

Be It Remembered that the Greene County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, February 27th, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room on the third floor of the Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order by Kelly Zimmerly.

The Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting.

Those present were Kelly Zimmerly, Jerry R. Frye, Randall Brown, Ronald Lehman, Brent Murray, Karen Abrams, and County Attorney Marvin Abshire.

Re: Minutes

The minutes of the regular session held on January 30, 2023, were approved as presented with reading waived, on a motion made by Ron Lehman. Karen Abrams seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: Ed Strong- Section Corner Perpetuation Funding

Greene County Surveyor, Ed Strong, approached the council about an additional appropriation in the amount of \$56,000.00 to finish the corner monuments project that he has been working on. There are 12 sections near I-69 and a few other places around the county. The council appropriated funds in August 2022 for the project but those funds went unspent in 2022. Given the higher cost for services, the surveyor on advice of counsel allowed the 2022 appropriation to lapse and seeks the full appropriation in 2023. Brent Murray moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to advertise for appropriation of \$56,000.00 from perpetuation. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: Karen Holz- Bloomfield-Eastern Library

Karen Holz came before the council to update and share the progress of the Bloomfield-Eastern Public Library. According to Holz, the children's circulation has doubled compared to 2018. The library has had over 3,000 more people visit the libraries in 2022 than in 2021. Holz also shared with the council new programs in the works for this year. This summer they plan to have a summer reading program and a community garden. Along with this, they also have a new streaming service where members can view documentaries and older movies. Holz also said they have started a "Library of Things" for teachers, elementary students and students that are home schooled. The council was pleased with the library's progress and thanked Holz for the update.

Re: Nicole Noel- Opioid Settlement Funds

Nicole Noel from Alcohol & Drug presented the Council 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 Drug and Alcohol Program. 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. Nicole asked the council to approve the motion to advertise for the unrestricted and the restricted amounts, endorsement of funds, and to the commitment of funds from the council. Ron Lehman moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to support the grant application. Motion passed 6-0. Ron Lehman also moved, and Brent Murray seconded, to advertise for appropriation of \$233,711.93 in restricted and unrestricted funds to the proposed Mental Health Court and related programs as proposed by the director of the Drug and Alcohol Program. Motion passed 6-0. Noel then sought a motion explicitly supporting the department's application for matching grant funds made available from the State. Jerry Frye moved, and Brent Murray seconded, to support the grant. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: Malea Huffman- Introducing the New Agriculture & Natural Resources Educator

Malea Huffman came before the council to introduce the new Agriculture & Natural Resources Educator Shawn Huss. He is coming to Greene County from Owen County. He will be located at the Community Event center and his main job will consist of networking at our county events. The Council congratulated him on his new job and wished him well.

Malea also announced that last year's Life Smarts winner, Carly Smock won again this year at state level.

Re: Budget Encumbrances- Tabled from Last Meeting

Alcohol & Drug- Misc.- Fund 2505-000-03-0012- Amount \$169.81-

Alcohol & Drug- Education/Prevention- Fund 2505-000-02-0060- Amount \$0.86-

Alcohol & Drug- Criminal Justice- Fund 2505-000-04-0012- Amount \$231.86- Ron Lehman moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to approve the encumbrances. Motion passed 6-0.

Recorder- Extra Hire Project- Fund 1189-000-01-0020- Amount \$2395.58- Ron Lehman moved, and Brent Murray seconded, to approve the encumbrances. Karen Abrams voted against encumbrance. Randall Brown abstained. Motion passed 5-1-1.

Ambulance- Jasonville Rent- Fund 1151-000-03-0063- Amount \$5000.00-

Ambulance- Town of Bloomfield- Fund 1151-000-03-0062- Amount \$5000.00-

Ambulance- Telephone- Fund 1151-000-03-0014- Amount \$2000.00-

Ambulance- Tires- Fund 1151-000-02-0022- Amount \$6000.00- Karen Abrams moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to approve the encumbrances. Motion passed 6-0.

Emergency Management-Misc. Supplies- Fund 1000-361-02-0061- Amount \$2064.00- Brent Murray moved, Ron Lehman seconded, to approve the encumbrance. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: New Budget Encumbrances

Alcohol & Drug- Case Manager- Fund 8123-000-01-0011- \$33,261.51

Alcohol & Drug- Evaluation Expenses- Fund 8123-000-03-0010- \$507.50

Alcohol & Drug- Training- Fund 8123-000-03-0011- \$9.65

Alcohol & Drug- Drug Testing- 8123-000-03-0012- \$60.00- Jerry Frye moved, and Karen Abrams seconded, to approve the encumbrances. Motion passed 6-0.

Sheriff- PST- Fund 1170-000-010013- \$53,502.00- Jerry Frye moved, and Ron Lehman seconded, to approve the encumbrance. Karen Abrams voted against the encumbrance. Motion passed 5-1.

Sheriff- Jail- Office Supply- Fund 1000-380-02-0060- \$6,670.00-

Sheriff- Jail- Inst. Supplies- Fund 1000-380-02-0035- \$490.00-

Sheriff- Jail- Uniforms- Fund 1000-380-02-0030- \$1,972.00-

Sheriff- Jail- Office Mach- Fund 1000-380-02-0040- \$424.03- Ron Lehman moved, and Brent Murray seconded, to approve the encumbrances. Motion passed 6-0.

Sheriff- County Corrections- Bullet Proof Vests- Fund 1222-000-02-0070- \$63,000.00- Ron Lehman moved, and Karen Abrams seconded, to approve the encumbrance. Motion passed 6-0.

Sheriff- County Corrections- Vehicles- Fund 1122-000-04-0020- \$101,537.08- Ron Lehman moved and Karen Abrams seconded, to approve encumbrance. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: Sheriff – Transfer of Funds Request/ Additional Appropriation

Sheriff Dallaire presented the council with two separate transfer requests. The first one would be as listed:

-From 1000-380-02-0060- \$6,670.00 to 1000-005-04-0020

-From 1000-380-02-0035- \$490.00 to 1000-005-04-0020

-From 1000-380-02-0030- \$1972.00 to 1000-005-04-0020

-From 1000-380-02-0040- \$424.03 to 1000-005-04-0020- Ron Lehman moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to approve the transfers. Motion passed 6-0.

The Second request would be as listed:

-From 1170-000-01-0013- \$4,405.00 to 1000-005-02-0022

-From 1170-000-01-0013- \$32,405.50 to 1000-005-02-0030

-From 1170-000-01-0013- \$14,378.27 to 1000-005-03-0016

-From 1170-000-01-0013- \$2,313.00 to 1000-005-03-0052- Brent Murray moved, and Ron Lehman seconded, to approve the transfers. Karen Abrams voted against the transfers. Motion passed 5-1.

Sheriff Dallaire also requested advertisement for an additional appropriation in the amount \$6077.00. This was money that was paid on an insurance claim to the county from a totaled Sheriff’s deputy vehicle. Karen Abrams moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to advertise for the additional appropriation. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: Recorder Transfer of Funds Request Form

Recorder, Sarah Bender presented the county with a transfer request. The request is listed as: From 1189-000-03-0060- \$20,500.00 to 1189-000-01-0020- Ron Lehman moved, and Brent Murray seconded, to approve the transfer. Motion passed 6-0.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ron Lehman made a motion to adjourn. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Jerry R. Frye

Ronald Lehman

Kelly Zimmerly

Brent Murray

Karen Abrams

Gregg Roudebush (resigned 03-01-23)

Randall Brown

Attest:

Heather Perry, Auditor