

Agenda - Meeting
Greene County Board of Commissioners
10:00 AM - Greene County Operations Center
Monday, August 3, 2026

A. Call to Order

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

B. Approval of Agenda

C. Consent Agenda

1. 07/20/2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Consideration of Late Present Use Value and Property Tax Relief Applications
3. Releases/Refunds

D. Public Comments

Individuals who sign up on the sign-up sheet by the entrance before the meeting begins will have up to three (3) minutes to speak, in accordance with the public comment policy.

E. County Manager

1. NC Global TransPark Economic Development Region Board of Directors Appointment
2. 44th Annual Snow Hill/LCC Foundation Tennis & Golf Tournament
3. Capital Project Budget Ordinance; Greene County Elementary School

F. County Attorney's Comments

G. Commissioners' Report and Recommendation

H. Closed Session

Attorney-Client Privilege - To conduct a closed session pursuant to the provisions set forth in N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3)

I. Adjourn

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 20, 2026, at 5:00 PM in the Greene County Operations Center. Present for the meeting: Chairman Bennie Heath, Vice-Chairman Jerry Jones, Commissioner Derek Burrell, Commissioner Ray Johnson, Commissioner Robert Taylor, Jr., County Manager Kyle DeHaven, County Attorney Kevin MacQueen, and Deputy Clerk Aleigha Tingen.

A. Call to Order

Chairman Bennie Heath called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM, and asked Commissioner Taylor to give the Invocation and lead the Pledge to the Flag.

There were 6 Greene County staff and 4 from the public in attendance.

B. Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

C. Public Information

1. Monthly Financial Report

D. Consent Agenda

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

1. 06/29/26 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Releases / Refunds
3. Consideration of Late Present Use Value and Property Tax Relief Applications
4. Budget Amendment - Health Department
5. Budget Amendment for Digital Inclusion Plan
6. Budget Amendment for Meals on Wheels Unmet Needs Grant

E. Public Comments

No Comments.

F. Presentation(s)

1. Monthly Collection Report, Annual Settlement, and Collection Order
Mrs Stephanie Wiggins presented the monthly collection report and annual settlement. For the 2025 tax year, \$11,862,742.80 was collected, representing a 98.82% collection rate for real and personal property taxes. For prior years 2015-2024, \$1,296,826 was collected, including interest and fees. Motor vehicle taxes collected through the DMV

were not included in these figures. The Tax Department staff were commended for their efforts.

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

The Collection Order authorizing the Tax Administrator to collect property taxes for the 2026–2027 tax year was presented.

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to Approve.

2. **DWI Policy Updates: Presented By Rich Moore**
Mr Rich Moore presented a resolution to adopt updated Conflict of Interest and Internal Control Policies related to ARPA-funded projects to ensure compliance with state requirements. On a motion by Vice-Chairman Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

G. County Manager

1. **Upcoming NCACC 119th Annual Conference**
Vice Chair Jerry Jones was appointed as the county's voting delegate for the upcoming annual conference, by Chairman Bennie Heath.
2. **Request for Committee Appointments-2 Aging Planning Committee and 1 Greene County Senior Center Advisory**
Sharon Harrison requested the reappointment of Rosa Wilkes and Dianne Morris to the Aging Planning Committee, and Alice Barfield to the Senior Center Advisory Board. On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, Jr. and seconded by Vice-Chairman Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointments.
3. **Budget Amendment — Communications**
On behalf of the Communications Department, it was recommended by the salary study to increase from two shift supervisors to four. This amendment counts for the increased salary for those two positions. On a motion by Vice-Chairman Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amendment.
4. **Resolution Declaring Surplus Property**
One truck was declared surplus for expedited sale to the Town Of Hookerton, a local partner. Additional surplus property sales are anticipated in the fall and spring. On a motion by Vice-Chairman Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve.
5. **BA; Economic Development**
Additional funds were allocated for increased EDR dues, due to a lobbyist change, and contracted services to maintain compliance. Mr DeHaven noted the county received \$1.4M for EMS4 and significant grants for the Senior Center. On a motion by Vice-Chairman Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted 4 to 1 to

Approve. Commissioner Derek Burress voted in opposition.

6. BA; Jail

Mr DeHaven discussed a budget amendment to allocate \$75,000 for upgrades to the jail elevator operating systems. The upgrades are necessary for the elevator to continue supporting meal delivery to the upper floors of the jail. On a motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amendment.

7. Flag Policy

Mr DeHaven presented the revised version of the Half-Staff Flag Policy. This directs flags to be lowered for current/former elected county officials upon family request, with flexibility for board discretion. Some commissioners expressed reservations but agreed to adopt it as a starting point. On a motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve the policy.

8. Award of RFP for Proposal of Residential redevelopment at former Walstonburg Industrial Site

Two companies submitted bids for redevelopment of the former Walstonburg Industrial Site for residential use: "Axium" with Tom White and "First Flight Development" with Barton Horn. Both companies presented their experiences and development plans, including timelines and approaches to lot development and infrastructure. On a motion by Vice-Chairman Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the "First Flight Development" proposal carried.

H. County Attorney's Comments

No comment.

I. Commissioners' Report and Recommendation

Reminders of the 4th Annual Back-to-School Bash on August 15 from 9-12pm at Greene Central High School. Commissioner Taylor, who was recently appointed as liaison to the Parks and Recreation Board, was asked if he would be a voting member. Mr DeHaven stated, after reviewing the bylaws, Ex officio members serve in an advisory role only and do not vote.

J. Closed Session

For the purpose of Economic Development, the Board will move into Closed Session. On a motion by Vice-Chairman Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the move into Closed Session.

1. Economic Development

K. Adjourn

On a motion by Commissioner Taylor, Jr. and seconded by Vice-Chairman Jones, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Bennie Heath

Bennie Heath, Chairman

Attest:

Kyle J. DeHaven

Kyle J. DeHaven, Clerk to the Board



STEPHANIE WIGGINS
TAX ADMINISTRATOR



To: Mr. Kyle DeHaven, Greene County Manager
Greene County Board of Commissioners

From: Stephanie C. Wiggins, Greene County Tax Administrator

Date: August 3, 2026

Re: Consideration of Late Applications

Consideration of Late Applications for Elderly or Disabled Exclusion, Disabled Veteran Exclusion, and Present Use Value

The assessor has no authority to approve a late application for the Elderly or Disabled Exclusion, Disabled Veteran Exclusion, or Present Use Value Deferment. However, GS 105-282.1(a1) states "upon a showing of good cause by the applicant for failure to make a timely application, an application for exemption or exclusion filed after the date of the listing period may be approved by the Board of Commissioners". If approved, the application is for the current year and is not retroactive. Due to information on the application being confidential, a copy of the application is not attached.

Attached are letters from taxpayers requesting your consideration of their late applications. The applicants and parcels meet the eligibility requirements. Consideration of these late applications would be appreciated and is recommended since the Board has previously considered other late applications.

Elderly or Disabled Exclusion:
Shelby Johnson – Parcel 0200429

Disabled Veteran Exclusion:
Benjamin Lopedote, Jr. – Parcel 0807101

Present Use Value:
David Walston, et al – Parcel 0725226
Scott & Connie Brown – Parcel 0704890

TO: Greene County Board of Commissioners

FROM: SHELBY JOHNSON

DATE: _____

RE: Request for acceptance of late application for property tax relief
for the 2026 tax year on parcel number 0200429

Please accept my late application for property tax relief. My reason for filing
untimely is

Death of Husband

Thank you,

Shelby Johnson
Sign

6-6-2026
Date

TO: Greene County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Benjamin A. Lopedote Jr
DATE: 7/13/26
RE: Request for acceptance of late application for property tax relief
for the 2026 tax year on tax property 0807101 :

Please accept my late application for property tax relief. My reason for filing
untimely is; the parcel was transferred to "The
Lopedote Living Trust" on 3/3/26. Reapplying
as instructed via letter dated 7/7/26.

Thank you,


Signature

7/13/26
Date



GREENE COUNTY
TAX DEPARTMENT

TO: Greene County Board of Commissioners

FROM: David Allen Walston & Joann H Walston
Tony Randall Walston & Jill Harrison Walston

DATE: 07/17, 2026

RE: Request for acceptance of late present use value application on Parcel 0725226

Please accept my request for acceptance of my late application for present use value on the above referenced parcel. My reason for filing untimely is:

Our reason for missing the June 08, 2026 deadline
originally was because of waiting on the Mapping
Department and the Tax Office to generate
parcel data.

David Allen Walston
David Allen Walston

07/16/26
Date

Joann H. Walston
Joann H Walston

07/16/26
Date

Tony Randall Walston
Tony Randall Walston

07/15/26
Date

Jill Harrison Walston
Jill Harrison Walston

07/15/26
Date

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GREENE COUNTY
TAX DEPARTMENT



TO: Greene County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Scott Alan Brown & Connie G Brown

DATE: 7-16-26, 2026

RE: Request for acceptance of late present use value application on Parcel 0704890

Please accept my request for acceptance of my late application for present use value on the above referenced parcel. My reason for filing untimely is:

We have been waiting on the Mapping
Dept and the Tax office to generate
parcel data.

Scott Alan Brown
Scott Alan Brown

7/16/26
Date

Connie G. Brown
Connie G Brown

7-16-26
Date

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GREENE COUNTY
TAX DEPARTMENT

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Greene County Board of Commissioners

Meeting Date: August 3, 2026

Item No:

NC Global TransPark Economic Development Region Board of Directors Appointment

E.1

NC Global TransPark Economic Development Region is requesting a nomination for the Board of directors. Currently Chairman Heath serves on that Board in the Vice President Role. This term ends in October of 2026 with the new members term beginning in November of 2026.

Staff Recommendations: Requesting Board Action on the Item

Agenda Item Information

NC Global TransPark Economic Development
Region Board of Directors Appointment
Presented By: Kyle DeHaven

Department: County Manager's Office

Item No: E.1

Reviewed By:
Aleigha Tingen
Kyle DeHaven

Memo

Date: Kyle DeHaven, Greene County Manager

From: Trey Cash, Chief Operating Officer

Subject: Greene County Board Nomination

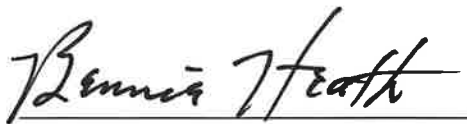
Greene County is a valued member organization of the North Carolina Global TransPark Economic Development Region and the North Carolina Global TransPark Economic Development Region Council. The Region appreciates the partnership with Greene County and the opportunity to provide industrial and economic development services in support of the County.

The current term of Bennie Heath as a Greene County representative on the North Carolina Global TransPark Economic Development Region Board of Directors and the North Carolina Global TransPark Economic Development Region Council Board of Directors will expire in October 2026. Mr. Heath currently serves as Vice-Chair and has provided valued service to the organization and the region.

Section 5.03 of the Bylaws provides Greene County with the right to nominate an individual to serve on the Board of Directors. The nominee must then be approved and elected by a majority vote of the full Board. Following the initial staggered terms, directors serve terms of three years and may serve successive terms without limitation.

The Greene County Board of Commissioners is respectfully requested to submit a nominee for the next three year term. The County may nominate Mr. Heath for another term or nominate another individual.

Once the nomination is received, staff will place it before the North Carolina Global TransPark Economic Development Region Board of Directors for consideration and election. Staff is available to provide any information or assistance needed during the nomination process.



Bennie Heath, Chairman

Attest:


Kyle DeHaven, County Manager



Greene County Board of Commissioners

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Item No:

44th Annual Snow Hill/LCC Foundation Tennis & Golf Tournament **E.2**

A request for sponsorship has been received for the Snow Hill/LCC Foundation Tennis & Golf Tournament. In the past, the Board has sponsored this event at various sponsorship levels. All monies raised support Greene County students' education endeavors.

Staff Recommendations: Requesting Board Action on the Item

Agenda Item Information

44th Annual Snow Hill/LCC Foundation Tennis & Golf Tournament

Presented By: Kyle DeHaven

Department: County Manager's Office

Item No: E.2

Reviewed By:
Kyle DeHaven

Kyle DeHaven

LENOIR
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FOUNDATION

June 8, 2026

Kyle Dehaven
Greene County Manager's Office
229 Kingold Blvd Ste D
Snow Hill, NC 28580-1331

Dear Kyle,

We invite you to join us for the **44th Annual Snow Hill Tennis and Golf Tournament!** The festivities begin with a USTA Singles Tennis Tournament taking place Friday, August 21 and ends Sunday, August 23. This will be followed by an action-packed Pickleball tournament on Tuesday August 25 with our women's doubles starting at 1:00 p.m., Men's doubles at 3:00 p.m., and mixed doubles beginning at 5:00 p.m. Our sponsor's appreciation social will also take place on Tuesday at 5:00 p.m., and we hope you'll join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

The event continues August 27 at Cutter Creek Golf Club for a day of Golf and then returns to Greene Ridge Racquet Club from August 28 through August 30 for the USTA Doubles Tennis Tournament and our raffle Saturday night, August 29 at 6:00 PM.

Over the years, this tournament has raised more than \$270,000 to help countless Greene County students obtain a college education. Your participation makes a lasting difference in their lives, and we are grateful for your continued support!

All of the proceeds from this event will help students in Greene County reach their academic goals. It is the goal of the Lenoir Community College Foundation that no individual be denied the opportunity to obtain an education for monetary reasons. During the 2025-2026 academic year, the LCC Foundation awarded over \$530,000 in scholarships to students from eastern North Carolina. Your support of this event will make it possible to assist even more students in Greene County. Greene County comes together every year to support student scholarships, and we hope that you will consider being a part this year's tournament. For more information, please contact Katherine Pearson at 252-233-6843.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Kennedy
Executive Director



Katherine Pearson
Development Coordinator



Greene County Board of Commissioners

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Capital Project Budget Ordinance; Greene County Elementary School

Item No:
E.3

A Capital Project Budget Ordinance is needed to establish a budget for the planning and future construction of the Greene County Elementary School. This budget sets forth a budget to be used towards this project as described by the funder, The NC Department of Public Instruction's Needs Based School Grant funds.

Staff Recommendations: Requesting Board Action on the Item

Agenda Item Information

**Capital Project Budget Ordinance; Greene County
Elementary School**

Presented By: Kyle DeHaven

Department: County Manager's Office

Reviewed By:
Kyle DeHaven

Kyle DeHaven

Item No: E.3

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2025-26 GRANT APPLICATION

PROJECT BUDGET

Date: 9/12/2025

Total NBPSCF Grant funding requested for this project: \$42,000,000

Minimum NBPSCF Grant funding for project to proceed (optional): \$42,000,000

Estimated Project Costs	Local (non-State)	NBPSCF Grant Funds	Total
Planning	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,115,869</u>	<u>\$2,115,869</u>
Construction	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$35,264,484</u>	<u>\$35,264,484</u>
Other Costs*	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,619,647</u>	<u>\$4,619,647</u>
Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$42,000,000</u>	<u>\$42,000,000</u>

*Project costs normally categorized as 'owner's direct costs' on a construction project – may include items such as site surveys, materials testing, site utilities, geotechnical reports, etc. Land acquisition costs are not eligible.

Source(s) of required Local Matching Funds:

N/A

Have any of the Local Matching Funds been expended at the time of application?

☐ YES

☒ NO

If YES, provide amount expended: _____

If YES, provide description of work: _____

Estimated Project Expenditures by Fiscal Year (show estimated period over which funds will be spent by Fiscal Year)

Total Planned Expenditures	2024-25 or earlier	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28 or later	Total
Local Matching Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Requested NBPSCF Grant Funds*	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,558,690</u>	<u>\$12,078,086</u>	<u>\$28,363,224</u>	<u>\$42,000,000</u>
Total Estimated Expenditures by Fiscal Year	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,558,690</u>	<u>\$12,078,086</u>	<u>\$28,363,224</u>	<u>\$42,000,000</u>

*Total requested grant funding cannot exceed maximum allowed under G.S. 115C-546.11.(c) .