Be It Remembered that the Greene County

 Board of Commissioners met in Regular

 Session on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners’ Room on

 the third floor of the Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order by Ed Michael.

The Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting.

Present were Rick Graves and Ed Michael. Absent was Nathan Abrams.

**Re: Minutes**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 18, 2025. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Claims**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the claims submitted for Tuesday, March 4, 2025. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Payroll**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the payroll submitted for Friday, March 7, 2025. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Greene County Highway (Community Crossings Bids)**

Commissioner Ed Michael opened the two submitted sealed bids for the Greene County Community Crossings Projects for 2025.

The first of the two was E&B Paving and their bids for each project are as follows:

Project #1- $240,626.45, Project #2- $78,338.75, Project #3- $67,299.55, Project #4- $70,328.95, Project #5- $178,488.35, Project #6- $100,476.95, Project #7- $28,346.15, Project #8- $112,925.95, Project #9- $70,373.75, Project #10- $158,253.35, Project #11- $12,804.65, Project #12- $77,396.45, Project #13- $140,715.75, Project #14- $80,499.55, Project #15- $161,445.55, Project #16- $93,920.85, Project #17- $113,962.75, Project #18- $106,252.95, Project #19-$45,080.95, Project #20- $239,215.85. The combined total is $2,176,753.50.

The second of the two was Milestone Contracting and their bids for each project are as follows:

Project #1- $233,925.00, Project #2- $71,476.50, Project #3- $61,267.00, Project #4- $69,748.25, Project #5- $167,257.10, Project #6- $85,470.00, Project #7- $23,633.75, Project #8- $96,182.50, Project #9- $59,656.25, Project #10- $135,035.00, Project #11- $11,109.15 Project #12- $71,066.85, Project #13- $124,761.20, Project #14- $67,860.00, Project #15- $133,027.00, Project #16- $79,877.75, Project #17- $98,248.50, Project #18- $91,575.50, Project #19- $34,335.00, Project #20- $205,303.75. The combined total is $1,920,816.05

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to authorize County Attorney Marvin Abshire and Highway Superintendent Roger Hamilton to review the bids, approve the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, and release funds as money is available. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Greene County Sheriff (Excess Vehicle Bids)**

Commissioner Ed Michael opened the two submitted sealed bids for the surplus 2017 Ford Expedition used by the Greene County Sheriff’s Department.

The first bid was from William Kemp, Cannelburg, Indiana, in the amount of $5,555.00.

The second bid was from Ringwood Motors, Ringwood, Illinois, in the amount of $3,100.00.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to accept William Kemp’s bid and to authorize the Sheriff to handle the sale. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Mowing Quotes (Linton EMS Station)**

Commissioner Ed Michael opened the sole bid received for the mowing advertisement for the Greene County EMS Station in Linton for 2025. The bid was from Root 54 Landscapes. The bid was in the amount of $45.00 a week.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to accept the bid from Route 54 Landscapes. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Mowing Quotes (Greene County Event Center)**

Commissioner Ed Michael opened the four quotes received for the mowing advertisement for the Greene County Event Center for 2025.

The first quote was from Todd Outdoor Renovations. The owner is Hank Todd. The quote was in the amount of $150.00 for mowing and trimming, weekly or as needed, and an additional $100.00 per occurrence for spraying and weed removal in landscape beds.

The second quote was from M3 Land Management. The owner is Chris Moody. The quote was in the amount of $110.00 for mowing and trimming, weekly or as needed, and an additional $35.00 per occurrence for landscape bed weed removal.

The third quote was from Glen Sullivan. The quote was in the amount of $200.00 for weekly mowing and weed-eating. This quote also included spraying of rocked areas around the building and sign as necessary.

The fourth quote was from Brian Kollmeyer. The quote was in the amount of $155.00 per mow with no additional charge for landscaping weed control and gutter cleaning.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to forward the bids to the Community Event Center Board for review and recommendation. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Greene County Community Corrections (Door System Replacement)**

Community Corrections Director Lynn Wininger requested approval of a revised proposal from HICOM for a new electronic door entry system at the Community Corrections building. Wininger stated that the revised proposal made use of less expensive equipment that will work just as well as the more expensive equipment quote.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the proposal and authorize the President of the Board of Commissioners to review and execute the agreement. The equipment and installation shall be paid from Cumulative Capital Development Funds. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Greene County Economic Development (Annual Stipend)**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve payment of the first installment of Greene County Economic Development Corporation’s annual stipend, in the amount of $90,000.00, from the LIT EDIT Fund. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Greene County Treasurer (Collection Agreement)**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the agreement with American Financial Credit Services for collection of delinquent personal property tax. The company will add its collection fees to the amount of tax collection, so that collection fees are paid by the delinquent taxpayer. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Commissioner Board Appointments (Hospital Board)**

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the reappointments of Harry Bedwell and Matt Ubelhor to the Greene County Hospital Board. Both members have agreed to the reappointments. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Greene County Economic Development Corporation**

Greene County Economic Development Corporation Director Brianne Jerrels announced that Prometheus Energetics, LLC, selected Greene County as its new home. The entity is a joint venture between Kratos Defense and Rafael Advanced Defense Systems. This will be a solid rocket motor manufacturing and test facility. The operations are projected to start by 2027 and be at full capacity in 2032. This will bring 375 new manufacturing and administrative jobs to our area by 2032. Brianne stated this is huge win for our County and the region. A locally oriented press release should be forthcoming. The Commissioners expressed excitement and gratitude about the announcement. Marvin Abshire noted the facility will also be the corporate headquarters for Prometheus Energetics as well as manufacturing. Manufacturing jobs will pay in the vicinity of $75,000.00 per year and administrative jobs will average $115,000.00 per year.

**Re: Discussion Items - Travelers’ Risk Control and Motor Vehicle Records Policy & Synchronous Fiber Internet**

Travelers-

Ed Michael stated that based on an email from agent Mark Babbs, he believes motor vehicle records will need to be sought for the County’s daily drivers but would not have to be performed for County employees that only drive once or twice a year.

Rick Graves stated that he is supportive of the current draft and realizes that we do not have a choice in the matter. Marvin Abshire noted a revised draft should be ready at the next Commissioners’ meeting.

Synchronous Fiber Internet-

IT Director Michael Sherrow reached out to several potential vendors for Synchronous Fiber Internet in our area and received three quotes in return.

* Comcast quoted $734.95 per month for 1 Gb connection with no construction/installation fee with a three-year agreement.
* AT&T quoted over $1,000.00 per month with no construction/installation fee.
* Cogent, the most expensive of the three, quoted $1,400.00 per month and the installation/ construction fee would be $1,500.00.

Michael Sherrow recommends an upgrade to the Greene County Sheriff’s Department internet as well. Sherrow stated that the current internet speed serving the Department and Jail is only 75 Mb service. The Sheriff is currently paying approximately $300.00 a month for 75 Mb. Sheriff Dallaire would like the best option if possible because of the high data volume now used.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to allow Michael to proceed with a 3-year agreement with Comcast for 1Gb synchronous Fiber Internet service at both the Sheriff’s Department and the Courthouse and to authorize the President to negotiate and sign the agreement when it is ready. Motion passed 2-0.

**Re: Elected Official Comments- Nicole Noel- Opioid Unrestricted**

Nicole Noel requested the Commissioners’ approval for use of Opioid Unrestricted Funds for HITS training. The training would be for officers working in Greene County and is designed to teach them effective methods to utilize traffic stops for information to further drug dealing investigations. The fee for the HITS training is $5,500.00 which covers training and materials as well as travel costs for the instructor. Sheriff Dallaire stated that he fully supports the training. Noel stated that JRAC Committee has already approved the use of the funds, and she will seek approval from the Council as well.

Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to approve the use of the Opioid Unrestricted Funds as presented. Motion passed 2-0.

There being no further business to come before the board, Rick Graves moved, and Ed Michael seconded, to adjourn. Motion passed 2-0.

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Nathan L. Abrams Edward L. Michael Rick Graves

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Heather Perry, Auditor