Be It Remembered that the Greene County

 Board of Commissioners met in Regular

 Session on Tuesday, June 17, 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 June 3, 2025. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Claims**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the claims submitted for Tuesday, June 17, 2025. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: IT Department-Matrix Integration, SolarWinds Security Management & Equipment Purchase**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the annual Aruba Software support contract between Greene County, Indiana and Matrix Integration . The County has worked with Matrix Integration for several years and I.T. Director Michael Sherrow is satisfied with their service. Motion passed 3-0.

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the annual software support contract between Greene County, Indiana and Solar Winds Security Management, a packaged purchased through CDWG. The County has used Solar Winds Security Management for the last several years and I.T. Director Michael Sherrow is satisfied with their service. Motion passed 3-0.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the purchase, from CDWG, of equipment for the Greene County Community Event Center. This would include a camera for recording, a laptop, and setup. The total amount of this purchase would be $1,969.35 and would be paid from the LIT EDIT Fund. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Greene County Sheriff- Outdoor Outlets- SEED Grant & WTH Proposal**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the request to install outdoor outlets at the Greene County Jail, to operate trickle chargers. Sheriff Dallaire stated that the project will be $1,980.00 and he has enough money in his budget to cover the project. Motion passed 3-0.

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the request to partner with WTH GIS mapping to enhance the layers on our mapping software for 911 purposes. Shawn Scott from WTH GIS stated that the State of Indiana has raised the standard level for 911 mapping, and to comply with state standards, new layers would need to be added to the mapping software currently used by the County. The layers would be paid by a state funded grant in the amount of $30,000.00 paid directly to the Greene County Auditor’s office. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: CAT Lease**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael 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 lease is for an existing 420 backhoe loader with plenty of available life left. At the end of this lease, the intention is to keep the equipment. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Reciprocal Resolution 2025-07**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve Resolution 2025-07, “A Resolution for the Transfer of Property with a Governmental Entity.” This resolution transfers a certain Sterling Truck HP300/L7500, VIN 2FZAATDC26AU95017 to the Town of Worthington in an “as in” condition. Motion passed 3-0. The transaction will be completed and title transferred upon receiving a substantially identical resolution from the Town of Worthington. Motin passed 3-0.

**Re: Commissioner Appointments**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to appoint Johnny Wells from Linton to the Cemetery Commission. Motion passed 3-0.

Ed Michael stated that there is still one more position open on the Cemetery Commission that needs to be filled.

**Re: Economic Development**

Economic Development Director Brianne Jerrels stated that the Housing Committee meets again on June 18, 2025, and they are still trying to identify ideal properties for housing in Greene County.

Jerrels also stated that she has a meeting today, (June 17, 2025) to discuss getting a grant in the amount of $5,000.00 to use towards marketing.

The Commissioners thanked Brianne for the update and Commissioner Nathan Abrams asked Brianne to research Dr. Horton.

**Re: Elected Officials and Department Head Comments**

Greene County Health Administrator Shari Lewis presented the Commissioners with an update on the tornado disaster clean up efforts currently taking place.

* There have been volunteers deployed to help clean up 32 homes so far.
* The Eastern Greene and Sullivan High School football teams have volunteered their services to help walk the fields and clean up debris.
* The pick-up date for debris removal from rights-of-way has been extended until June 21st, 2025.
* The United Way and Red Cross have teamed up to establish a long-term recovery center.

The Commissioners thanked Shari for all she has done and the update.

**Re: Public Comments-**

Debbie Nolting came before the Commissioners as a spokesperson for the individuals that were impacted by the May 16th tornado. She presented a list of questions and concerns compiled for the Commissioners by the individuals affected. Some of the questions and concerns included:

* Some of the individuals were hurt and/or disappointed that the tornado wasn’t listed as an item on the agenda at the last meeting.
* People had concerns as to why the EMA Director was not present.
* They were concerned and suggested that a job performance evaluation should be performed considering the EMA Director’s salary.
* An Emergency Plan has not been made public.
* Concern that an Executive Session was only planned after the Commissioners meeting.
* There have been visits by the Commissioners to individuals’ property without acknowledging the residents.
* Homeland Security met with the individuals affected and requested they submit separate claims from the County because they think the County’s claims may be under reported.

Moving forward, their request to the Commissioners is:

* Hire a new EMA Director
* Hire a Social Media Director
* Hold evening meetings so more people with jobs can attend.

Nolting stated that Shari Lewis from the Greene County Health Department has done a fabulous job and Nolting plans to continue to meet with Shari and Sheriff Dallaire and be proactive. Nolting stated that they (everyone affected) just wants to be proactive and not condescending.

The Commissioners thanked Debbie Nolting.

Harold Smith from Linton several questions including:

* After purchasing the Flock Camera System in December, when will there be a usage policy made available to the public?
* Who will maintain the data from the Flock Camera System and how long will it be maintained?
* The cost of the cameras was not published in the minutes when approved, so a request was made to update the minutes including the $335,000.00 amount.

Smith stated that it took 20 days after the tornado for the public to hear anything from the Commissioners. Smith’s questions pertaining to the tornado disaster include:

* Smith stated that, as a former law enforcement officer, he is aware that there is an incident command structure, and that there is a standard model that you follow when something happens. Every time there is an incident, there is an after-action review for first responders and law enforcement. Smith stated that there were a lot of mess-ups, and someone needs to be held accountable. Smith went on to say that there were 85 homes involved, and 20 homes destroyed. The individuals involved want to know who is going to be held responsible for dropping the ball. The county spends $335,000 on cameras, but doesn’t have the funds to pay to help with cleaning up in the county? Smith stated this is unacceptable.
* Smith stated moving forward the county needs someone who can follow the incident command structure.
* Smith also stated that the people affected are requesting a public statement from the Commissioners acknowledging the failures and committing to move forward in a positive direction for the next natural disaster to happen in the county.

The Commissioners thanked Harold Smith.

**Re: Discussion Item- C.A.S. Proposal for Right-of-Way Cleanup**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the Debris Cleanup Agreement between C.A.S. Contracting, LLC, and Greene County, Indiana. The agreement provides for the terms and conditions under which Contractor will debris cleanup along rights-of-way resulting from one or more tornadoes on May 16, 2025. Cleanup shall include trees, stumps, and construction debris. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Commissioner Comments**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the change orders after the contingency for the lighting at the Community Event Center in the amount of $54,104.36. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Nathan Abrams stated that paving of roads is still taking place and asked everyone for their patience.

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