Be It Remembered that the Greene County

Board of Commissioners met in Regular

Session on Tuesday, November 8, 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 October 17, 2023. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Claims**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the accounts payable claims submitted for payment on November 8, 2023. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Payroll**

Ed Michael moved, and Nathan Abrams seconded, to approve the payroll submitted for Friday, November 3, 2023. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Bid Opening- Event Center**

Commissioner President, Nathan Abrams, opened sealed bids for the Event Center addition. There were four sealed bids. They were as follows:

* CDI- $1,248,000.00
* Hannig Construction- $1,234,000.00
* Taber Owens Construction Group- $1,431,500.00
* Wolfe Construction- $1,208,000.00

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to take all the bids under advisement and have the county attorney review the bids for compliance with statutory public works bid requirements. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Bridge 240 Contract Award**

The only bid submitted for demolition and replacement of Bridge #240 on CR 400 South over Four Mile Creek was from CLR Inc. in the amount of $370,450.00, with an additional $23,410.00 for backfilling after the construction is completed. The county attorney reviewed the contract from CLR and found it to be compliant with statutory public works bid requirements. Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to award the contract Bridge 240 replacement contract to CLR. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Rebuilt Ministry**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve Rebuilt Ministry’s request to set up a tent on the courthouse lawn for an overnight tent revival, if they coordinate with Maintenance Supervisor Tim Barker as to date, time, and facilities needed, and to clean up after their revival concludes. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Tulip Trestle Community Restoration INC.**

Rita Sharr from the Tulip Trestle Community Restoration INC. thanked the Commissioners for granting permission for a project request for culvert and backfill that improved parking at the trestle. Rita also announced that on December 2, 2023, the Santa Train will be traveling across the Tulip Trestle and there will be different activities going on that day at the Trestle. She encourages the county to come out and attend.

**Re: Extension of Housing Rehabilitation Grant (SIDC)**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve a request for extension of the housing improvement grant administered for the county by Southern Indiana Development Commission. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Sale of Surplus Ambulance**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the advertisement of the sale of a surplus ambulance not currently being utilized by the county. The ambulance is a 2016 Chevrolet 3500- diesel with 187,000 miles. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Hughes Electric Agreement (Jail Gate)**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the contract with Hughes Electric for the Greene County jail gate. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: HICOM (Jail Gate Intercom)**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the contract with HICOM for the Greene County jail gate intercom. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Surplus Property Purchase**

After viewing several State properties available at auction, President Nathan Abrams bid on the National Guard Armory in Linton, Indiana, and was notified that the county was the successful bidder. Attorney Marvin Abshire prepared Resolution 2023-12 for the purpose of purchase for the National Guard Armory. Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve Resolution 2023-12. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Commissioner Board Appointments**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to appoint Larry Watters to the Land Bank Prioritization Team. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Economic Development**

Economic Development Director, Brianne Jerrels was unable to attend the Commissioners meeting, but had talked to Commissioner Nathan Abrams. Brianne informed Nathan that there was supposed to be a READI 2.0 meeting on November 8, 2023, but it had been postponed to November 16, 2023. READI 2.0’s focus is on infrastructure projects.

**Re: County Attorney**

The Hamilton Center has requested a letter of support regarding their submission to participate in a statewide expansion of the Certified Community Behavioral Health (CCBHC). If the Hamilton Center is accepted into the CCBHC it will help reduce healthcare costs, improve care coordination enhancement, and reduce emergency room visits, incarceration, and mental health stays.

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the letter of support for the Hamilton Center. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Commissioner Discussion Items**

**Toshiba Printer Maintenance:**

President Nathan Abrams announced that the county IT Department has been working with Toshiba to establish a maintenance and materials plan for the county networked printers. This will not affect any machines already under a maintenance plan, but this will help to reduce the cost of printed copies up to 40-50%.

After reviewing usage in each office and department, Toshiba estimates that each monthly cost of printing toner and parts will go from $1100.00 a month on printing cost to $599.00 (40% savings cost). Ed Michael said it would be in each individual department’s budget for 2024, but they could decide to move it to IT’s budget for 2025.

All the HP Laser Printers would be covered, but Ink Jet and Kyocera printers would not be covered.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the Toshiba proposal and to authorize the President of Commissioners to sign the agreement. Motion passed 3-0.

**JKI Engineering, Inc.:**

President Nathan Abrams introduced a proposal from JKI Engineering, Inc., regarding on-site inspection of the first level limestone cladding with special focus on the cracked limestone window heads, for a flat fee of $2,520.00. JKI Engineering specializes in limestone engineering issues and cladding systems. Arsee Engineering identified issues with limestone during its general inspection of the courthouse, and JKI will provide opinions and general recommendations regarding repair. Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to accept JKI’s proposal and authorize the president to negotiate and execute the agreement with JKI. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Brent Dyer- Highway Department**

Brent Dyer from Greene County Highway Department came before the Commissioners to request a release of bond from Hoosier Energy. Hoosier Energy had completed the project and left the condition of the area in the same or better condition than when they started the project. Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the release of the bond to Hoosier Energy. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Heather Perry- Greene County Auditor**

Greene County Auditor, Heather Perry presented to the Commissioners schedules for the 2024 calendar year.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the 2024 Holiday Schedule. Motion passed 3-0.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the 2024 Claims & Payroll Schedule. Motion passed 3-0.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the Commissioner Meeting Dates for 2024. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Public Comments**

Richard Nichols from Veteran’s Affairs announced that a Veteran’s Day Program will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2023, on the Courthouse lawn at 11am and the public is encouraged to attend.

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