

Be It Remembered that the Greene County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room on the third floor of the Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order by Board of Commissioners' Rick Graves.

The Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting.

Those present were: Rick Graves, Ed Michael, Nathan Abrams, County Auditor Matthew Baker and County Attorney Marilyn Hartman

**Re: Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting held on April 2, 2013 were approved on a motion made by Ed Michael. Nathan Abrams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Re: Claims**

Ed Michael made a motion to approve all claims submitted for payment on April 16, 2013. Nathan Abrams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Re: E-911 Equipment Lease**

The Commissioners decided to table the E-911 Equipment Lease decision until the appropriation request for the new system could be brought before the Council.

**Re: Blighted Property Ordinance**

The Commissioners spoke once again of the need for a blighted property ordinance within Greene County in order to help clean up burned out, abandoned, or unused property within towns that did not have such an ordinance for the protection of its citizens. The Commissioners said that the ordinance was fashioned similar to Clay County's Ordinance. Rick Graves mentioned that this will be brought before the Health Board and the County Council to get their feedback on how to move forward. The ordinance will be publicized in the local newspapers for consideration at a future meeting.

**Re: EMA Director – Active Shooter Pamphlet**

EMA Director Roger Axe brought to the Commissioners an Active Shooter Pamphlet which features precautions that need to be taken to prepare for a shooting as well as what to do if it happens. Mr. Axe told the Commissioners that given the increased level of such violence within our country, every effort should be made to make our schools and public buildings as safe as possible. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Axe for his time and important information.

**Re: Brad Isaacs of Janssen & Spaans – County Road Sign Project Update**

Brad Isaacs from Janssen & Spaans Engineering asked the Commissioners to consider using smaller sign blades, from 36" to 30", in order to save money for the county. Mr. Isaacs also asked that the Commissioners approve an extension of time for both the starting and completion dates of the County Road Sign Project itself. Nathan Abrams made a motion to approve both requests. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Re: Worthington-Jefferson Township Library Reappointment – Gia Spoor**

Nathan Abrams made a motion to reappoint Gia Spoor to serve on the Worthington-Jefferson Township Public Library Board until April 20, 2017 based upon the Library Board's recommendation. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Re: Bid Opening for 2013 Summer Road Projects**

After Rick Graves opened the bids for the 2013 summer road projects and read them aloud, Nathan Abrams made a motion to table the bids until County Attorney Marilyn Hartman and Highway Superintendent Brent Murray had time to review each bid before the Commissioners would make a decision at a future meeting. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Re: John Mensch – WestGate Authority Update**

WestGate Authority President John Mensch led a discussion of all the many things happening at WestGate near Crane NSA. Some of the positive present and future projects include: Infrastructure

improvements, preschool and daycare, Fire/EMS Station, Battery Innovation Center (BIC), 80 room hotel, Greene County General Hospital Clinic, and the Scotland Sanitary Sewer Project. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Mensch for all of his hard work and the information regarding Westgate.

**Ordinance No. 2013-04 – Establishing a Redevelopment Authority**

Ed Michael made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-04, An Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Greene, Indiana, Establishing the Greene County Redevelopment Authority, which would create a 3 member board to oversee matters as addressed by IC 36-7-14.5. Terms of this ordinance are incorporated by reference. Nathan Abrams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Dennis Smith – Slinkard Cemetery**

Dennis Smith appeared before the Commissioners to express his concern over the maintenance of certain older cemeteries within Greene County, some of which are historical in nature, such as the Pioneer Cemetery, which dates before 1840. Mr. Smith stated that there is vandalism on some of the gravestones and 4-wheeler tracks within the cemeteries. The Commissioners told Mr. Smith that they will look into the issue and thanked him for his time.

**Review Plan for County Extension Building & Remodeling**

Rick Graves spoke briefly about the possible remodeling and upgrading of the County Extension/4-H Building with a preliminary plan drawn up by Myszak & Palmer, an architectural firm out of Vincennes, Indiana. Mr. Graves spoke of the need of this future renovation for the continued viability of the building’s use for both the public at-large and the offices which it houses. Mr. Graves will also have this subject placed on the 04-29-13 Council Agenda in order to explain to the Council Members the importance of this possible building addition and upgrade.

**Clerk of Circuit Court – Linton Redistricting Ordinance**

The Commissioners decided to table the Linton Redistricting Issue until the May 7, 2013 meeting so that the subject could be investigated properly before approving any ordinance.

**Sexual Assault Awareness Month – Walk a Mile in Their Shoes – Nicole Stahl**

Nicole Stahl from Victim’s Assistance asked the Commissioners’ permission to have a walk around the courthouse on April 25, 2013, known as “Walk a Mile in Their Shoes” to show support for victims of sexual abuse and to hang a banner in the courthouse to help promote the walk. All proceeds from the walk will be donated to the new victim addition to the Greene County General Hospital. Nathan Abrams made a motion to honor Ms. Stahl’s request. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the board, Ed Michael made a motion to adjourn. Nathan Abrams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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Matthew W. Baker, Auditor