

NORTH CAROLINA
GREENE COUNTY

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 20, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Greene County Office Complex. Present for the meeting were Commissioners James R. Fulghum, David Lanier, Bennie Heath, and Denny Garner, Chairman. Commissioner James T. Shackelford, Jr. was not present. Greg Martin, County Manager and Clerk to the Board, and E.B. Borden Parker, County Attorney, were also present.

Chairman Garner called the meeting to order and Commissioner Lanier opened with prayer.

Chairman Garner stated that Commissioner Shackelford notified him that he would be out of town and could not be present for the meeting.

On motion by James R. Fulghum, seconded by Bennie Heath, the agenda was approved with the addition of Item 8A. North Carolina Department of Transportation Presentation Regarding Intersection Project.

On motion by Bennie Heath, seconded by David Lanier, the August 6, 2001 minutes were approved.

Chairman Garner opened the floor for Informal Public Comments. No comments were received at this time.

Emergency Management Director Dickie Hill and Michael Cobb, Regional Specialist with the Office of Emergency Medical Services, presented information recently compiled in a Report on Emergency Medical Services in Greene County. The study focused on the existing EMS system in Greene County, and included recommendations for consideration. Mr. Hill stated that there is a need to utilize volunteers, but a growing demand for an advanced level of care is creating a reduction in the number of volunteers. Mr. Hill stated that the Fire and Rescue Chiefs have received a copy of the EMS Report, and it will be discussed at the next meeting of the EMS Advisory Council. Costs associated with providing coverage around the clock were discussed.

Dickie Hill stated that both Fire Department and Rescue Squad Associations support a mileage rate increase ambulance service, and Phillip Averett with EMS Management and Consultants, Inc. will be present at the September 4, 2001 meeting to provide information to the Board of Commissioners about rate increases. Mr. Hill stated that EMS collections have increased from approximately 18-23 % to approximately 36% since collections were transferred to EMS Management and Consultants, Inc earlier in the year. He stated that collections will hopefully continue to increase.

Mr. Hill also presented an application from Better Health Ambulance Service for a Franchise Ordinance to provide non-emergency transports. Mr. Hill requested that the County

Attorney Borden Parker review Greene County's Franchise Ordinance, prior to action being taken on the application. The Board agreed for the ordinance to be reviewed by Mr. Parker.

On motion by Bennie Heath, seconded by David Lanier, Commissioner James R. Fulghum was appointed as an elected public official on the Greene Lamp Inc. Board of Directors, with Superintendent Steve Mazingo serving as his representative.

North Carolina Department of Transportation District Engineer Neil Lassiter and Traffic Engineer Brian Purvis presented a revised plan for the proposed Highway 91, 258, and 13 intersection project. The plan was revised in response to comments primarily concerning access control fences.

On motion by Bennie Heath, seconded by James R. Fulghum, Colleen Kosinski was appointed as Guardian Ad Litem for the Greene County Child/Fatality Protection Team.

On motion by David Lanier, seconded by James R. Fulghum, the following resolution was approved:

**GREENE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE**

This declaration (the "Declaration") is made pursuant to the requirements of the United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2 and is intended to constitute a Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse under such Treasury Regulations Section.

The undersigned is authorized to declare the official intent of Greene County, North Carolina (the "Issuer") with respect to the matters contained herein.

Expenditures to be Incurred. The Issuer anticipates incurring expenditures (the "Expenditures") for three Ford Crown Victoria automobiles and one Ford Ranger Pick-Up Truck (the "Project").

Plan of Finance. The Issuer intends to finance the costs of the Project with the proceeds of debt to be issued by the Issuer (the "Borrowing"), the interest on which is to be excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes.

Maximum Principal Amount of Debt to be Issued. The maximum principal amount of the Borrowing to be incurred by the Issuer to finance the Project is \$100,000.

Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse. The Issuer hereby declares its official intent to reimburse itself with the proceeds of the Borrowing for any of the Expenditures incurred by it prior to the issuances of the Borrowing.

Adopted, this the 20th day of August, 2001.

GREENE COUNTY

By: /s/ Denny Garner
Chairman

COUNTY SEAL

Attestation: /s/ Greg Martin
Clerk

On motion by Bennie Heath, seconded by David Lanier, the Board approved the purchase of three 2002 Ford Crown Victoria vehicles from Benson Ford, based on the following bids opened on August 15, 2001.

August 15, 2001
11:00 a.m.
Bid Opening
Greene County Manager's Office

2002 Ford Crown Victoria

Dick Parker Ford	\$20,433.25
Bill Smith Ford	\$20,415.00
Benson Ford	\$20,316.00

On motion by Bennie Heath, seconded by David Lanier, the Board established a \$3.00 minimum amount for Tax Refund checks issued by Greene County. This will save time and expense in issuing checks that are often never cashed and escheated to the State.

Upon discussion, on motion by James R. Fulghum, seconded by Bennie Heath, Daniel L. Taylor was appointed to a three year term on the Greene County Planning Board.

On motion by Bennie Heath, seconded by James R. Fulghum, the following tax releases were approved:

RELEASE

David Ray Harrell	\$32.00
Brenda Evans	\$32.00
Thomas & Tammy Norman	\$32.00

On motion by James R. Fulghum, seconded by David Lanier, the following budget amendments were approved:

Department	Amount	Explanation
School Age Care	48,601.00	Budget for School Age Care Grant
Grant		
Ec Development	17,018.00	Add'l. Budget for Full-Time Position

On motion by Bennie Heath, seconded by James R. Fulghum, the Board entered closed session to discuss matters pertaining to the acquisition of real property, and personnel.

On motion by Bennie Heath, seconded by James R. Fulghum, the closed session was adjourned.

During county manager comments, Greg Martin stated that Greene County was awarded \$30,000 from the Rural Center to perform a Preliminary Engineering Report regarding sewer service extension to Greene Central High School and Greene County Middle School. Mr. Martin also stated that the first meeting in September needs to be postponed until Tuesday, September 4, 2001, due to the Labor Day holiday. Mr. Martin also reminded the Board about the Gear Up event to be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2001 at Greene Central High School.

Chairman Garner read a letter received from Greg Martin announcing his resignation from the position of county manager, effective September 30, 2001. Chairman Garner stated that Mr. Martin has worked hard for Greene County, and it is with deep regret that the Board accepts the resignation. Mr. Martin stated that he had enjoyed working with commissioners, department heads and employees to provide services to the citizens of the county, and he thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to serve as county manager.

Chairman Garner read a letter concerning the Emergency Watershed Protection Program's stream debris removal and disposal project on Contentnea Creek. This project was awarded to Shamrock Environmental Corporation, to begin August 2, 2001 and to be completed by January 6, 2002.

Commissioner Garner asked about the status of a Greene County Flag. Mr. Martin stated that the Historical Society was working on this project and may have a design proposal to present at the September 4, 2001 Board of Commissioners meeting.

On motion by Bennie Heath, seconded by James R. Fulghum, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.