Be It Remembered that the Greene County

Board of Commissioners and County Council met in Joint Special Session on September 9, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Room on the third floor of the Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Zimmerly.

Those present for the Greene County Commissioners were Nathan Abrams, Ed Michael, Rick Graves, and County Attorney Marvin Abshire.

Those present for the County Council were Brent Murray, Jerry Frye, Ron Lehman, and Kelly Zimmerly. Absent were Karen Abrams, Randall Brown, and Bryan Woodall.

**Re: Greene County 5-Year Plan**

Council President Kelly Zimmerly opened the meeting by stating that with the uncertainty of SEA 1 and the new Local Income Tax structure change taking effect in 2028, it is important for the Council and the Commissioners to be on the same page for the upcoming projects for the next five years or more.

Commissioners’ President Nathan Abrams described projects that the Commissioners are working on for the next five years, including the new wastewater treatment plant, the Prometheus Energetics project, the new Love’s truck station, and exterior renovations to the courthouse. Abrams stated that the county would be responsible for constructing the wastewater treatment project with hopefully federal resources and the road for the Prometheus project. The rest stop will not be starting until next year, but Love’s will be paying for the infrastructure.

Council President Zimmerly observed that the courthouse bond payment would be released next year and asked if the Commissioners had plans the additional revenue. The Commissioners stated that they did not plan to use that money for any projects.

Council President Zimmerly asked about housing for the county. Commissioner Nathan Abrams stated his view that housing was not a county project and more of an Economic Development project.

Council President Zimmerly then asked if the county had a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The Commissioners stated that the county does have one, required for expenditure of LIT EDIT funds.

Commissioner Rick Graves stated that the last few years, the Commissioners have been focused on infrastructure. Graves stated that with the current Commissioners’ backgrounds, infrastructure made the most sense for them to focus on.

Commissioner Graves also stated that the Commissioners will be moving the Emergency Management Agency to the Community Events Center. There will need to be a a new radio tower constructed at the events center, to accommodate communications needs of the EMA, and new storage building built to store all the EMA equipment .

Commissioner Abrams stated that in Taylor Township, a new TIF district may be established to incorporate the Munitions Campus and lands surrounding the proposed campus. Abrams stated that the base tax will stay with the county and any increase in the increment from new construction will go to the Redevelopment Commission.

Commissioner Abrams, along with the rest of the Commissioners, agreed that when they announce a possible project, they have researched and done their homework and make sure that there is a return investment.

Council President Zimmerly stated that the council does not think that the Commissioners just spend money to spend it.

Commissioner Graves stated that if the county does not spend the money on projects, then it should be given back to the taxpayers.

Zimmerly stated that the county council does not want to be a bank but also do not want to overspend either.

Council President Zimmerly stated she is looking for more housing in the county.

Commissioner Graves stated that he would like to see a LIT for the hospital be put in place to help them. Graves also mentioned that 500 more miles of county roads need to be paved, and a new highway garage on the East side of the county needs to be built.

Right before the meeting ended, Commissioner Abrams stated that he thinks that the Commissioners and the Council all have the same goals in mind for the county.

There being no further business to come before the boards, Ron Lehman moved to adjourn. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

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