Be it remembered that the

Greene County Board of

Commissioners met in Regular

Session on Tuesday, September

05, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the

Commissioner’s Room on the

Third floor of the Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order by Ed Michael.

The Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting.

Those present were Rick Graves, Ed Michael, and County Attorney, Marvin Abshire. Nathan Abrams was absent.

**Re: Minutes**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 15, 2023. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Claims**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the accounts payable claims submitted for payment on September 05, 2023. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Payroll**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, approving the payroll claims submitted for September 05, 2023. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Linton Fire Department**

Linton Fire Department has received a grant from the State of Indiana for a firefighting training facility that will be located in Linton. This training facility will be used by all surrounding fire departments, as part of a statewide goal to have no firefighter having to drive more than 30 miles for training. The Greene County Highway Department will contribute the work needed to create a road to the training facility.

**Re: GIS Limited Use Agreement (Land Bank)**

Marvin Abshire noted Uplands Regional Land Bank has requested access to bulk GIS data that can be used to locate and find land bank eligible properties. The county will not incur any additional cost for this. Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, approving the Limited Use Agreement as presented. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: AirEvac Contract**

The Commissioners confirmed AirEvac memberships will be owned by Greene County and not the employee. If an employee is terminated or resigns/retires, then the membership reverts to the county. The annual fee will be shared by the county and by the covered employee, with the employee paying $20.00 per year through a one-time annual payroll deduction. This contract is good for 3 years. Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the contract for AirEvac memberships and to authorize President Nathan Abrams to sign the contract upon his return. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: KWK Construction Agreement**

The KWK Construction contract for the new EMS Facility in Linton is ready to be signed to authorize construction to begin. Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded to approve the contract with KWK Construction and to authorize President Nathan Abrams to sign the contract upon his return. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Commissioner Board Appointments**

Brad Norton and Ron Lehman have agreed to serve on the Land Bank Board Prioritization Team. Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to appoint Brad Norton and Ron Lehman to the Land Bank Board Prioritization Team. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Economic Development (Brianne Jerrels)**

Brianne Jerrels and Joshua Riggins met with Crestline Construction regarding new builds and remodels in Greene County. There is currently housing interest in Greene County, beyond Westcott, with interest in creating multi-family housing and turning old buildings into condos.

Current programs for agriculture development are being funded by the revolving loan fund for agriculture equipment offered by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture.

The Council informed Brianne at the budget hearing that she needs Commissioners’ approval of GCEDC’s annual contract consideration of $160K, to be paid from EDIT funds. Marvin Abshire noted the Agreement for Community and Economic Development Services between Greene County and GCEDC needs to be updated since it will expire at the end of 2023. Rick Graves requested that the Economic Development Board approve the agreement, then for Brianne to return to the October 03, 2023, Commissioner’s Meeting for commissioners’ final approval of the agreement.

**Re: Elected Official Comments**

Sheriff George Dallaire requested approval to sell a 2012 Ford Escape with 186,000 miles that is no longer being used by the Sheriff’s Department. Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve disposition of said vehicle by advertising for bids. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Announcements/Commissioner Comments**

Rick Graves noted the exterior inspection of the courthouse has now been completed and the results of the findings should be received in 2 weeks.

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

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Nathan L. Abrams Edward L. Michael Rick Graves

Heather Perry, Auditor