Be It Remembered that the Greene County

 Council met in Regular Session on Monday,

 April 25, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the

 Commissioners’ Room on the third floor

 of the Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order by Gregg Roudebush.

The Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting.

Those present were Gregg Roudebush, Kelly Zimmerly, Joe Huntington, Karen Abrams, Brent Murray, Ronald Lehman, and County Attorney Marvin Abshire. Jerry Frye was absent.

**Re: Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting held on March 28, 2022, were approved, with reading waived, on a motion made by Brent Murray. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**Re: Superior Court Judge – Additional Appropriation Approval**

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of $20,000.00 within the General Fund to cover the costs of psychiatric services needed for certain defendants. Karen Abrams seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**Re: Bloomfield-Eastern Greene Public Library Director – Library Updates**

Bloomfield-Eastern Greene Public Library Director Karen Holz gave the Council an update on what is going on at the library, including a newly installed roof, the need for a new HVAC system, annex issues, and new projects to help county citizens. The Council thanked Ms. Holz for her time and information.

**Re: Board of Commissioners – Howesville Ditch**

Commissioner President Nathan Abrams presented a request to the Council for the Drainage Board to borrow approximately $59,000.00 from the Rainy Day Fund. There has been renewed interest from county landowners who live along the Howesville Ditch of the need to help open and reduce flooding. However, Mr. Abrams explained that the $1,500.00 allowed per year for such work through the General Drain Improvement Fund was inadequate. The State Board of Accounts has determined in a 2012 audit, and before, that there were approximately $59,000.00 in funds improperly used from the General Drain Improvement Fund for work on the Howesville Ditch. This amount must be repaid to the General Drain Improvement Fund in order for the Drainage Board to proceed with trying to implement a levy on the ditch which would make the required maintenance possible. Therefore, the Drainage Board is currently at a stalemate. Time for repayment of the loan from the Rainy Day Fund is unknown since the entire process to levy a tax and create a Howesville Ditch Board could take up to 2 years. The Council took no action but directed County Attorney Marvin Abshire to check into this subject further and get back with them at a future meeting.

**Re: Convention, Visitor & Tourism Board Appointment**

Ron Lehman made a motion to table any approval of a Convention, Visitor & Tourism Board Appointment until the May 23, 2022 Council Meeting. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**Re: Resolution 2022-01 – Rainy Day Loan to Sheriff Department**

Brent Murray made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-01, Resolution of the Greene County Council Facilitating Rainy Day Loan to the Greene County Sheriff Michael Hasler. The loan is in the amount of $18,174.00 to help purchase body cameras for on-duty Sheriff’s Deputies. When these funds are received, the county auditor will move these same funds back to the Rainy-Day Fund no later than December 31, 2022. Joe Huntington seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Terms of this Resolution are incorporated by reference.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ron Lehman made a motion to adjourn. Kelly Zimmerly seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Jerry R. Frye Ronald Lehman

Kelly Zimmerly Brent Murray

Karen Abrams Gregg Roudebush

D. Joe Huntington

Attest:

Matthew W. Baker, Auditor