

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Wellness Center. Present for the meeting: Chairman Bennie Heath, Vice Chairman James T. Shackleford Jr, Commissioners Jerry Jones, and Derek Burrese, County Manager Kyle DeHaven, and Deputy Clerk Kathy Mooring. Commissioner Susan Blizzard and County Attorney Gay Stanley were absent.

A. Call to Order

Chairman Bennie Heath called the meeting to order, and gave the invocation and led the Pledge to the Flag.

B. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Heath asked for changes, additions or deletions to the Agenda as presented. Seeing, as there were no changes he called for a motion to approve the agenda.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda as presented.

C. Consent Agenda

Chairman Heath asked if there were any changes to the Consent Agenda. Chairman Heath called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

On motion by Commissioner Shackleford and second by Commissioner Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

- September 20, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Releases/Refunds
- Consideration of Late Present Use Applications
- Budget Amendment; DSS
- Budget Amendment; Senior Center

Refunds: NCVTS Tax & Tag

Vertical Access II LLC	\$30.25	Melissa Harper Barrow	\$31.58	Belinda Hardy Hilbourn	\$8.10
Charles Bennett Nelson, Jr.	\$68.09	Rhonda Erwin Moreen	\$137.52	Gina Hetzel Hawkins	\$48.00

Releases: Ad Valorem Tax

Janet Stocks	\$45.00	Tyson, Robert Jeffrey DBA Tyson Automotive Performance Inc.	\$194.17		
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D. Public Hearing

1. Mike Barnett; 2021 CDBG-NR

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Commissioner Burress asked Mr. Barnett if he had an update on Mink Point that Commissioner Blizzard inquired about at the first public hearing. Mr. Barnett stated he has and that would take too much money so therefore it would not be eligible for this program. Chairman Heath asked if the Board chooses the local contribution option does it make our application stronger. Mr. Barnett stated that it would. Chairman Heath asked if there were any more comments or questions. Seeing as there is not he closed the public hearing and the Board for their recommendation.

On motion by Commissioner Jones to choose the Resolution that has the local contribution and seconded by Commissioner Shackelford the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution with local commitment and the Citizen Participation Plan.

E. Public Comments

1. Jessica Byrd, Snow Hill. Ms. Byrd came to talk about the school resource officer situation. She stated that at the Middle and High Schools that fights are breaking out more and more and the safety of the students and staff are of the utmost importance. She has her child going to one of these schools and a fight broke out right next to her child and she was lucky to not become a part of that situation. The Board advised they are aware of the resource officer situation and asked the sheriff who was in attendance to speak about this as well. The Sheriff stated that he

has been able to assign one officer to go between the two schools and that there are supposed to be DEP security people as well. It was noted that there have not been DEP security people at either school. Mr. DeHaven stated he would look into this. Commissioner Shackleford stated that the parents are also responsible in ensuring that their children behave and understand that they are there to learn not fight.

F. County Manager Report

1. Mr. DeHaven presented a Resolution authorizing the Application for the 2023 Community Transportation Plan. He stated this is needed to enter into agreement with NC DOT, and provide the necessary assurances and local match.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution.

2. Mr. DeHaven next presented a Budget Amendment for the Armory Project. He stated this is needed to replace our aging equipment that will become unsupported at the end of the Calendar year for Dispatch. The total cost for this equipment is \$379,234.30 and qualifies for partial use of our E911 fund and requires partial use of County funds. The amount of local appropriation needed for this is \$90,837.79. The manager is also requesting additional funds for cameras and card readers at a cost of \$46,000 and \$15,000 for a mobile gate card reader as well as \$25,000 for any ancillary expenses such as lighting and sound for the Commissioners chamber and TV's for presentations throughout the facility. Commissioner Burress asked if additional training on the new consoles would be required or if the new consoles were similar to the existing consoles. It was noted that the consoles are similar with better technology.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford the Board voted unanimously to approve this budget amendment.

3. Mr. DeHaven next presented a request for a Retreat with the Board to discuss potential ARP funding projects and any other pertinent business identified by the Board. Commissioner Burress requested that we keep the retreat local to help support local businesses and he requested that we have a public hearing to gather input from the public and he requested to have Director Cash to create a form online so that the public could give their input on the ARP funds. The Board agrees that this Retreat is needed and they discussed possible dates. The Board requested options for date, place and time.

G. County Attorney Report

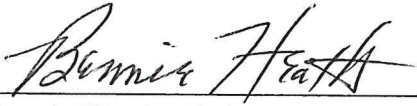
Not present.

H. Commissioner's Report and Recommendations

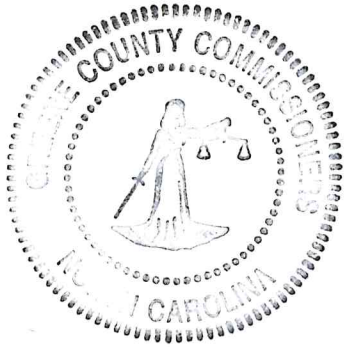
Chairman Heath went over the county COVID number's for the past week. He also noted that the Snow Hill and Shine Fire Departments have joined together for this year's Sportsman Giveaway to raise money for their departments. The drawing is this coming Saturday. Commissioner Jones congratulated Ms. Holly Little on being sworn in as Clerk of Court. Commissioner Burress began his comments by congratulating Ms. Holly Little on her new role. He also asked that we all keep Commissioner Blizzard in our thoughts and prayers as she is in Florida dealing with a family emergency. Commissioner Burress noted that local fire departments at the Primary School today in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871, and reminded all that the second week of October has been designated as Fire Prevention Week. He wants to remind all to check their smoke detectors batteries at least once a month and to review their fire escape plan. If people do not have smoke detectors they can contact Greene County Emergency Services as they have partnered with the Red Cross and other organizations that can help you obtain a smoke detector. Commissioner Burress noted that on Saturday October 9th, Greene Lamp is hosting a community "Fall Festival" at the Greene County Wellness Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Several Greene County Departments will have booths set up including Social Services. On Wednesday, October 13th, the Sara Giles Legacy Tiger Team is hosting a Hot Dog drive-thru fundraiser for the Greene County "Walk to De-Feet Dementia" at the Greene County Senior Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can contact Sharon Harrison or Sue Smith at the Senior Center 252-747-5436 to reserve a combo. The Senior Center is also partnering with the Health Dept. to provide flu shots to individuals that have Medicare, Medicaid, and Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance on the 20th of October. This event will run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Senior Center. Please contact the Senior Center before Monday October 11th to schedule an appointment and take care of any paperwork. He also noted that the Health Department is hosting two nighttime COVID-19 vaccine clinics. Those clinics will be held on Thursday, October 7th and Tuesday, October 19th from 5 – 8 p.m. Please call the Health Department to schedule an appointment and the Greene County Transportation Department will provide transportation to those who need it.

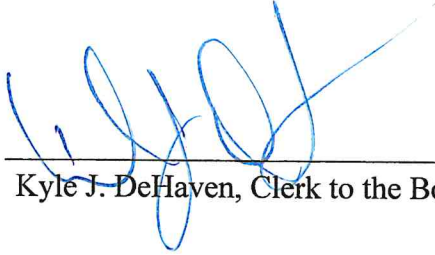
I. ADJOURN

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Shackleford to adjourn the meeting, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.


Bennie Heath, Chairman

Attest:




Kyle J. DeHaven, Clerk to the Board

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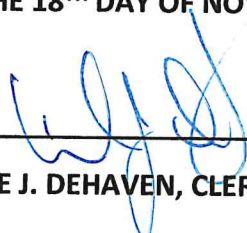
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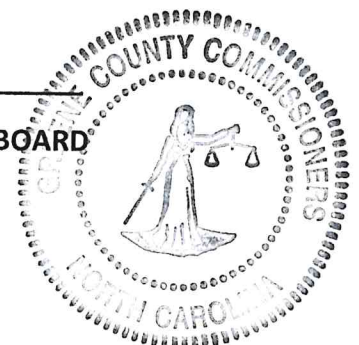
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THIS IS A TRUE AND CERTIFIED COPY OF THE REGULAR MINUTES OF THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD OCTOBER 4TH, 2021.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL THIS THE 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021.



KYLE J. DEHAVEN, CLERK TO THE BOARD



CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

This plan describes how Greene County will involve citizens in the planning, implementation, and assessment of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The funds must be used for projects which benefit low and moderate-income persons and aids in the elimination and prevention of slums and blight. The program is intended to assist governments in understanding neighborhood improvement programs. The regulations give ultimate responsibility for the design and implementation of the program to local elected officials and require that citizens be given an opportunity to serve in a key advisory role to these elected officials.

SCOPE OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Citizens will be involved in all stages of the CDBG program, including program implementation, assessment of performance and design of changes in the Citizen Participation Plan. There will be three (3) general mechanisms for their involvement:

- To serve as an advisory committee to the project;
- To attend or hold public hearings or community meetings; and
- To provide individual citizen efforts in the form of comments, complaints or inquiries submitted directly to the Program Managers or designated County official.

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Citizen participation in program implementation will occur primarily through consultation with Greene County. Greene County will be asked to review and comment on specific guidelines for approved projects. They will also meet to review any program amendments, budget revisions and program modifications. All such changes will be discussed with Greene County and their comments considered prior to acting. If program amendments require approval from the North Carolina Department of Commerce, a public hearing shall be held specifically on the amendment. Citizens may also be involved in implementation of projects specifically requiring citizen participation, such as self-help projects. Their roles will be defined as the project develops. Technical assistance will be available as needed.

PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

Program assessment activities by citizens will occur in a variety of ways. A performance hearing will be held thirty to sixty (30 to 60) days prior to the start of planning for the next program year. The Program Amendment will be asked to provide citizen commentary for the Greene County Performance Report.

As a part of the orientation to the program offered at the public hearing, citizens will be invited to submit comments on all aspects of program performance through the program year. Comments should be submitted in writing to the County Manager. Greene County respond in writing within ten (10) days. If the response is unsatisfactory, the complainant should write directly to Greene County Chief Elected Official who shall respond within ten (10) days.

If the citizen is still dissatisfied, he/she should write to the NC Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division/State CDBG Program, 4346 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4346, Attention: Citizen Participation Matter. Program staff will also be available during normal business hours to respond to any citizen inquiries or complaints at 919-814-4663

The Citizen Participation Plan will be subject to annual review and proposed revision, to occur in the period between the performance hearing and the public hearing on the subsequent year's application.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical Assistance will be provided to citizen organizations and groups of low/moderate income persons or target area residents upon request to Greene County. Such assistance will support citizen efforts to develop proposals, define policy and organize for the implementation of the program. It is expected that such assistance will be provided directly to Greene County in response to their request. Assistance could be provided in the form of local presentations, informational handouts, research of a specific issue or other short-term efforts.

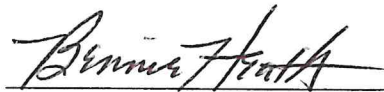
PUBLIC INFORMATION

Greene County will also undertake public information efforts to promote citizen participation. These efforts will include the following:

1. Public Notice of all Public Hearings will be published in the non-legal section of the local newspaper at least ten (10) days before the scheduled hearing. These notices will indicate the date, time, location, and topics to be considered. These notices will also be made available in the form of website press releases and will be provided to churches within the target area of distribution.
2. Orientation Information will be provided at the first public hearing. The Program Manager will make a presentation which covers: (a) the total amount of CDBG funds available and the competitive basis for award; (b) the range of eligible activities; (c) the planning process and the schedule of meetings and hearings; (d) the role of citizens in the program and (e) a summary of other program requirements, such as the environmental policies, fair housing provisions and contracting procedures.
3. A Public File containing program documentation will be available for review at Greene County during normal business hours. Included will be copies of the Application, Environmental Review Record, the Citizen Participation Plan, and the Annual Performance Report. Other program documents are also available for citizen review on request at Greene County consistent with applicable State and local laws regarding personal privacy and obligations of confidentiality.
4. Public Hearings an interpreter will be provided for all non-English speaking individuals and/or deaf individuals with adequate notice to put such individuals in place.

The County Manager is authorized to amend this Policy as needed for effective and efficient execution of the program.

Approved, this day, October 4, 2021, as part of the Board authorization to apply.



Bennie Heath
Chairman



Kyle DeHaven
Clerk to the Board

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**Resolution by the
Greene County Board of Commissioners
2021 Community Development Block Grant
Neighborhood Revitalization (CDBG-NR)
Application**

WHEREAS, Greene County has indicated its desire to assist in community development efforts for low-moderate income owner-occupied housing within Greene County; and,

WHEREAS, Greene County has held two public hearings concerning the proposed application for CDBG-NR to benefit low-moderate income owner-occupied housing within Greene County; and,

WHEREAS, Greene County desires to pursue a formal application for CDBG-NR funding to benefit low-moderate income owner-occupied housing within the County and invest \$8,000 of local commitment into the program; and,

WHEREAS, Greene County certifies it will meet all federal regulatory and statutory requirements of the State of North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Program.

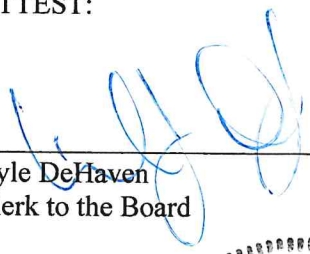
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Greene County Board of Commissioners, Greene County is authorized to submit a formal application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce for CDBG-NR funds to benefit low-moderate income owner-occupied housing within the County.

Adopted this day, October 4, 2021, in Greene County North Carolina.



Bennie Heath
Chairman

ATTEST:



Kyle DeHaven
Clerk to the Board

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