Be it Remembered that the Greene County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Room on the third floor of the Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order by Brent Murray.

The Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting.

Those present in-person were Bryan Woodall, Jerry Frye, Randall Brown, Brent Murray, Ron Lehman, Karen Abrams and County Attorney Marvin Abshire. Kelly Zimmerly was present by zoom.

**Re: Regular Minutes**

Ron Lehman moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 29, 2024, as presented with reading waived. A roll call vote was taken. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Randall Brown voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly abstained. Motion passed 6-0-1.

**Re: Special Meeting Minutes**

Randall Brown moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held August 13, 2024, as presented with reading waived. A roll call vote was taken. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Randall Brown voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly abstained. Motion passed 6-0-1.

**Re: Prosecutor- Jarrod Holtsclaw- Additional Appropriation-**

* Loss of VOCA Funding- Additional Appropriation- $12,000.00- 1000-009-01-0026

Randall Brown moved, and Ron Lehman seconded, to approve the advertisement for additional appropriations in the total amount of $12,000.00 due to the loss of VOCA Funding. A roll call vote was taken. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Randall Brown voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0.

* Reimbursement for Carrie Speer Training- $1,500.00

Bryan Woodall moved, and Ron Lehman seconded, to approve the advertisement for additional appropriations in the total amount of $1,500.00. A roll call vote was taken. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Randall Brown voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0.

**Re: Probation Department- Additional Appropriation- Final Approval**

* Mileage- 1000-273-03-0013- $5,000.00

Bryan Woodall moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to approve the additional appropriation as advertised. A roll call vote was taken. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Randall Brown voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0.

**Re: Nicole Noel (Opioid Settlement)**

Court Services Director Nicole Noel presented the Council with an updated plan on how she is using the Opioid Settlement that the county has received. These include:

* A copy of the submitted Opioid report that was submitted to FSSA.
* Funding for the Peer Recovery Coach
* Funding the Youth Vaping Prevention Program with the help of Jeananne Sanders
* Funding the Greene County Strengthening Families Program

The Council thanked Nicole for the updates relating to uses of Opioid Settlement money.

**Re: Heather Stone (Strengthening Families)**

Heather Stone presented the council with an update on Strengthening Families. This program was funded by a grant, but the grant cycle was missed this year. Heather, along with Carrie Goodwin, have come together to create a plan to fund the program by using Unrestricted Opioid Funds. The program will be a 7-week/14-session program that will provide a family meal, separate classes for adults and children, a joint family activity, and then a dessert. Most of the families that participate are court ordered, referred by probation, DCS, or a court caseworker, however, any family may attend. The Council thanked Heather for the update.

**Re: Clerk- Jamie Thompson- Additional Appropriation- Extra Hire**

 Ron Lehman moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to approve the advertisement of an additional appropriation for an extra hire in the Clerk’s Office in the amount of $8,091.00. This would be for 15 weeks at 29 hours a week. A roll call vote was taken. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Randall Brown voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Bryan Woodall abstained. Motion passed 6-0-1.

**Re: Sheriff Department- Transfers**

* 1170-000-03-0052- Vehicle Repair- $7,037.73 to 1170-000-04-0020- Vehicles

Ron Lehman moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to approve the transfer as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Randall Brown voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0.

* 1122-000-01-0020- Overtime- $10,000.00 to 1170-000-01-0019- Overtime

Randall Brown moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to approve the transfer as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Randall Brown voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0.

**Sheriff- Additional Appropriation-Final Approval**

* Reimbursement- $1,310.38- 1000-380-03-0063- Medical and Hospital
* Med Co-Pays- $947.18- 1000-380-03-0063- Medical & Hospital

Kelly Zimmerly moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to approve both additional appropriations. A roll call vote was taken. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Randall Brown voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0.

**Re: Commissioners- Nathan Abrams- Additional Appropriation**

* LIT Correctional Facilities- Fund 1233- Jail Repairs- $38,500.00

Ron Lehman moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the advertisement of the additional appropriation. A roll call vote was taken. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Randall Brown voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0.

**Re: Council-**

* Review Circuit Breaker Report for 2024 and Levy Amounts @ 4% across the board

The Greene County Council acknowledged that they received a copy of the levy limits and circuit breaker for 2024 per IC 6-1.1-17-3.6. The Council reviewed in their open August meeting and didn’t have any comments to make regarding the reports.

* Review of Fire Department Applications for PST-LIT

Three fire department/territories submitted applications to receive a portion of the monthly LIT-PST monies. After reviewing the applications submitted by Taylor Township Fire Department requesting $30,000.00, Grant-Fairplay Fire Territory requesting $25,000.00, and Eastern-Greene Fire Territory requesting $30,000.00 and having had a lengthy discussion, Karen Abrams moved, and Ron Lehman seconded to deny the request for the LIT-PST monies at this time. A roll call vote was taken. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Randall Brown voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Bryan Woodall abstained. Jerry Frye abstained. Motion passed 5-0-2.

* Discussion on Tiers & Raises

The Council has decided to consider adding tier pay to employees who reach milestones in 5-year increments. These tiers will be considered for every full-time employee including elected officials. The payroll deputy would be calculating the tiers (if implemented), and subtracting the tiers if an employee is terminated, resigns, or retires. If the tier scale is implemented, longevity would not apply to anyone under the 20-year milestone. After the 20-year milestone, employees would be eligible to start earning longevity. This decision would be outlined in a resolution to avoid confusion. This would include the base amount and the tier amount. Final decision on tiers and raises will be made at the budget hearings later this month.

**Re: Any Other Business to Come Before the Council**

Sheriff George Dallaire stated that he wanted to thank everyone for their hard work put into the budgets.

There being no further business to come before the council, Ron Lehman moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to adjourn. A roll call vote was taken. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Randall Brown voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0.

Jerry R. Frye Ronald Lehman

Kelly Zimmerly Brent Murray

Karen Abrams Bryan Woodall

Randall Brown

Attest:

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Heather Perry, Auditor