Perpetuation Fund. Kelly Zimmerly seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. Terms of this ordinance are incorporated by reference.

**Re: EMS Director – Job Description Approval**

Karen Abrams made a motion to approve the job description of Community EMS/Mobile Health Worker within the EMS Department as requested by Director Doug Hall. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. Terms of this job description are incorporated by reference.

**Re: Resolution No. 2022-03 – Rainy Day Loan to Ambulance Service**

Karen Abrams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-03, Resolution of the Greene County Council Facilitating Rainy Day Loan to the Greene County Ambulance Service. The loan is in the amount of $90,000.00 in order to purchase and equip a community paramedic vehicle until such time as the funds are reimbursed per a federal grant which passes through the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH). When these funds are received, the county auditor will move these same funds back to the Rainy-Day Fund no later than December 31, 2022. Kelly Zimmerly seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. Terms of this Resolution are incorporated by reference.

**Re: LIT EMS Tax Rate**

Kelly Zimmerly made a motion to give preliminary approval of the form of the ordinance necessary for the possibility of a Local Income Tax (LIT) for support of the Greene County Emergency Medical Services (EMS), which would set a .2% (.002) LIT EMS rate, bringing the total county LIT to 2.15% (.0215). This motion also fixes a date, time, and place for a public hearing of the tax rate on Monday, August 22, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room located on the third floor of the Greene County Courthouse. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-2. Gregg Roudebush and Joe Huntington voted against.

**Re: County Sheriff – Transfer of Funds Request**

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve a transfer of funds request in the amount of $1,100.00 within the General Fund as requested by County Sheriff Michael Hasler to pay for uniforms for the Security Officers. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

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

Jerry Frye made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of $1,705.22 within the General Fund as requested by the County Sheriff Michael Hasler to make use of reimbursement funds received for medical expenses. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

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

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve Richard Nichols to serve as the Council appointment on the Convention, Visitor & Tourism Board Appointment for the Council until the present term ends on December 31, 2025. Mr. Nichols replaces Patti Danner, who was approved by the Board of Commissioners to serve as their representative. This is necessary per Indiana Code that the board be politically balanced. Kelly Zimmerly seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ron Lehman made a motion to adjourn. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Jerry R. Frye Ronald Lehman

Kelly Zimmerly Brent Murray

Karen Abrams Gregg Roudebush

D. Joe Huntington

Attest:

Matthew W. Baker, Auditor