Be it Remembered that the Greene County Council met in Special Session on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Room on the third floor of the Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order by Kelly Zimmerly.

The Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting.

Those present were Kelly Zimmerly, Bryan Woodall, Randall Brown, Brent Murray, Karen Abrams and County Attorney Marvin Abshire. Jerry Frye and Ron Lehman were absent.

The purpose of the special meeting was to review and take action on various County Local Income Taxes.

**Re: Local Income Tax- Acute Hospital**-

The first Local Income Tax discussed was the LIT Acute Hospital. This income tax can help supplement a county hospital in the county that collects the LIT. The money from this can be used to help with infrastructure but not operating expenses.

Councilman Randall Brown had a few questions for the Commissioners such as, if the county general fund pays for anything for the hospital currently, if the clinics are sustaining themselves, and the amounts being paid from Medicare and Medicaid.

President of the Commissioners Nathan Abrams stated that the general fund does not assist the hospital in any way right now. The clinics are not sustaining themselves, and a bare minimum of seventy-five cents is uncollectable from Medicare and Medicaid. Abrams also pointed out that if the County were to lose their county hospital, that the County would then be forced by Indiana Code to support the next nearest hospital in a neighboring county. Abrams pointed out that the only reason to consider the implementation of the LIT is to keep the hospital alive in our county. Abrams also pointed out that the new implementation of the LITs would expire on 12/31/2027.

Commissioner Rick Graves stated that he believes this to be an investment. The hospital is a county owned building built in the 1970’s and needs a lot of work.

Randall Brown stated he is not advocating for the hospital to close, he is just looking at the taxpayers paying this additional tax.

After discussion, Karen Abrams moved, and Brent Murray seconded, to approve the LIT- Acute Hospital at 0.1%. A roll call vote was taken. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Randall Brown voted nay. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Motion passed 4-1.

 **Re: Local Income Tax- Judicial 0.15%-**

President of the Council Kelly Zimmerly stated that the Judicial LIT could be used for court benefits and salaries. There being no further discussion on the Judicial LIT, Karen Abrams moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to add the Judicial Local Income Tax at 0.15%. A roll call vote was taken. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Randall Brown voted nay. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Motion passed 4-1.

**Re: Local Income Tax- Correctional Facilities Increase from 0.2% to 0.3%-**

The current Correctional Facilities Local Income Tax supports the jail bond and any jail repairs that need completed. The Local Income Tax can be used for operating expenses at a maximum of 0.2% and 0.1% for debt service. The statute for the Local Income Tax is not clear on whether it can be used for Community Corrections.

Councilman Bryan Woodall stated that with the recent cut in the Community Corrections budget from the State DOC, Community Corrections will have to make up the funds somewhere.

President of the Council Kelly Zimmerly stated that it would be something to investigate to see if these funds could be used to help Community Corrections.

There being no further discussion, Bryan Woodall moved, and Brent Murray seconded, to approve the increase to the Correctional Facilities Local Income Tax from 0.2% to 0.3%. A roll call vote was taken. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Randall Brown voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

County Attorney Marvin Abshire stated that he could get a publication in the paper by Friday to set the public hearing for the Local Income Tax for October 20, 2025, at 4pm.

Brent Murray moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to schedule a public hearing on the proposed LIT changes on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 4pm in the Commissioners’ Room of the Greene County Courthouse. Motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business to come before the council, Brent Murray moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0.

Jerry R. Frye Ronald Lehman

Kelly Zimmerly Brent Murray

Karen Abrams Bryan Woodall

Randall Brown

Attest:

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Heather Perry, Auditor