

Be It Remembered that the Greene County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, April 24th, 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, Ronald Lehman, Brent Murray, Karen Abrams, Randall Brown, Bryan Woodall and County Attorney Marvin Abshire.

Re: Minutes

The minutes of the regular session held on March 27, 2023, were approved as presented with reading waived, on a motion made by Brent Murray. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Re: Reorganization of Board- Vice President

Ron Lehman nominated Brent Murray as Vice President of the Council Board. Bryan Woodall nominated Jerry Frye as Vice President of the Council Board. A roll call was taken for each nomination. Randall Brown, Jerry Frye, and Bryan Woodall voted for Jerry Frye. Karen Abrams, Ron Lehman, Brent Murray, and Kelly Zimmerly voted for Brent Murray. By a vote of 4-3, Brent Murray was elected Vice President.

Re: Community Corrections Advisory Board

Kelly Zimmerly, appointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board by the Greene County Commissioners, designated Gregg Roudebush to serve in her place on that board. The designation was made pursuant to IC 11-12-2-2(a)(12)(A). No vote was necessary in this designation.

Re: Financial Advisor- Ben Roeger

Financial Advisor Ben Roeger came before the Council to give an update on what to expect for the budgeting process this year. Roeger stated that our high interest earnings rates on our accounts this year has given the county positive cash flow. Roeger also added that the carryover cash surplus from 2022 of \$1.265-million-dollar assures that the 2023 budget is fully funded. He noted that the LIT-EMS funding will free up LIT-Public Safety and help cover EMS revenue shortfalls. Two more major obligations will be paid off in 2024 and 2026 and that will free up an additional million dollars to add to the operating budget soon.

Re: Additional Appropriation- To Advertise

I. **Clerk- Stuart Dowden- Extra Hire Employee**

Ron Lehman moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to approve advertising for an additional appropriation for an extra hire employee for the Greene County Clerk. The amount of the additional appropriation would be \$7,000.00. The position would be 12-20 hours a week and the person selected for hire would be given the prescribed duties in the offering letter. Motion passed 7-0.

II. **Health Department- EHS Position for Retail Food Inspections and Job Description Revision**

Health Administrator, Shari Lewis, came before the Council to ask for an additional employee in the Health Department. The need comes after an increase in people in the county building more homes and new businesses moving into the county. Lewis stated that the Health Department cannot keep up with food inspections, septic permits, and adding to their list will be tattoo, piercing, and eye lash business inspections. This additional position would be able to focus on inspecting foods. A food inspection is supposed to be done twice yearly, on change of business ownership, and performs follow-ups on correction notices. Lewis also presented a proposed position description update for the Environmental Health Specialist II position, to allow the description to cover both existing and incoming EHS. The additional appropriation would be advertised for \$33,346.09 as a prorated salary amount for the position from fund 1168. Karen Abrams moved, and Ron Lehman seconded, to accept the revision of the job description for Environmental Health Specialist II. Motion passed 7-0. Karen Abrams moved, and Ron Lehman seconded, to approve advertising for the additional appropriation in the amount of \$33,346.09 from fund 1168 as a prorated annual salary for the EHS new hire. Motion passed 7-0.

III. **Sheriff Dallaire- Check from Insurance**

Bryan Woodall moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to approve advertising for \$4,511.60 received as a result of a radio insurance claim that was paid to the Greene County Sheriff. The claim resulted from radio equipment destroyed in a Sheriff's Deputy vehicle that was totaled. Motion passed 7-0.

IV. **Greene County Commissioners- 8th Amendment- ARPA Plan**

Brent Murray moved, and Karen Abrams seconded, to approve the 8th amendment to the ARPA Plan. This Amendment will help purchase four new dump trucks for the Highway Department. The contribution from local fiscal recovery funds to purchase the dump trucks is \$600,000.00. The Highway Department will provide an additional \$200,000.00 of the total cost. The trucks will be ordered now, with an expected delivery sometime in 2024. Brent Murray then moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve local appropriation of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the amount of \$600,000.00, to fund the purchase proposed in the amendment. A local appropriation does not need to be advertised. Motion passed 7-0.

V. **Nicole Noel- LCC Granted Check**

Jerry Frye moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve advertising the additional appropriation for \$6,315.00 to the Drug Screening Fund. This money was granted to the Local Coordinating Council. Motion passed 7-0.

Additional Appropriations- Final Considerations

I. **Judge Martin- \$60,000**

Jerry Frye moved, and Karen Abrams seconded, to give final approval of Judge Martin's request for \$60,000 for Mental Health Evaluations that was advertised. Motion passed 7-0.

II. **Surveyor- \$56,000**

Ron Lehman moved, and Brent Murray seconded, to give final approval of Surveyor Ed Strong's request for \$56,000 from Cornerstone Perpetuation that was advertised. Motion passed 7-0.

III. **Alcohol & Drug- \$233,711.93**

Ron Lehman moved, and Brent Murray seconded, to give final approval of Nicole Noel's request for \$164,200.86 from Restricted Funds and \$69,511.07 from Unrestricted Funds that was advertised. Motion passed 7-0.

IV. **Emergency Management- \$18,457.00**

Karen Abrams moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to give final approval of Roger Axe's request for \$18,457.00 from Rainy Day to use for the Mitigation Grant. This is a reimbursement grant so it will be paid back to Rainy Day once the money has been reimbursed. Motion passed 7-0.

V. **Sheriff Dallaire- \$6,077.00**

Jerry Frye moved, and Ron Lehman seconded, to give final approval of Sheriff Dallaire's request for \$6,077.00 from insurance money that was deposited as a result of a totaled Sheriff Deputy vehicle. Motion passed 7-0.

Re: EMS Director- Doug Hall

EMS Director Doug Hall came before the Council to address them about possibly changing the way his department is paid. Currently, the EMS Paramedics and EMT's get paid a smaller salary with quite a bit of guaranteed overtime. Hall came before the Council to discuss possibly raising the EMTs' and Paramedics' pay rate and getting rid of some of the guaranteed overtime by attracting new employees with increased pay. Increased pay may help the County retain our field staff instead of losing them to the surrounding counties who pay a larger salary. Currently, a Greene County basic EMT makes \$14.02 an hour where a six-county study shows an average EMT pay rate of \$16.95 an hour. According to a 7-county study, Paramedics make \$23.04 per hour compared to current Greene County paramedic rate of \$18.23 per hour. All the counties involved in the study pay on a 24-hour schedule and anything over 40 hours is paid as overtime. The Council took no action regarding the matter and wants to discuss this further and to see the comparative payroll information before deciding on the pay raise.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ron Lehman moved to adjourn. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Jerry R. Frye

Ronald Lehman

Kelly Zimmerly

Brent Murray

Karen Abrams

Bryan Woodall

Randall Brown

Attest:

Heather Perry, Auditor