Be It Remembered that the Greene County

Board of Commissioners met in Regular

Session on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 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**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 17, 2023. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Claims**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the accounts payable claims submitted for payment on February 7, 2023. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Payroll**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the payroll claims submitted for payment on February 7, 2023. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Hamilton Center Annual Report**

Hamilton Center South Director Matt Hayes provided stats and services from its annual report to support Greene County’s $166,000.00 investment. Bloomfield office director Cindy Rotman was also present. Locally, the center is open five days a week and has various management teams throughout the county including tele-health services. The biggest obstacle to providing services is the size of Greene County and the need for greater communication of need for services. Judge Dena Martin spoke on behalf of the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC) about the combined need of substance abuse and mental health services. Judge Martin noted that the county needs two evaluations for inmates, when competency to stand trial is at issue, and efforts to seek help from the Hamilton Center have been deficient, leaving the Courts to seek very expensive services outside the County. Judge Martin also noted that Hamilton Center office staff has turned people away and that the hospital could benefit from education on finding beds for emergency detentions. JRAC member Nicole Noel stated that Greene County needs more services including anger management and batterers intervention groups. Matt Hayes noted there are not enough providers and that he would like to work with Judge Martin and JRAC to find resolutions to the problems finding services.

**Re: Resolution 2023-01 (Appraiser Appointments)**

The Commissioners are interested in disposing one tract created by a survey which includes the former Ore Branch Church of Christ. Marvin Abshire presented Resolution No. 2023-01, “Resolution of Greene County Commissioners Appointing Appraisers” to appoint two disinterested certified appraisers, Gilbert S. Mordoh & Co., Inc. and Hopkins Appraisal Services, LLC, to assist in determining the statutory price for said .037-acre tract. Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve Resolution No. 2023-01 as presented and incorporated by reference to these minutes. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Health Insurance Board of Trustees (Trust Amendment)**

Article 2.2 of the Greene County Employee Benefit Trust Amended and Restated as of March 5, 2013 provides for the composition of the Board of Trustees as follows: (a) one member of the Board of Commissioners, (b) two members of the County Council, and (c) three county elected officials appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Trustees met in January, 2023 and voted unanimously to recommend that the Commissiosners amend the makeup of the board so that the Board of Commissioners shall appoint two elected officials to the Board and that the Sheriff of Greene County shall be a standing member of the Board. Marvin Abshire presented a “First Amendment to Greene County Employee Benefit Trust Amended and Restated as of March 5, 2013” to effectuate this change effective the date of adoption by the Board, January 25, 2023. Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the First Amendment as presented and incorporated by reference to these minutes. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Greene County Surveyor (Corner Perpetuation)**

In Surveyor Ed Strong’s absence, Marvin Abshire noted that he believes Ed Strong intends to seek approval to define the 2023 corner perpetuation project specifications and proposal and then seek survey quotes to conduct the next round of perpetuations. Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve Surveyor to solicit quotes for corner perpetuation. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Greene County Sheriff**

Sheriff George Dallaire reported that due to the mental health crisis the padded cells are often full and currently are in need of repair. Sheriff Dallaire solicited two quotes for padding repair, one from an Indianapolis based company, Indy Wall Padding, in the amount of $5,950.00 and the other from Florida based company, Marathon Engineering, in the amount of $7,144.00. The quotes were based on photographs provided. Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to contract with Indy Wall Padding to inspect the pads and determine the extent of the needed repairs and authorize Nathan Abrams and George Dallaire to sign the contract with Indy Wall for repairs. Said repairs shall be paid from Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Motion passed 3-0.

Sheriff George Dallaire reported that the jail inspector is trying to facilitate a completion of fence and gates, later this year.

Sheriff George Dallaire also commended the Courthouse security staff on their performance in screening people, seizing weapons, and implementing a Courthouse security plan.

**Re: Greene County Highway Department**

Highway Superintendent Roger Hamilton reported he has two bid packages ready to advertise. One package will be paid with Community Crossings funds and the other will be paid from Wheel Tax funds. The bids will be opened at the March 21, 2023, Commissioners’ meeting.

Roger Hamilton further reported that two road bonds were inadvertently not released after placement of two cell towers, one on Tree Farm Road and the other on Dry Branch Road. Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to release both bonds. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Property Purchase Agreement**

Having received appraisals from two disinterested appraisers to assist in determining the statutory price of tax parcel 28-08-23-443-033.001-024, more commonly known as 306 CR 70 E, Bloomfield, Indiana, Marvin Abshire prepared an “Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Real Estate” in the amount of $79,000.00. Seller has approved and signed the agreement. Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the Agreement as presented and incorporated by reference to these minutes. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Commissioner Board Appointments**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to reappoint Harry Halstead to the Linton Public Library Board for a four-year term. Motion passed 3-0.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to reappoint Ed Michael to the SIDC board. Motion passed 3-0.

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to reappoint Dawn Abrams to the Health Insurance Board of Trustees through 12/31/26. Motion passed 3-0.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to reappoint Brenda Pafford to the Hospital Association for a four-year term. Motion passed 3-0.

**County Attorney**

Marvin Abshire informed the Commissioners that Washington County and Owen County have withdrawn from participating in the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to establish a land bank, previously entered into by the Greene County Commissioners on December 20, 2022. An edited Agreement will be provided later.

**Public Comment**

Jerome Quigley voiced concerns over the possible sale of the 0.37-acre tract which includes the former Ore Branch Church of Christ. The property is located adjacent to his, and across the road from his son. Mr. Quigley has concerns that someone may convert the former church into a residence, and he believes the cistern and septic system may be inadequate and that the home would be too close to the road to be safe. Mr. Quigley’s greatest concern is the safety of his grandchildren at what he deems an unsafe intersection. Ed Michael noted that the highway department has discussed placing a guardrail on the north side of the road and possibly the lower side. Mr. Quigley requested the Commissioners demolish the church building and keep the 0.37-acre tract, or, alternatively, allow him the first option to purchase it.

**Discussion Item**

Nathan Abrams reported that the Covered Bridge is closed for repairs.

There being no further business to come before the board, Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to adjourn. Motion passed 3-0.

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Nathan L. Abrams Edward L. Michael Rick Graves

Heather Perry, Auditor