Be It Remembered that the Greene County

Board of Commissioners met in Regular

Session on Tuesday, February 21, 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 February 7, 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 21, 2023. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Payroll**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the payroll claims submitted for payment on February 21, 2023. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Opioid Settlement Grant (Nicole Noel)**

Nicole Noel from Alcohol & Drug presented the Commissioners with a plan to use the funding from the Opioid Settlement. The County has received a total of $233,711.93 from the settlement. The plan has support from The Greene County Courts, Greene County Prosecutor, Greene County Public Defender, Greene County Sheriff & Greene County Alcohol & Drug. The Proposal is to start a Mental Health Court within the county and to bring in a psychiatrist to do evaluations on inmates. Nicole and everyone involved are planning for a pretrial program right now. They have also partnered with the Greene County General Hospital. The money came to the county in two separate funds, restricted and unrestricted. The money can only be used in the restricted fund if there is a plan attached to the money being spent. Emily Cook from the Greene County Foundation will write a Match Grant for the money already received from the settlement. If selected, the county would receive matching funds to help with this project. Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to move forward with the writing of the Grant and support to move forward with the project. Rick Graves also mentioned as a sidenote to ask the council for funding as well and not to just rely on grant funding. He would like to see them make a budget and continue the program. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Courthouse Repairs**

Structural issues with the old part of the courthouse have recently been found. A structural engineer came in and gave us a proposal to inspect along with the construction budget estimates. The Commissioners feel that the proposal along with the estimates are very reasonable. Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to enter into an agreement with RC Engineering and to allow the President of the Commissioners to negotiate and execute the contracts. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Economic Development**

Brianne Jerrels came to the Commissioners to introduce her new assistant, Kaitlen Allen. She comes to us from Owen County Chamber of Commerce. Brianne also gave the Commissioners an update on housing and of a proposal that was presented to the Redevelopment Commission last week for housing and retail at Progress Point. The deadline for those proposals is March 15th. She also informed the Commissioners in the meeting that ROI is updating their housing setting from 2019 and gave thanks to Dawn Abrams, Greene County Assessor, who has been instrumental in getting back with them with the updated information.

**County Attorney**

Marvin Abshire presented the Commissioners with the amended agreement for the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to establish a land bank. 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. Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the amended agreement to move forward. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Greene County Sheriff**

Sheriff George Dallaire reported that padded cells are almost completed. Sheriff Dallaire also updated that he was able to pick up two Sheriff’s Deputy Vehicles on February 20th. The other two patrol vehicles should be ready for pickup at the end of March and there is currently a third patrol vehicle that is ready and sitting in Chicago right now. Sheriff Dallaire also spoke to the Commissioners about a fence project he is working on. Sheriff Dallaire got pricing for a gate from the fencing company that was originally used to put up the current fence at the jail. The gate will cost $1500.00. When the gate gets here, Sheriff Dallaire will also be needing concrete to help secure the gate. Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to allow Sheriff Dallaire to move forward with the purchasing of the gate and getting quotes for the concrete work that will need done. Motion passed 3-0.

Sheriff Dallaire also informed the Commissioners of demolition work being done to replace countertops. The quote received for replacement was $4500.00 for the demolition and installation of the countertops or $3140.23 without the demolition. Sheriff Dallaire is choosing to have the Sheriff’s Department remove the countertop and prepare the area for the installation. Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the demolition plans and to authorize the Sheriff to choose the countertops he wants. Motion passed 3-0.

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