

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Greene County Operations Center. Present for the meeting: Chairman Bennie Heath, Vice Chairman James T. Shackelford Jr, Commissioners Jerry Jones, Ray Johnson and Derek Burress, County Manager Kyle DeHaven, County Attorney Gay Stanley and Deputy Clerk Kathy Mooring.

A. Call to Order

Chairman Bennie Heath called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., and asked Commissioner Johnson to give the invocation; and, lead the Pledge to the Flag.

There were three Greene County staff in attendance and two people from the public was present.

B. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Heath noted they are pulling item F1 from the Agenda to allow for more information .

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

C. Consent Agenda

Chairman Heath asked for any changes to the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Burress asked that the minutes from August 21st meeting be pulled for further discussion.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda without the minutes from August 21st.

Commissioner Burress stated that he did not agree with the minutes the way they are written. It was decided to go over the minutes and bring back for approval at the next scheduled meeting.

- August 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes (pulled for corrections)
- Release/Refunds
- Consideration of Late Application for Property Tax Relief

Refunds: NCVTS Tax & Tag

Rhonda Erwin Moreen	\$107.97	Moye Farms Inc.	\$16.23	Pamela Smith Jaye	\$16.39
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Releases: Ad Valorem Tax

Allen Painting & Drywall Contractors, Inc	\$149.01	Will Stallings Lane	\$199.41	Jerry A. Shrader, II	\$50.00
Austin Tyler Letchworth aka Tyler Letchworth	300.00	Richard L. Wade, Trustee	\$456.83		

Refunds: Ad Valorem Tax

Chad Beauchamp	\$750.59				
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D. Public Comments

None.

E. Presentations

1. Chris Hardee; Regional Director, Office of Congressman Don Davis

Mr. Hardee presented a brief on what Congressman Don Davis has accomplished during his first six months in office. He also went over what the Congressman's Office can do for his constituents from sending birthday wishes to people reaching milestone birthdays to helping veterans in need to presenting flags flown at the Capital Building in D.C. among many other things for his constituents.

2. Rich Moore, McDavid Associates; Asset Inventory Grant

Mr. Moore presented an application to be submitted to DWI for Asset Inventory Mapping and Assessment Grant Application. Mr. Moore stated this is a follow-up on an inquiry from the County Manager related to the County's designation as "distressed" and a grant opportunity to support providing the funds to generate the items needed to comply with the designation. Mr. Moore asked the Board to adopt a Resolution Approving Filing an Application to the Division of Water Infrastructure for an Asset Inventory and Assessment Grant on October 2, 2023.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackelford, the Board voted unanimously to approve filing for the grant.

3. Trey Cash; Regional Coalition Brownfield Assessment Grant

Mr. Cash presented an Agreement with the GTP EDR members to allow the region to submit a grant to the EPA for Brownfield accessions. Lenoir County will be the lead applicant. Mr. Cash explained what a Brownfield is. It is a property that might face challenges in terms of its expansion, redevelopment, or reuse due to the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants. The objective of the EPA's Brownfield program is to aid in the planning, cleanup, development, and repurposing of properties that could be complicated by such hazardous elements. These properties can be revitalized for purposes like housing, industry, or creating public green space. If Greene County agrees to participate we will be collaborating closely with Lenoir and Wayne Counties to explore the possibility of applying for the Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant from the EPA.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackelford, the Board voted unanimously to approve the joining of the coalition.

F. County Manager Report

1. Mr. DeHaven's first presentation was pulled from the agenda.
2. Mr. DeHaven next presented a draft of the Drug-Free Workplace and Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy. He asked that the Board review the policy presented and it will be brought back for further discussion
3. Mr. DeHaven asked that Chairman Heath set the date and time for the Greene County Transportation annual NCDOT 5311 Grant Application Public Hearing. Chairman Heath set the public hearing date as September 18th, 2023 at 7 p.m. during the regularly scheduled Commissioners meeting located at 312 SE 2nd St., Snow Hill, NC 28580.

G. County Attorney Report

No Comments.

H. Commissioner's Report and Recommendations

Chairman Heath noted that the H & T Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is tomorrow at 10 a.m. at 243 Harper Road in Greene County. He also noted that Snow Hill Masonic Lodge 132 will have a 1st Responder Appreciation Breakfast Saturday September 9th at the Lodge from 7 to 9 a.m. He also noted that the American Legion Post 94 will have a BBQ Chicken Lunch plate sale September 9th, and Ormandsville Church will have its Fall Festival on September 16th.

Commissioner Burress noted that the Greene County Senior Center will have a Fall Fund Raiser on September 16th with a Yard Sale starting at 7 a.m., Senior Center Open House with

Refreshments at 2 p.m. and at 3 p.m. there will be a Cow Pie Fundraiser to raise funds for their Garden Refurbishment Project. Call the Senior Center at 252-747-5436 for more information.

I. CLOSED SESSION – Personnel

Motion/Second Into: Commissioners Jones/Johnson

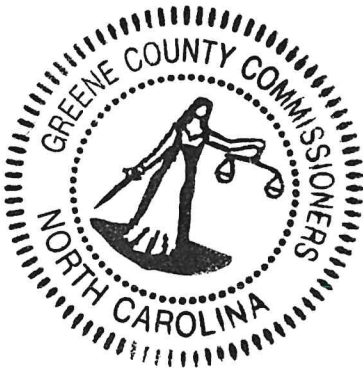
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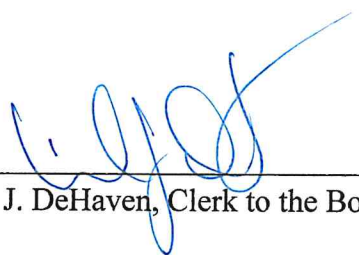
J. ADJOURN

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the meeting, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.


Bennie Heath, Chairman

Attest:





Kyle J. DeHaven, Clerk to the Board

Board of Commissioners
Bennie Heath, Chairman
James T. Shackleford, Vice-Chair
Derek Burress
Ray Johnson
Jerry Jones



County Manager
Kyle J. DeHaven
County Attorney
Gay Stanley
Finance Director
Paula Loftin

September 5, 2023

Mr. Adam Short
Lenoir County
130 South Queen Street
Kinston, North Carolina 28501

Subject: **AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE
LENOIR-GREENE-WAYNE COUNTY COALITION
BROWNFIELDS COALITION ASSESSMENT GRANT**

Dear Mr. Short:

Greene County is pleased to participate as a member in the Lenoir-Wayne-Greene Brownfields alongside Lenoir County and Wayne County. It is our understanding that Lenoir County will be the lead member and the North Carolina Global Transpark Economic Development Region will assist our team with community outreach, strategic planning, economic development strategies and site selection. It will be exciting to collectively apply for and implement EPA Brownfields Assessment funding to further the development and growth of our region.

We look forward to working together on this important regional project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bennie Heath".

Bennie Heath
Chair, Greene County Board of Commissioners