Be It Remembered that the Greene County

Board of Commissioners met in Regular

Session on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 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.

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 March 19, 2024. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Claims**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the claims submitted for Tuesday, April 2, 2024. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Payroll**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve two payroll dockets submitted for Friday, April 5, 2024. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Suspension of Regular Meeting**

Commissioner Nathan Abrams suspended the regular meeting and opened a public hearing on Infrastructure Development Zone (IDZ).

**Re: Public Hearing on IDZ**

Redevelopment Commission President John Mensch stated that he has read the document and strongly approves of IDZ. Mensch stated that he believes this will help our schools, law enforcement, and Economic Development tremendously.

UDWI REMC CEO Doug Childs stated that he is also in favor of the IDZ Ordinance. He believes it will open up development in Greene County and will improve 911 communication.

Economic Development Director Brianne Jerrels stated she strongly supports the ordinance as well. Jerrels stated that it will help with housing development and increase broadband in the County.

**Re: Resume Regular Meeting**

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Nathan Abrams adjourned the public hearing and resumed the regular meeting.

**Re: Consideration of IDZ Ordinance**

County Attorney Marvin stated that there are three potential options for the IDZ Ordinance.

1. A company having an interest in IDZ has proposed that for each project undertaken, a new period of business personal property tax exemption is established, so that each project is running on its own exemption timeline.
2. The draft establishes a fixed 15-year term. If all the projects are not completed within the 15-year term, then the Commissioners would have to reconsider and extend the ordinance.
3. The remaining option would be to establish a fixed term IDZ for 20 years. It would put an absolute time cap on this ordinance. Because of the longer fixed term, the county gives up additional revenue possibly exceeding any requested county match or contribution.

After discussion, Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve Ordinance No. 2024-01, “Ordinance Establishing an Infrastructure Development Zone in Greene County, Indiana”, with a 20-year fixed term and to adopt the findings of fact set out of in Exhibit A. Motion passed 3-0**.**

**Re: Community Corrections Grant Application- Lynn Winninger**

Submission time for the Greene County Corrections Grant is coming near. Lynn stated that they have not received an increase in funding for the last several years, so she is requesting $680,923.00, the same amount that was received last year. Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the request to submit the grant application in the amount of $680,923.00. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Greene County Highway Department (Cat Excavator Lease)**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the CAT 317 Track Excavator 5-year lease for $39,850.00 per year. The lease purchase replaces an existing unit. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Sheriff Department (Flooring Agreement)**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the Flooring Services Agreement with Hall’s Flooring, LLC d/b/a Flooring America – Switz City in the amount of $16,188.82 for flooring removal and replacement at the Greene County Jail. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: K.W.K. Construction Invoice (EMS Building Construction Draw Payment)**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve Payment Application #1 for payment to K.W.K. Construction, LLC in the amount of $293,550.00 for construction of the new EMS facility in Linton. Said payment shall be paid from ARPA funds. Rick Graves stated that he reviewed the invoice and states that is a fair amount to be paid, consistent with work performed to date. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Solicitation of County Insurance Coverage**

Commissioner Ed Michael has overseen the solicitation of the County Insurance in the past. Commissioner Abrams asked if Commissioner Michael would be interested in overseeing it again. Commissioner Michael stated that he would oversee it again. This would be for Workers Compensation, Casualty and Liability, Vehicles, Property insurance, and any other insurable interest of county government. County Attorney Marvin Abshire will be advertising for the solicitation of bids.

**Re: Solicitation of quotes for Lawn Care**

After recently purchasing the former Linton Armory, the County will solicit quotes for lawn care. County Attorney Marvin Abshire will be advertising for the solicitation of quotes.

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