

Be It Remembered that the Greene County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 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' President Rick Graves.

The Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting.

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

**Re: Minutes**

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

**Re: Claims**

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

**Re: County Cemetery Commission**

After discussing the idea of having a County Cemetery Commission to help look after and maintain local aged and historic cemeteries with the Township Trustees, the Commissioners moved to have County Attorney Marilyn Hartman begin the process and paperwork in order to establish a County Cemetery Commission for Greene County.

**Re: Courthouse Window Tinting**

Nathan Abrams made a motion to approve the window tinting quote presented by Richard Stancik of Hoosier Window Technologies in the amount of \$4,700.00 in order to tint windows on portions of the east, southeast, and northeast sides of the courthouse. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Re: Bethany Scott – Full Life Development**

Full Life Development Representative Bethany Scott asked the Commissioners permission to hold a dinner & music event on the covered bridge located south of Bloomfield from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, 2013 in order to raise funds for their mission work in northern Thailand. Ed Michael made the motion to approve the fundraising event. Nathan Abrams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Re: County Employee Elective Benefits**

After some discussion regarding the county's tradition of paying the employee's portion of their health insurance premium and the more recent decision to pay their elective benefits when they are on unpaid leave, Nathan Abrams made a motion to follow the county handbook which states that the employee is still responsible for both their portion of the health insurance premium and their total elected benefits when they are on unpaid leave and to have this policy reinforced and stated to be effective September 1, 2013 that if an employee is on unpaid leave, these benefits if left unpaid, will be dropped. It was recommended by County Attorney Marilyn Hartman that proper procedures be followed and notice be given with regard to health insurance premiums due to state and federal laws. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Commissioners asked Ms. Hartman to have the proper paperwork for their next meeting. It was also mentioned that any exceptions to this rule will have to come before the Commissioners for approval.

**Re: Resolution No. 2013-06 – Joint Land Study**

Nathan Abrams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-06, Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Greene County, Indiana, in Support of the Development of a Joint Land Use Study for NSA Crane. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed. Terms of the Resolution are incorporated by reference.

**Re: County Road Bond Permit Agreements**

Nathan Abrams made a motion to enter into the county road bond permit agreements as read to the public by Ed Michael on behalf of Highway Superintendent Brent Murray. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed. Terms of these agreements are incorporated by reference.

**Re: County Assessor – PTBOA Appointment**

Nathan Abrams made a motion to appoint Otto Prow to the Property Tax Board of Appeals (PTBOA) in order to replace Kay Allen, who is not able to continue in that role because of personal issues. Ed Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Abrams noted that Mr. Prow will resign his place on the Plan Commission effective immediately due to this appointment.

**Re: Tree Trimming at the 4-H Fairgrounds**

Ed Michael made a motion to have Nathan Abrams take the lead in contacting Hoosier Heritage Management, LLC in order to extend the Commissioners’ permission to them to have certain trees located near the 4-H Building either trimmed or cut as is deemed necessary for REMC. Rick Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Re: County Employee Handbook Training Session**

County Attorney Marilyn Hartman mentioned how well the handbook training session held on July 10, 2013 was received by the different county personnel who attended. Kent Irwin from Waggoner Irwin and Scheele led the training session. It was mentioned that an FMLA Training Session is planned for the near future to help cover the proper procedures and various forms used in regard to FMLA leave.

**Re: Farmer’s Market – July 19, 2013**

Ed Michael made a motion to grant permission to a group led by Josh Riggins to hold various family activities on Friday, July 19, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the west side of the courthouse lawn. These activities would be held in conjunction with the local Farmer’s Market. Nathan Abrams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Re: County Logo**

Greene County Economic Development Corporation Director Joan Bethell asked if the Commissioners would consider making the sandhill crane symbol adopted by the GCEDC the official Greene County logo to be used on county documents as seen fit by the different entities within the county. The Commissioners said they would like to make inquiries about local interest and regulations before making a decision.

**Re: Butler Fairman & Seufert**

Brent Roberts from Butler Fairman & Seufert gave the Commissioners an update on the progress being made on engineering, inspection, and design work on Bridges #260 and #283, including making right of way acquisitions on both of these federal bridges.

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