Be It Remembered that the Greene County

Board of Commissioners met in Regular

Session on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 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, Rick Graves and Ed Michael.

**Re: Minutes**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 4, 2025. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Claims**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the claims submitted for Tuesday, March 18, 2025. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Payroll**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the payroll submitted for Friday, March 21, 2025. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Greene County Highway (Wheel Tax Bids)**

Commissioner Nathan Abrams opened the four submitted sealed bids for the Greene County Wheel Tax Projects for 2025.

The first of the four was E&B Paving, LLC and their bids for each paving project are as follows:

Project #1- $89,112.50, Project #2- $74,932.50, Project #3- $134,830.00, Project #4- $58,650.00, Project #5- $57,037.50, Project #6- $44,550.00, Project #7- $177,625.00, Project #8- $79,655.00, Project #9- $114,142.50, Project #10- $78,320.00, Project #11- $61,595.00, Project #12- $102,760.00, Project #13- $146,880.00, Project #14- $124,140.00, Project #15- $19,752.50, Project #16- $43,567.50. The combined total is $1,416,550.00.

The second of the four was Milestone Contracting, LP and their bids for each paving project are as follows:

Project #1- $92,237.50, Project #2- $72,701.50, Project #3- $128,392.00, Project #4- $55,658.00, Project #5- $54,337.50, Project #6- $48,825.00, Project #7- $152,148.50, Project #8- $71,422.50, Project #9- $106,466.25, Project #10- $74,715.50, Project #11- $60,801.25, Project #12- $99,163.75, Project #13- $130,812.50, Project #14- $112,087.50, Project #15- $11,690.00, Project #16- $41,347.50. The combined total is $1,312,806.75.

The third of the four was J.H. Rudolph & Co., Inc. and their bids for each chip and seal project are as follows: Project #1- $64,472.50, Project #2- $43,383.20, Project #3- $62,361.00, Project #4- $9,842.50, Project #5- $59,404.25, Project #6- $69,586.50, Project #7- $54,560.00, Project #8- $87,264.00, Project # 9- $77,350.00, Project #10- $101,367.00. The combined total is $538,849.20.

The fourth of the four was Evergreen Roadworks, LLC and their bids for each chip and seal project are as follows: Project #1- $42,860.37, Project #2- $16,608.30, Project #3- $39,812.61, Project #4-$3,486.00, Project #5- $22,585.20, Project #6- $49,999.20, Project #7- $30,378.00, Project #8- $66,831.60, Project #9- $54,132.60, Project #10- $79,854.30. The combined total is $406,821.18.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to take the bids under advisement and authorize County Attorney Marvin Abshire and Highway Superintendent Roger Hamilton to review the bids, approve the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, and release funds as money is available. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Greene County Event Center Mowing Bid**

Commissioner Nathan Abrams spoke with the President of the Community Event Center Board, and they have recommended that the Commissioners accept the lowest bid from M3 Land Management, owner Chris Moody. The bid was for $110.00 weekly or as needed for mowing, and landscape bed weed treatment, as needed, for $35 additional.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to accept the bid from M3 Land Management. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: BEAD letter of Support for Joink**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to provide a letter of support to Joink in its pursuit of BEAD grant funding for the purpose of providing fiber broadband service to Wright, Smith, and Jefferson Townships, in Greene County, Indiana. Joink has already received the Next Level Communications Phase IV grant and is attempting to serve the areas mentioned above. The Broadband Authority requested Joink seek a letter of support from the County even though it the application deadline has passed. The Commissioners stated that they want to support anyone who is trying to help the County and its residents.

Joink stated that the most significant bonus to residents and businesses along the route of the fiber broadband installation is waiver of fiber construction cost from the trunk to the customer. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Comcast Internet Update**

At the last meeting, an agreement was approved with Comcast for Synchronous Fiber Internet for the Greene County Courthouse and Sheriff’s Department. The amount stated in that meeting was incorrect and resulted in incorrect approval. The corrected amount was presented to the Commissioners at $1,479.90 per month for a 3-year term.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the 3-year contract between Comcast and Greene County, Indiana with the correct monthly amount. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Greene County Resolution 2025-02- Motor Vehicle Policy**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve Resolution 2025-02, “Board of Commissioners of the County of Greene County Motor Vehicle Records Policy” This Resolution states that the Commissioners should assure that employees with poor driving records are restricted from use of County owned vehicles. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Commissioner Board Appointments**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the reappointment of Terressa Sparks to the Worthington Jefferson Public Library Board. Motion passed 3-0.

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the new appointment of Sharon Sparks to the Cemetery Commission. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Greene County Economic Development Corporation**

Greene County Economic Development Corporation Director Brianne Jerrels stated that she continues to work on new projects with Prometheus Energetics, LLC, and that she has been making connections with different utility companies serving the area that Prometheus Energetics, LLC, will be building. Jerrels stated that she would be having lunch with Simon Shewmaker, from the developer ACMI, today (March 18, 2025) and would be asking about the timeline of the project.

Brianne stated that housing is still a crucial need in that area.

Brianne also stated that she will be posting a new job vacancy in her office today.

The Commissioners thank Brianne for the update.

**Re: Discussion Items – EHS Loss of Mental Health Providers**

Dawn Hostettler, Director of Corporation Services for Eastern Greene Schools, presented the Commissioners with a complaint that Hamilton Center does not actively serve the Eastern Greene School Corporation. Hostettler stated that Eastern Greene Schools are not getting adequate mental health services, and Hostettler is advocating for the health services that are needed. Hamilton Center holds the contract for the school-based health mental services in our region, but Hostettler stated that the Hamilton Center has not provided services in several years. Hostettler stated that the school had a company come into Eastern Greene at no cost to the school or students, paid for solely by Medicaid, but the company rescinded the contract with Eastern Greene to avoid potential conflict with Hamilton Center’s exclusive contract for regional services. Hostettler stated that she has reached out to the Hamilton Center multiple times since 2011, without result. Hostettler stated that the county is suffering from the lack of mental health support in the schools. Hostettler suggested that they come back in April with more information and more people who would like to speak about their issues with Hamilton Center.

Juvenile Probation Officer Julie Johnson also stated that Hamilton Center has been absent, and that the agency needs to be held accountable for its contractual obligation related to the county’s schools. Johnson stated that if school children had adequate mental health support , the load on the Sheriff’s Department, Juvenile Probation, and the hospital would decrease. Johnson stated that she just wants Hamilton Center to do better.

Dawn Hostettler and Julie Johnson both thanked the Commissioners for allowing them to come and give their presentation.

The Commissioners thanked both, Hostettler and Johnson, for making them aware of the situation going on.

**Re: Elected Official Comments-**

Shari Lewis informed the Commissioners that the 4th annual Septic Installer Symposium was a success. Shari stated that the program had a successful year. Shari also wanted to share that Indiana University is going to present at a rural conference for a food as medicine program.

The Commissioners thanked Shari and told her to keep up the good work.

**Re: Public Comments**

Cheryl Abram and Mike Hudson presented the Commissioners with a Petition to Correct Measurement of North Hudson Lane, Solsberry, Indiana which was signed by all property owners affected. Abram stated that the owners learned that official length of N. Hudson Lane was 1320 feet, beginning at the center of Gardner Road. Abram stated that portion of the lane that is used and maintained is 607 feet and that the remainder has always been considered to be private property. Abram stated that she is speaking on behalf of her mother who owns most of the property on both sides of the lane, and she had attached the POA to the petition given to the Commissioners.

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to set a public hearing on April 15, 2025, to receive comment on a Petition to Vacate a portion of North Hudson Lane in Solsberry, Indiana. The Public Hearing will be held in the Courthouse on the 3rd floor in the Commissioners’ Room at 9:30am. Motion passed 3-0.

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

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Heather Perry, Auditor