Be It Remembered that the Greene County

Board of Commissioners met in Regular

Session on Tuesday, November 21, 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, and County Attorney, Marvin Abshire. Rick Graves was absent.

**Re: Minutes**

Ed Michael moved, and Nathan Abrams seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 8, 2023. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Claims**

Ed Michael moved, and Nathan Abrams seconded, to approve the accounts payable claims submitted for payment on November 21, 2023. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Payroll**

Ed Michael moved, and Nathan Abrams seconded, to approve the payroll submitted for Friday, November 18, 2023. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Longevity**

Ed Michael moved, and Nathan Abrams seconded, to approve the longevity submitted for Friday, November 18, 2023. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Occupational Health Services Agreement**

Ed Michael moved, and Nathan Abrams seconded, to approve the Occupational Health Services Agreement with Greene County General Hospital. This agreement allows Greene County Government elected officials and department heads to order work-related testing and other services done at a preset rate. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Event Center Bid Award**

After taking the bids under advisement at the last meeting to allow the county attorney time to review the bids for compliance with statutory public works bid requirements, Ed Michael moved, and Nathan Abrams seconded, to award the bid of the Community Event Center addition to Wolfe Construction. Wolfe Construction was the low responsible and responsive bidder at $1,208,000.00. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Commissioner Board Appointments**

* Ed Michael moved, and Nathan Abrams seconded, to reappoint Richard Nichols as the Greene County Veteran’s Officer. Motion passed 2-0.
* Ed Michael moved, and Nathan Abrams seconded, to reappoint Roger Hamilton as the Greene County Highway Superintendent. Motion passed 2-0.
* Ed Michael moved, and Nathan Abrams seconded, to reappoint Tim Barker as the Greene County Maintenance supervisor. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Economic Development**

Greene County Economic Development Director Brianne Jerrels provided an update as follows: (a) Brianne reminded the Commissioners of the Economic Development Best Practices for Local Officials conference on December 14, 2023. (b) Brianne participated in a ROI listening session for READI 2.0. It was a great session with a focus on infrastructure projects. The updated housing data was shared which revealed the housing need is slightly lower than the 2019 study but still significant. Currently, Greene County has a need for 722 homes. Quality childcare in Greene County is also of concern. (c) GCEDC and UDWI REMC are working with a small company to expand broadband in Greene County. There will be a required grant match to the state Next Level Connections Grant that would contribute to funding the project. (d) Brianne recently spoke at the White River Military Coordination Alliance 5-year celebration on Crane base.

**Re: Public Comment**

Brent Murray addressed the Commissioners on behalf of the Linton Fire Department. The City of Linton used $50,000.00 of its ARPA funds for fire station building maintenance in Linton. There were many deferred maintenance projects that now need addressed, but the fire station is $25,000.00 short on funds. The Linton Fire Chief will request to be on the December 5, 2023, meeting agenda to request assistance from the Commissioners for the shortfall.

There being no further business to come before the board, Ed Michael moved, and Nathan Abrams seconded, to adjourn. Motion passed 2-0.

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Nathan L. Abrams Edward L. Michael Rick Graves

Heather Perry, Auditor