Be It Remembered that the Greene County

Board of Commissioners met in Regular

Session on Tuesday, June 6th, 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 May 16, 2023. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Claims**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the accounts payable claims submitted for payment on June 6, 2023. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Payroll**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the payroll claims submitted for payment on June 6, 2023. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Ratification (Bidding Extension)**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to ratify the executive decision to extend the bidding deadline for the new EMS Facility to June 20, 2023 at 9:00 AM. Contractors need the extension to get accurate bids from subcontractors and due to continuing supply chain challenges. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Four Rivers/ Developmental Services**

Sherri Tredway from Four Rivers presented the Commissioners with an update on Four Rivers’ efforts in the community and generally to request continued funding from the Commissioners’ budget for 2024. Ms. Tredway brought the Commissioners a folder with the request letter, financials to back the request letter, and their annual plan for the funds. Ms. Tredway stated that Four Rivers currently has about 25 staff members, including one registered nurse. Four Rivers currently struggles with short staffing issues, but to accommodate that, they are giving incentives to the current staff such as extra pay and bonuses. The staff that are there assist people to get out in the community, including shopping, going to the library, parks, and restaurants. There are currently 40 people with disabilities living in the supported living and all of Four Rivers’ apartments are currently 100% occupied with several people on the waiting list.

**Re: Ride Solutions**

Becky Guthrie from Ride Solutions presented the Commissioners an organization update. Currently, Ride Solutions is supported through a matching fund INDOT grant program, from the counties it serves, and from charitable grants. She believes that the best thing the service offers is transportation to and from work for people having absolutely no other means of transportation and aw a way for otherwise homebound individuals to be able to get out for shopping and other reasons instead of relying on others for transportation. Rides each way were raised to $3, but once Covid hit, Ride Solutions reduced the amount to the original $2 each way for local transit and has maintained that level since. Ms. Guthrie stated that Ride Solutions is growing and that they need more drivers. Qualifications for driving for Ride Solutions are an operator’s license, CDL physical (at an IU Facility), a valid driver’s license, a mandatory drug test, and training. From start to finish, it takes about two weeks to complete the qualifications to drive for Ride Solutions.

**Re: Greene County Surveyor**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve pursuing a contract to preserve by digitizing original survey books in the Surveyor’s Office, at a cost of approximately $1650.00, subject to the County Council’s appropriating funds for the project from the perpetuation fund. The original books are deteriorating and are hard to read. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Fiscal Recovery Plan Amendment #9**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the Fiscal Recovery Plan Amendment #9, correcting a clerical error made in paragraph #8; in paragraph #9, proposing to use another $400,000.00 as the local match for the anticipated 2023 Community Crossings Grant award later this year; in paragraph #10, proposing to partially fund a contract for a new healthcare benefit, specifically Air Evac membership for county employees who elect to participate; and in paragraph #12, proposing to loan Greene County General Hospital the sum of $350,000.00 for purchase of a chiller to replace an existing 1998 model. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: SRI Annual Tax Sale Contract**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the SRI annual tax sale contract. This contract is for the Fall 2023 tax sale only. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Zoning Affidavit and Letter (The Car Club, Steven Gamble)**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the notification to the Indiana Secretary of State that Greene County does not have zoning that would restrict the location of new or used auto dealerships. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Greene County Sheriff (Antenna Installations)**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the installations of the conduit brackets on the water towers on the Solsberry and Mt. Zion towers. The antenna brackets, installed, will cost $4,500.00 per tower. These will be installed when the water towers get restored. The projected date for Solsberry is sometime in July and end sometime in November, but there hasn’t been a projected date for Mt Zion yet. This will be paid from Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Motion passed-3-0.

**Re: Economic Development**

Brianne Jerrels from Economic Development came to give an update and to introduce her new assistant, Arial Shelton. Brianne stated that housing is on the rise, that she has been talking to Mayor Wilkes about housing opportunities in Linton, and that she has a meeting with John Mensch concerning housing closer to Westgate on Thursday. The Housing Committee is looking for new areas in the county to develop new housing. Brianne also stated that Tom Wininger from Wininger Construction now has 10 units completed, with 8 of the 10 being leased.

There is a manufacturing grant through Connexus in the Indiana small business development center that Brianne’s office and Cheryl Hamilton’s office are helping to organize. That will take place on June 13, 2023, at the Economic Development office. There will be an information session and then a one-on-one if there is any interest.

Brianne also stated that she attended a Broadband Regional Summit at Westgate. There is a new program called the Broadband Equity Access and Development Program (B.E.A.D.). It is a program that will have $42 million coming from the United States, with each state getting some of that money. Indiana will know the exact amount that they are getting on June 30, 2023 but the amount is expected to be around $1 million. Greene County is already a broadband ready community with a digital inclusion plan already established. Greene County was one of the five chosen pilot counties that became broadband ready in 2019.

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