Be It Remembered that the Greene County

Board of Commissioners met in Regular

Session on Tuesday, October 3, 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, Rick Graves, Ed Michael, and County Attorney, Marvin Abshire.

**Re: Minutes**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 19, 2023. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Claims**

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

**Re: Payroll**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the payroll submitted for Friday, October 6, 2023. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Courthouse Security**

Courthouse Security Officer, Patrick Fulford, informed the Commissioners that the upgrade to the camera system is complete, working well, and is a significant improvement over the system it replaced. Patrick also thanked the Commissioners for approving and allowing security to move forward with the upgrade.

**Re: Taylor Township- Petition to Vacate Right of Way**

Sam Drummy appeared before the Commissioners on behalf of Taylor Township Trustee Kristi Hartzburg and presented a petition to vacate public right-of-way. Taylor Township seeks to vacate a 10-foot gap area that runs north and south and divides the two pieces of Scotland Park. Petitioner will verify that there are no utilities in the gap area. Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to schedule a public hearing to receive comment to vacate the portion of public way in the Scotland Park on October 17, 2023. Motion passed 3-0. The public hearing date and time are October 17, 2023, at 9:30 AM.

**Re: Eastern Heights Utilities Reimbursement Agreement**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the Reimbursement Agreement with Eastern Heights Utilities for placement of conduit brackets on the Solsberry water tower for the Greene County Sheriff Department’s radio equipment and cabling. The reimbursement amount is $4,500.00 and shall be paid from CCD funds. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Bid Opening for the Greene County Sheriff Department**

Commissioner Nathan Abrams opened the three sealed bids received for the Greene County Sheriff’s Department surplus vehicle: 2012 Ford Escape XLT. The three bids were $333.00, $800.00 and $1,050.00. Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the highest bid, from Clyde Groomer, in the amount of $1,050.00. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Economic Development Services Agreement**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the Agreement for Community and Economic Development Services between Greene County and the Greene County Economic Development Corporation for the year 2024. The fee for the services contract is the annual sum of $172,000.00 to be paid from the LIT EDIT Fund. The decision was tabled at the last Commissioners’ meeting on September 19th, 2023, so the Greene County Economic Development board could meet and approve the agreement. Motion passed 3-0.

Next, Brianne Jerrels provided the Economic Development Corporation report as follows: (a) The corporation’s financial services audit is almost complete. (b) OCRA’s broadband deadline is October 6, 2023. (c) Housing continues to be a top priority. (d) Progress Pointe at WestGate has been a hot topic with the possibility of a future restaurant.

**Re: County Attorney**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the Greene County Sheriff’s agreement with Lexipol for jail policies and procedures update. The Sheriff had already secured approval from the county council to pay for the update with commissary funds. The Sheriff used Lexipol to update deputies’ policies and procedures previously. The cost of the agreement is $7,968.60 and is an annual subscription. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Commissioner Discussion Items**

President Nathan Abrams announced that the state is conducting a State Excess Property Auction of four state-owned properties that are in Greene County. These properties are offered to local government entities first. The properties will be auctioned at different times. Nathan Abrams volunteered to research the properties and determine if any of the properties are useful to the county. Ed Michael has also performed preliminary research. Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to authorize to authorize the President to investigate the value to the county of any or all of four parcels of state surplus real estate in Greene County, to determine whether and in what amount one or more bids should be submitted, and to submit a bid or bids in an amount not to exceed the total amount available from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Commissioner Nathan Abrams**

Commissioner Nathan Abrams announced that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. He encourages all Greene County residents to wear pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.

Commissioner Abrams also invites everyone for the groundbreaking ceremony for the new EMS Facility in Linton on October 16, 2023, at 1pm.

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