

Be It Remembered that the Greene County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, July 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 Brent Murray, Karen Abrams, Randall Brown, Bryan Woodall, Jerry Frye, Kelly Zimmerly, Ron Lehman, and County Attorney Marvin Abshire.

Re: Minutes

The minutes of the regular session held on June 19, 2023, were approved as presented with reading waived, on a motion made by Brent Murray. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. Kelly Zimmerly and Ron Lehman abstained. Motion passed 5-0-2.

Ashley Dyer- Public Defender's Office- Potential Program Changes

Public Defender Ashley Dyer offered an explanation for the Public Defender's office proposed 2024 budget Ashley wanted to present the request in advance so the Council would have time to ask questions and be more prepared for the request since budget hearings only allow for 15-minute increments. The Public Defender Commissioner has been working on changes that will take effect January 2024. The Public Defender's office must stay in compliance with the caseload standards that are set by the state to be reimbursed 40% of money spent. In 2024, those standards will change. To stay in compliance with the state, Ashley is proposing to change the job title of her only support staff for the Public Defender's office to office manager and to add two more support staff, an administrative staff person and a paralegal. Ashley says that adding the two new positions will allow for the current Public Defenders that are handling their own cases to carry higher caseloads while remaining in compliance with state guidelines. Ashley was told that there would need to be a new job description created for the office manager position, but the rest of it could be addressed during the budget hearings and with the 2024 Salary Ordinance.

Sam Drummy- High Bridge Solutions Properties, LLC- Abatement Request

Randall Brown moved, and Ron Lehman seconded, to approve a preliminary declaratory resolution identifying certain property located on CR 800 S, Newberry, Indiana as an economic revitalization area. Attorney Sam Drummy from Rowe Law Firm represented HBSP, LLC. HBSC seeks a 10-year abatement for a 5-acre tract that was purchased by HBSP, LLC in the Westgate area. HBSP, LLC, plans to construct an 18,000 square foot mixed use building containing office space, warehouse space, and electronics laboratory. The sibling company High Bridge Solutions already holds a single-source contract with the Navy. HBSP, LLC expects to spend over \$950,000 to construct the building. The company anticipates a minimum of 4-8 full-time employees with benefits. HBSP, LLC is interested in purchasing an adjoining tract currently owned by the Greene County Redevelopment Commission, for future expansion. Motion passed 6-1 with Brent Murray voting nay.

Additional Appropriations- Final Considerations- Tabled until August Meeting

Ron Lehman moved, and Randall Brown seconded, tabling final consideration of the following additional appropriations until the August meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

- Doug Hall- Insurance Check- \$4,664.62
- Greene County Economic Development- \$70,000.00
- Surveyor- Recorder Perpetuation- \$1,400.00
- GC Sheriff- EMS Dispatch- Commissary- \$6,423.42

GC Sheriff- Additional Appropriation to Advertise

Ron Lehman moved, and Brent Murray seconded, to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,000.00, to return insurance proceeds to the Sheriff's vehicle fund. Motion passed 7-0.

GC Sheriff- (5) Transfers

- LCC Grant 9122-000-09-9000 to Sheriff Training 1000-005-01-0025- \$1,260.00- Karen Abrams moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the transfer. Motion passed 7-0.
- Jail Med & Hospital 1000-380-03-0063 to Sheriff Uniforms 1000-005-02-0030-\$4,000.00- Jerry Frye moved, and Brent Murray seconded, to approve the transfer. Motion passed 7-0.
- Jail Med & Hospital 1000-380-03-0063 to Sheriff Gasoline 1000-005-02-0020- \$40,000.00- Bryan Woodall moved, and Ron Lehman seconded, to approve the transfer. Motion passed 7-0.
- Jail Med & Hospital 1000-380-03-0063 to Sheriff Training 1000-005-01-0025- \$2,900.00- Randall Brown moved, and Brent Murray seconded, to approve the transfer. Motion passed 7-0.
- Jail Med & Hospital 1000-380-03-0063 to Sheriff Communications 1000-005-03-0016-\$9,000.00- Ron Lehman moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to approve the transfer. Motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner – Nathan Abrams

Commissioners' President Nathan Abrams requested the Council ratify Commissioners' Resolution 2023-08, the Tenth Amendment to the county fiscal recovery plan, proposing to pay in full the construction cost of a new EMS facility at Linton from fiscal recovery funds rather than to make contributions to mechanical and other systems in that building. The lowest bid received for the project was \$1,244,000.00. After much discussion, Ron Lehman moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to table ratification of the Tenth Amendment until the August meeting, in order to allow a commissioner to meet with no more than three council members to determine the unappropriated, or appropriated but expired, balance of the funds. A roll call vote was taken. Jerry Frye voted aye. Randall Brown voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Brent Murray voted nay. Karen Abrams voted nay. Bryan Woodall voted nay. Motion passed 4-3.

Nathan Abrams shared county investment interest information as presented to the board of finance at its July 2023 meeting. The report provided interest information earned year to date by multiple county accounts or investments.

Human Resources- Training

Kelly Zimmerly raised a Society for Human Resource Management certified professional training opportunity at Ivy Tech for Human Resources Generalist Cassi. Classes are set to begin at Ivy Tech Community College on August 21st, 2024, with a registration deadline of August 16, 2023. The additional training would cost \$1,300.00 for the classes, \$335.00 due for certification testing at the end of the class, plus and any additional expenses such as materials for class and mileage. Auditor Heather Perry stated her training budget could pay the costs if Cassi was able to take the class. As it therefore became an internal training issue paid from already appropriated funds, no council action was necessary.

Brianne Jerrels- Economic Development

Brianne Jerrels from Economic Development introduced her new assistant, Arial Shelton. Arial is a resident and business owner in Greene County and lives in Linton.

Other Business to come before the Council-

Brent Murray moved, and Ron Lehman seconded, to approve rescheduling the September meeting date from September 25, 2023, at 4 PM, to September 18, 2023, at 4 PM, in order to accommodate those planning to attend the Association of Indiana Counties annual conference September 25-28, 2023. Motion passed 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ron Lehman made a motion to adjourn.
Jerry Frye 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