Be it Remembered that the Greene County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, October 28, 2024, 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 Bryan Woodall, Jerry Frye, Randall Brown, Brent Murray, Karen Abrams and Kelly Zimmerly. Ron Lehman was absent.

**Re: Regular Minutes**

Karen Abrams moved, and Brent Murray seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 30, 2024, as presented with reading waived. Motion passed 6-0.

**Re: Junior Leaders & Malea Huffman- Annual Presentation**

* Erica Vanhorn is a Sophomore at Linton-Stockton High School. She has been in 4-H since she was in the third grade. Vanhorn stated that being in 4-H has taught her a lot about life and not procrastinating on things. Vanhorn has participated in Childhood Development, Foods, Creative Writing, Photography, Scrapbooking, Health, and Fine Arts. Vanhorn likes that 4-H has helped her be active in the community like working with mini 4-H, and she believes that 4-H helps prepare a person for the future. Vanhorn is excited to see what she will do next in 4-H.
* Kylee Buskirk is a senior at Eastern Greene High School. She started participating in 4-H because she was not into playing sports. This is Buskirk’s 10th year in 4-H. She has participated in Foods, Childhood Development, Health, Home Environment, Computer Science, Arts & Crafts, Photography, Soil & Water, and Horticulture. Buskirk stated she thinks 4-H has given her opportunities to branch out in leadership and has allowed her to learn from other County 4-Hers. Buskirk also stated that there are currently 432 kids enrolled in 4-H at this time. Buskirk said that it has helped with time management, and it is very rewarding to be involved with 4-H. Buskirk ended with stating she is glad she stuck with 4-H. The Council thanked the girls for coming and told them to keep up the good work.
* Malea Huffman came before the Council to introduce her new colleague, D ’lee Rush. She is going to be filling the Human Science position. Rush started October 11th, 2024. Malea stated that Rush hit the ground running and will be implementing a program at WRV High School next week. Rush stated that she was thankful to be a part of the Extension Office for Greene County and wants to do great things for the county.

**Re: Cemetery Board- Additional Appropriation- To Advertise**

* 2301-000-03-0013- Contractor- $4,300.00

Bryan Woodall moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to approve the advertisement of an additional appropriation for the Cemetery Board for expenses. Motion passed 6-0.

**Re: Veteran’s Service Officer- Richard Nichols- Additional Appropriation- Final Approval**

* Veterans Event- 1000-012-03-0015- $2,000.00

Randall Brown moved, and Brent Murray seconded, to approve the additional appropriation for the Veterans Benefits & Resource Fair. Motion passed 6-0.

**Re: Veteran’s Service Officer- Richard Nichols- Additional Appropriation- To Advertise**

* 1000-012-01-0013- Assistant Service Officer- $3,000.00

Jerry Frye moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to approve the advertisement of the additional appropriation for $3,000.00 to supplement the payroll shortage after an employee retired.. Motion passed 6-0.

**Re: Steve Shamo from MicroVote**

Steve Shamo from Microvote presented the Council with an estimate for the purchase of new components within our current voting machines. The estimate would include 64 components in the amount of $179,200.00. The cost can be broken down into two-yearly payments starting in 2025. Mr. Shamo stated that our current components are 20-plus years old, and we need to start looking at upgrading before they stop working. Our components are currently being repaired by used/old parts when repairs are needed. New parts are not available for our current components. The Council thanked Mr. Shamo for coming.

**Re: Health Department- Shari Lewis- Transfers**

* 1161-000-01-0011- Public Health Nurse $4,964.29 to 8125-000-01-0015- Public Health Nurse- Randall Brown moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the transfer as presented. Karen Abrams voted nay. Motion passed 5-1.
* 1161-000-01-0021- FICA- $380.16 to 8125-000-01-0021- FICA & 1161-000-01-0022- Retirement- $556.25 to 8125-000-01-0022- Brent Murray moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to approve the transfers as presented. Karen Abrams voted nay. Motion passed 5-1.
* 1159-000-01-0013- Mileage- $689.26 to 8125-000-01-0023- Travel & Training- Brent Murray moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the transfer as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
* 1161-000-01-0013- Mileage- $1,303.74 to 8125-000-01-0023- Travel & Training- Bryan Woodall moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to approve the transfer as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
* 8125-000-03-0060- Supplies- $1,900.00 to 8125-000-01-0023- Travel & Training- Tabled until the November meeting.
* 1159-000-02-0060- Office Supplies- $108.74 to $8125-000-02-0060- Office Supplies- Randall Brown moved, and Brent Murray seconded, to approve the transfer. Motion passed 6-0.
* 8122-000-02-0060- Supplies- $24.90 to 1159-000-02-0060- Supplies- Table until November meeting.
* 8122-000-01-0025- Health Dept Worker- $1,017.69 to 8125-000-03-0012- Contractual Services- Tabled until November meeting.
* 8122-000-01-0026- Vaccinator- $3,710.00 to 8125-000-01-0012- Contractual Services- Tabled until November meeting.
* 1161-000-04-0019- Contractual Services- $1,625.31 to 8125-000-03-0012- Contractual Services- Randall Brown moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the transfer as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
* 1159-000-02-0060- Office Supplies- $1,508.11 to 8120-000-02-0060- Office Supplies- Bryan Woodall moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to approve the transfer as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
* 1161-000-01-0016- Health Administrator- $24,257.75 to 8120-000-01-0016- Health Administrator- Randall Brown moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded to approve the transfer as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
* 1161-000-01-0021- FICA- $1,855.72 to 8120-000-01-0021- FICA & 1161-000-01-0022- Retirement- $2,716.87 to 8120-000-01-0022- Retirement- Bryan Woodall moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to approve the transfers totaling $4,572.59 as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
* 1161-000-03-0013- Mileage- $389.91 to 8120-000-03-0013- Mileage- Randall Brown moved, and Brent Murray seconded, to approve the transfer as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
* 4107-000-00-9000- Non-App- $944.78 to 8120-000-03-0020- PHEP- Meetings & Education- Brent Murray moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to approve the transfer as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
* 8102-000-00-6500- Misc. Receipts- $14,583.33 to 8120-000-00-6500- Misc. Receipts- Bryan Woodall moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to approve the transfer as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
* 8122-000-01-0025- Health Dept Worker- $4,089.01 to 8120-000-01-0013- PHEP Assistant- Tabled until November

**Re: Highway Department- Additional Appropriations- Final Approval**

* Local Road & Street-1169-000-03-0064- $40,087.42

Brent Murray moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to approve the advertised additional appropriation in the amount of $40,087.42. Motion passed 6-0.

* Highway- Road Equipment- 1176-533-03-0053- $100,000.00

Randall Brown moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the advertised additional appropriation in the amount of $100,000.00. Motion passed 6-0.

**Re: Sheriff Department- Additional Appropriations to Advertise**

* Med Co-Pays-1000-380-03-0063- $605.01- (July, August, & September)-

Brent Murray moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to approve the advertisement for an additional appropriation in the amount of $605.01. Motion passed 6-0.

**Re: Sheriff Department- Requesting Money for CHIRP Grant**

Sheriff Dallaire informed the Council that the Greene County Sheriff’s Department has been awarded $26,000.00 in CHIRP grant funds. Sheriff Dallaire would like to essentially borrow the money from the Rainy Day fund and then seek reimbursement from the grant funds. Bryan Woodall moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to advertise for $26,000.00 from the CHIRP program. Motion passed 6-0.

Randall Brown moved, and Brent Murray seconded, to loan $26,000.00 from the Rainy-Day Fund until the money is received. $12,791.68 will go to the Sheriff’s budget and $13,208.32 to Public Safety budget. Motion passed 6-0.

**Re: Sheriff- Jail Staffing Analysis**

Sheriff George Dallaire circulated the jail staffing analysis report for review. A jail staffing analysis is recommended every 5 years and does not affect grants. Sheriff Dallaire noted the report recommends adding 5 additional positions at the jail. One more transport officer and four more jailers are recommended. Sheriff Dallaire stated that the jail is not grossly understaffed, and if any positions are added, his recommendation would be more jailers instead of transport. Sheriff Dallaire stated that for the jail to be considered full capacity, there must be 80% or 160 beds full out of the 202 beds available. Sheriff Dallaire also said that Greene County is currently housing Lawrence County DOC inmates at the state rate daily. Randall Brown asked how the turnover rate is at the jail. The Sheriff stated it is slowing down from prior years. The Council thanked the Sheriff for the update.

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

* LIT Correctional Facilities- Fund 1233-000-03-0026- Jail Phone System- $30,000.00

Brent Murray moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to approve the additional appropriation as advertised for the new phone system at the jail. Motion passed 6-0.

**Re: Event Center- Additional Appropriation to Advertise -Final Approval**

* LIT EDIT- 112-000-03-0012- $15,000.00

Randall Brown moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to approve the advertised additional appropriation out of LIT EDIT to help support the Event Center’s budget for the remainder of the year. Motion passed 6-0.

**Re: Fifteenth Amendment to ARPA Plan**

Bryan Woodall moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to approve Commissioners’ Resolution 2024-08, “A Resolution Adopting Fifteenth Amended County Fiscal Recovery Plan”. The plan amendments include: $200,000.00 to the Greene County Highway Department for the purchase of road maintenance equipment, and $225,000.00 to the Greene County Solid Waste Management District for infrastructure improvements at the Switz City Recycling Center. Motion passed 6-0.

* Nathan Abrams then requested an additional appropriation of $225,000.00 from ARPA funds for infrastructure improvements to the Solid Waste Management District’s Switz City Recycling Center. Jerry Frye moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve an additional appropriation from ARPA funds in the amount of $225,000.00 to the Solid Waste Management District. Brent Murray abstained. Motion passed 5-0-1.
* Nathan Abrams then requested an additional appropriation of $200,000.00 from ARPA funds for the purchase of road maintenance equipment for the Greene County Highway Department. Randall Brown moved, and Brent Murray seconded, to approve an additional appropriation from ARPA funds in the amount of $200,000.00 to the Greene County Highway Department. Motion passed 6-0.

**Re: Council-**

* Approval of Budget for Greene County

Brent Murray moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to approve the 2025 Budget. Motion passed 6-0.

* Approval of Greene County Solid Waste Budget

Jerry Frye moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to approve the 2025 Budget. Brent Murray abstained. Motion passed 5-0-1.

**Re: Harold Smith**

Harold Smith, a retired Department of Justice Federal Prisons worker, came before the Council to introduce a few items that he would like the Council to research before deciding on Flock cameras for Greene County. Smith started by saying that he is requesting that the jail and sheriff’s department get a 10% pay raise. He stated that Greene County is in the bottom 42% out of the entire United States. He thinks they would have a better retention rate if the pay were pairable to other agencies in our area.

Smith stated that the Flock Camera System is 100% effective in the goal that it was designed to do and from the website, that is to eliminate crime. Smith expressed the following concerns:

* Privacy- People would be monitored 24/7
* Smith suggested the Council thoroughly review the “Use Agreement” for the Flock Camera System.
* What happens to the Flock Camera data once it leaves the Sheriff’s Department?
* Data can be purchased.
* Once data leaves the database in 30 days, it goes to site where it is stored permanently.
* Smith strongly believes a policy should be in place before approving use of Flock Cameras.

Smith believes that no one should be monitored constantly if they aren’t doing anything wrong. The Council thanked Smith for coming.

There being no further business to come before the council, Bryan Woodall moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0.

Jerry R. Frye Ronald Lehman

Kelly Zimmerly Brent Murray

Karen Abrams Bryan Woodall

Randall Brown

Attest:

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Heather Perry, Auditor