Be It Remembered that the Greene County

Board of Commissioners met in Regular

Session on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners’ Room on

the third floor of the Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order by Nathan Abrams.

The Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting.

Present were Nathan Abrams, Rick Graves, and Ed Michael.

**Re: Minutes**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 7, 2025. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Claims**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the claims submitted for Tuesday, January 21, 2025. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Payroll**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, to approve the payroll submitted for Friday, January 24, 2025. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Hamilton Center Annual Report**

Amy Glover, Program Manager for Linton and Sullivan Hamilton Centers, presented the Commissioners with an annual report for the year July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024. Some of the information that Amy touched on during the presentation for Greene County included:

* Total patients served that reside in Greene County, with breakdowns of juvenile and adults.
* Number of clinical encounters
* Count of referrals
* Sources of Insurance
* Representation at community meetings
* Events attended
* New programs for the County
* New partnerships for the County
* Addiction treatment services (and locations)
* Most common addiction substances taken by adults and youth broken out
* Mental health services
* Most common mental health diagnoses of adults and youth broken out

Commissioner Abrams stated it was good to see this report. Commissioner Graves asked if there was anything more that the County could do to help Hamilton Center. Amy stated that she would talk to Cynthia Rodman and get back with them. Commissioner Graves stated that this is a needed service in Greene County. All Commissioners thanked Amy for the update.

**Re: Letters of Support for BEAD Applications**

Commissioner Abrams stated that the County has received requests for letters of support for BEAD grant applications from several broadband providers. Some of the letters were very specific, while others were mass emails. Commissioners Abrams stated that County Attorney Marvin Abshire has drafted letters for support and asked if he has any additional comments.

Marvin stated that the letters are from:

* AT&T
* Charter Communications
* Strategic Management LLC
* Comcast
* WiSpan

Commissioner Graves stated that he doesn’t see a reason that the Commissioners can’t support all of the companies that have inquired about the letters of support.

Abshire commented that he agrees and that anyone who can bring qualified broadband to Greene County to serve those residents that are underserved or not served would seem to be welcome.

Commissioner Abrams stated that he would like to support anyone who wants to help Greene County residents with broadband fiber optic internet. Commissioner Abrams also stated that it was encouraging to see that many applicants wanting to come to our area.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the signing of all the support letters received for the BEAD application. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Greene County EMS/Sheriff (Excess Vehicles)**

GCAS Director Doug Hall sought the Commissioners’ consent to dispose of two surplus ambulances. The Department has received three new trucks, two of which were acquired with with grant funds. Hall stated both surplus trucks are 2016 Ford models. One has almost 300K miles and the other has 238K miles with a new motor and rear differential. Greene County Sheriff George Dallaire sought permission from the Board of Commissioners to purchase the truck with 238K miles for the Sheriff’s Department to use for respite and and for the Sheriff’s Emergency Response Team. Sheriff Dallaire stated his department has a surplus 2017 Ford Expedition. He requested permission to sell it and use the proceeds to purchase the truck with 238K miles.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the transfer of the surplus ambulance with 238K miles to the Sheriff’s Department, pending EMS Board approval, then sell the 2017 Ford Expedition as payment for the ambulance. Motion passed 3-0.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the advertisement of the surplus truck used by the GCAS with almost 300K miles and the 2017 Ford Expedition used by the Greene County Sheriff’s Department. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: County Attorney**

County Attorney Marvin Abshire stated that he had two items for the Commissioners to review. The first item of business was to decide if the Commissioners wanted to conduct a Commissioners Certificate Sale. There are currently 62 certificates. If the Commissioners want to proceed with the sale, they will need to approve the resolution that identifies the 62 properties and the addendum to the new master service contract with SRI, INC., which confirms the cost of the sale.

Commissioner Graves stated that the Land Bank may be interested in 23 of the 62 properties. The Land Bank will meet on Thursday, January 23, 2025, and they will decide about the properties then.

The decision to have the Certificate Sale will be tabled until the February 4, 2025, Commissioners meeting.

County Attorney Marvin Abshire also presented the Commissioners with his renewal agreement with his electronic research service, LexisNexis. He stated that he has been pleased with LexisNexis and did not seek other avenues. The new agreement is a 3-year agreement, and the price is increasing from the previous agreement. The first year will be $152.00 a month, the second year will be $160.00 a month, and the third year will be $168.00 a month.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the agreement with LexisNexis for County Attorney’s Office. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Discussion Item- Comcast Dedicated Fiber Line**

IT Director Michael Sherrow was approached last year by Comcast about the internet for the County Government offices. Sherrow stated that there is fiber optic broadband in Bloomfield. Sherrow and Comcast had a meeting about two weeks ago, and Comcast quoted a dedicated fiber optic line to the Courthouse for $700.00 a month, with no cost for line build-out or installation. Sherrow stated that the Courthouse already has internet with Comcast, so the new amount yearly would only increase annual billing by about $5,300.00 a year. Sherrow also stated that the new internet would not be up and running until around June of 2025, if approved.

The Commissioners asked Sherrow if there were any other available fiber broadband vendors in our area and requested Sherrow to check pricing with other vendors and return with price comparison.

**Re: Sheriff Dallaire- Minimum Bid on Surplus Vehicle**

Ed Michael moved, and Rick Graves seconded, establish a $5,000.00 minimum bid on the Sheriff’s surplus 2017 Ford Expedition to be sold. Motion passed 3-0.

**Re: Roger Hamilton- Community Crossings Bid Package Advertisement**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the advertisement of the Community Crossings bid package after Highway Superintendent Roger Hamilton completes the bid package. Motion passed 3-0.

There being no further business to come before the board, Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to adjourn. Motion passed 3-0.

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Heather Perry, Auditor