Be It Remembered that the Greene County

Board of Commissioners met in Regular

Session on Tuesday, May 21, 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 May 8, 2024. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Claims**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the claims submitted for Tuesday, May 21, 2024. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Payroll**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve two payroll dockets submitted for Friday, May 17, 2024. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Ride Solutions- Becky Guthrie**

Becky Guthrie from Ride Solutions updated the Commissioners on progress that has been made and thanked the Commissioners for their continued support. Becky stated that Ride Solutions recently hired Robert Neukam from Linton as a driver. Becky said that they are still short of drivers, and it continues to be a problem to get individuals who can pass the required CDL physical. Ride Solutions continues to keep busy between Greene and Sullivan Counties and recently had a previous driver contact them for rides to oncology appointments in Bloomington. All the Commissioners thanked Becky for all that she does and continues to do.

**Re: Greene County Highway Department- Roger Hamilton**

Greene County Highway Department Superintendent Roger Hamilton presented the Commissioners with the Annual Indiana Department of Transportation Report that must be signed by the Commissioners by June 2024.

**Re: Courthouse Security- Patrick Fulford**

Courthouse Security Officer Patrick Fulford presented the Commissioners with a new key fob system proposal for the courthouse annex. The key fob system would be similar to the one already being used at the Courthouse. Currently, the annex is accessed by using a key and Patrick believes that the fob system would be safer and more secure, and it would eliminate keeping track of the keys to the doors. Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the key fob system for the courthouse annex and to authorize the President of the Commissioners to finalize the agreement with Hicom. Cumulative Capital Development would be used to fund the project. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Ratification of Agreement- Jail HVAC- SR Maintenance-**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve ratification of the Equipment Purchase and Installation Agreement with SR Mechanical for replacement of the jail HVAC unit in the amount of $31,270.00. The unit went out in the booking area of the jail creating an emergency situation for immediate repair. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Child Abuse and Molestation Policy-**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-05, “Resolution Mandating County Child Safety Policy”, an insurance requirement, upon the recommendation of the Greene County Personnel Administration Committee. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Greene County Insurance Proposals**

At the last meeting, Mark Babbs and Ashley Thomas from First Security Insurance presented the Commissioners with new renewal numbers for the County Insurance that is due for renewal on June 8, 2024. IPEP came in lower than Travelers Insurance for Workers Compensation saving the County over $40,000.00. Commissioner Rick Graves commented that he would like to see what the coverage amounts would be with a higher deductible, but after receiving the numbers with the higher deductible, the Commissioners decided to keep the deductibles where they are currently. It would not benefit the county to raise the deductibles and it would not save any money. Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the switch to IPEP for Workers Compensation, retain all other current coverages, and renew with Travelers through First Security Insurance. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Greene County IT Department- Network Switches Replacement-**

Greene County IT Department Head Michael Sherrow presented the Commissioners with a proposal from Matrix to replace all network switches in the county. The switches are all 10-15 years old and are a vital part of day-to-day operations. Michael stated that he budgeted $100,000.00 for the Switch replacement but is short about $6,800.00. Sherrow requested that the Commissioners pay for the remaining balance. Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, the approval the proposal from Matrix and authorize the President to negotiate and sign the agreement when it is ready. Cumulative Capital Development will be funding the remainder of the project. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Economic Development**

Economic Development Director Brianne Jerrels presented the Commissioners with an update on projects that she has been working on around the county. Brianne informed the Commissioners that Greene County is a finalist on a project submitted to the State, as is Daviess County. If Greene County is selected, this would mean that more housing would be coming to the County. Jerrels also stated that four or five developers have been reaching out to her as a result of a housing study that she presented at the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce meeting in April. As she was leaving, Brianne stated that she was on her way to Linton High School to interview seniors. Commissioner Abrams requested a meeting with Brianne to prepare her 2025 budget. The Commissioners thanked Brianne for coming to the meeting.

**Re: Public Comment -Brandi Hudson**

Brandi Hudson from Bloomfield presented the Commissioners with pictures of a 10-foot ditch that was dug out by neighbor Clay Holmstrom along Dobson Road in Bloomfield and now the road is breaking down and sinking in places. Hudson is concerned that the road is too narrow for more than one vehicle and if a vehicle goes off the road, driver and passengers could be seriously injured because the ditch is so deep. Hudson also stated that a school bus travels that road and children could be hurt if the bus were to get over too far. She said that the school buses were her main concern. Hudson also stated that Holmstrom is also burning old mobile homes that could have asbestos in them and it could possibly be contaminating the ground water for wells and the natural springs in the area. Hudson has turned this information in to the Indiana Department of Environment as well as presenting this information to the Commissioners. Ed Michael noted he will address the matter with the neighbor.

**Re: Public Comment -Danny Main**

Co-owner of Haseman Pest Control Danny Main introduced himself to the Commissioners and noted he has been servicing the county since 2006. Main stated he had a couple of questions for the Commissioners about the Invitation to Quote for the pest control services for county owned buildings.

1. Will the bid be for all of the buildings in the county as a whole or individual buildings?

Commissioner Abrams stated that this would be a single source package, but the quotes would need to be priced per individual building.

1. How long would the contract be?

Commissioner Abrams stated that the board hadn’t discussed that yet, but he would like for it to be for three years.

Commissioner Abrams informed Danny Main that the Commissioners and Maintenance Supervisor Tim Barker have been very satisfied with Haseman Pest Control.

**Re: Public Comment – Doug Neal**

Doug Neal asked the Commissioners why the county puts toxic substances on County Road 1500W, Jasonville and didn’t provide dust control last year. Mr. Neal stated toxic crystal silica from the road has caused scar tissue in his lungs. Rick Graves noted the road is in his district and the East/West portion was paved, but the North/South portion has not yet been paved. Rick also recalled that Mr. Neal was opposed to rock or gravel on the road.

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