Be It Remembered that the Greene County

Board of Commissioners met in Regular

Session on Tuesday, May 6, 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 April 15, 2025. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Claims**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the claims submitted for Tuesday, May 6, 2025. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Four Rivers Resource Services/ DSI Services Transit Act Grant- Resolution 2025-03**

Becky Guthrie presented the Commissioners with need for a Resolution between Greene County, Indiana and Four Rivers Resource Services. Becky stated that the Resolution is needed for Four Rivers Resource Services to be identified as the primary transit service provider in Greene County when submitting her Grant for the 2026 Year.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve, “Resolution 2025-03, A Resolution Authorizing the filing of CY2026 Application for a Grant Under Section 5311/5339 of the Federal Transit Act.” The Resolution states that the Commissioners have designated Four Rivers Resource Services/ DSI Services Inc., a non-profit organization, to coordinate and provide rural public transit services within our county as well as to any expanded regionalized service area that may be identified within the CY2026 Section 5311/5339 Grant Application. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Capital Improvement Plan- Resolution 2025-04**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve Resolution 2025-04, “A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Greene, Indiana Approving a Capital Improvement Plan”. The Commissioners last adopted an Economic Development Income Tax Capital Improvement Plan that encompassed the period beginning August 17, 2022, and ending December 31, 2025. The Resolution states that there is a need to reconsider the plan and to identify other lawful uses for which the revenues may be expended, due to changed circumstances. The proposed plan runs through December 31, 2030. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Barracuda Backup Contract**

IT Director Michael Sherrow informed the Commissioners he signed the Barracuda Backup subscription so the county would not lose service and requested the Commissioners ratify the agreement. Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to ratify the Barraduda Backup contract. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Doug Terrell- Cemetery Commission By-Laws**

Doug Terrell President of the Cemetery Commission provided a presentation which included the following highlights:

* The Cemetery Commission was created in Greene County in 2013.
* The purpose of the Cemetery Commission is to provide cemetery maintenance of State and County cemeteries.
* In 2024, the projects performed included erosion control at $1,600.00 and monument repair at $2,398.95.
* The projects anticipated for 2025 include, By-Laws, creating and Greene County Cemetery list, inspecting cemeteries, write a letter to VA for donations, offer an awareness presentation, restoration efforts, and a monument restoration workshop.
* Presentation of the Budgets for 2024 and 2025. As of 05/05/2025, the Cemetery Commission has a balance of $1,926.60.
* Cemetery Commission is requesting a levy of $0.01 for each $1,000.00 of assessed valuation of property. This would end up being around $11,460.00 per year. Indiana Code allows for $0.50 on each $100.00 assessed valuation of property.
* The By-Laws were circulated prior to the meeting for the Commissioners to review.
* The next step for Doug will be attending a Council meeting to present the information.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the Cemetery By-Laws as presented. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Greene County Highway- Excavator Lease**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the Equipment Lease Agreement between Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation, and Greene County, Indiana, and to authorize the President of the Commissioners to sign the lease. The equipment leased is a new 2025 Caterpillar 308-07CR Hydraulic Excavator. Commissioner Nathan Abrams mentioned that this is a standard Caterpillar Lease. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Sheriff- AT&T -911 Contract**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the Contract between Greene County, Indiana and AT&T for the Public Safety E-911 Contract. The Sheriff stated that once the equipment gets upgraded, it could potentially save the county around $20,000.00 annually. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: County Attorney- Purchase Authority Ordinance**

County Attorney Marvin Abshire sought approval to revise the current Purchase Authority Ordinance. Abshire stated that a perfect example of the need for update was what Michael Sherrow from I.T. requested today. Some of the changes proposed include:

* Add departments that have been omitted or created since the last ordinance was adopted, for instance I.T., the County Attorney, and Human Resources. There may be more, but those are immediately obvious.
* Increase the departmental spending ceiling from $1,500.00 to $2,500.00
* Specific provisions for I.T. for renewal of subscription services. I.T. would present these to the Commissioners and still seek ratification.
* Also, similar provisions for the Maintenance and Highway Departments.

Commissioner Rick Graves stated that he would still like to see the departments having different amounts consistent with their spending needs. Graves also mentioned that he would still like for the Commissioners to see all the purchases.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve County Attorney to review and submit a draft of a revised Purchase Authority Ordinance. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Elected Official or Department Head Comments**

Greene County Health Department Administrator Shari Lewis introduced two new employees. Whitney Carpenter, who accepted the new Clerk position and Mackenzie Hollingsworth who accepted the new Community Health Specialist position. Both girls are thankful for the opportunity to work for the County. The Commissioners thanked Shari for the introduction.

Veterans Service Officer Richard Nichols presented to the Commissioners a book with a video for veterans & veterans’ families. The video will be shown before the Memorial Day Service. The service has been moved to the Shawnee Theatre. The service was originally going to take place on the courthouse lawn, but Nichols is worried about the weather hindering the service. Nichols is requesting that the Commissioners let the Veterans know about the book.

Commissioner Abrams stated that he appreciates that Richard Nichols takes on the responsibility to improve those ceremonies.

D’Lee Rush from Purdue Extension presented the Commissioners with some events that will be going on at the Extension Office. Shawn Huss from Ag and Natural Resources Purdue Extension also joined D’Lee. Shawn presented programs that they have been doing and programs that they plan to start doing in the future at the Extension Office.

Things they have been doing include:

* In December- Meat Rabbit Production Program with (15) attendees
* A Land Management Wild-life Habitat and Deer Food Plots (18) attendees
* In February, Soil Health Program with two sessions and (6) farmers attending
* Medicinal Plants Program (48) attendees
* In March, A Bee Keeping Workshop
* Grow It, Cook It Program (28) attendees
* In April, Annual Ag Day Event (350) kids attended
* Advisory Board (5) attendees
* 4-H Beef Tag Day
* Greene County Flower and Patio Show (650) attendees

Future Programs that are happening soon include:

* Indiana Master Naturalist Program (8) Sessions coming in June
* Perennial landscape program
* Mushroom Production Program
* Cub Scouting Program
* Meat Goat, Sheep & Swine Tag In Day
* Community Garden Raised Bed Project
* Pond Program
* Pasture Walk
* Chainsaw Safety Program
* Master Gardner Program
* Homestead Conference
* Wheel Production Program
* Introduction to Winter Program

D’Lee shared that she has been doing a lot of training. Some of the training and programs include:

* Captain Cash Program (goal is to be in all 5 schools)
* After School Programs in Bloomfield
* Head Start Pace
* Council Meetings for 4-H
* Offering Exercise classes

Shawn stated that they offer a Purdue Extension Facebook Page, 4-H Page, Local Chatter Pages, Radio Stations, and a monthly newsletter so everyone can find out what is happening at Purdue Extension.

The Commissioner thanked them for the update.

**Re: Discussion Item- Regional Land Bank**

Commissioner Rick Graves noted the Land Bank is interested in procuring two commercial properties in Worthington for development and he is seeking permission to convey these properties to the Lank Bank. Marvin Abshire would like to see something formal from the Land Bank accepting one or more properties. Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to assign tax sale certificates #282400117 & #282400118 to the Regional Land Bank upon receipt of the Lank Bank’s acceptance of these properties. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Ed Michael stated two additional board members are needed for the Cemetery Commission.

Commissioner Ed Michael also wanted to announce that we are in the middle of highway construction. Commissioner Michael is getting phone calls and complaints about the new asphalt. Commissioner Michael just wants everyone to be patient so roads can get finished.

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