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NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wellness Center. Present for the meeting: Chairman Bennie Heath, Vice Chairman James T. Shackleford Jr, Commissioners Jerry Jones, Susan Blizzard, 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, and asked Commissioner Burress to give the Invocation and lead the Pledge to the Flag.

B. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Heath asked if there were any changes to the agenda as presented. Seeing as there were none he called for a motion to approve.

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

C. Consent Agenda

Chairman Heath asked for any changes to the Consent Agenda, seeing as there was none he called for a motion to approve.

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

- June 7, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Refunds
- Budget Amendment; Transportation
- Budget Amendment; DSS

Refunds: NCVTS Tax & Tag

Kriston Micah Brown	\$254.04	James Ervin May, Jr.	\$2.09	Michael Allen Chapdelaine	\$66.66
Bobby Ray Avery, Jr.	\$1.55	Gas Appliance Service, LLC	\$241.98	Angela Faye Combs	\$81.96
Gerardo Abrego Tinoco	\$137.16				

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS - Mr. Brandon Sutton stated that these four public hearings will bring us into compliance with new legislation in N.C.G.S. Chapter 160D. Mr. Sutton noted that these public hearings have been advertised as required and we are doing them one at a time to simplify the process.

1. Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Chairman Heath opened the Public Hearing to receive Public Comment. No one had any comments. Chairman Heath closed the Public Hearing. Chairman Heath called for a motion.

On motion by Commissioner Shackleford and seconded by Commissioner Jones the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

2. Subdivision Ordinance

Chairman Heath opened the Public Hearing to receive Public Comment. No one had any comments. Chairman Heath closed the Public Hearing. Chairman Heath called for a motion.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed Subdivision Ordinance Amendment.

3. Building Code Ordinance

Chairman Heath opened the Public Hearing to receive Public Comment. Commissioner Blizzard asked Mr. Scott Sutton for his comments. Mr. Sutton stated that these changes were overdue and will bring us into compliance with new legislation in N.C.G.S. Chapter 160D. Chairman Heath closed the Public Hearing. Chairman Heath called for a motion.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed Building Code Ordinance.

4. Flood Prevention Ordinance

Chairman Heath opened the Public Hearing to receive Public Comment. No one had any comments. Chairman Heath closed the Public Hearing. Chairman Heath called for a motion.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed Flood Prevention Ordinance.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

F. PRESENTATIONS

1. Mr. McGugan, NC DEM presented an update on the HMPG 4285 Progress. Mr. McGugan went over all projects connected to HMPG 4285 and where they stand at this time. He asked for questions. Chairman Heath asked if we have any idea when the elevation changes might be approved. Mr. McGugan stated that once the changes are submitted and all documentation is correct and sent to FEMA they generally require 30-60 days to work these requests. Commissioner Shackleford asked if he feels these will be approved and Mr. McGugan stated he does not speculate on these but based on his experience most will be approved. Commissioner Blizzard asked about a report of money spent on these projects where in the report the percent complete does not add up at this point. Mr. McGugan stated that amount is for money received/spent not the work completed. This report comes from our firm working the projects along with the county input and approval. Mr. McGugan noted that this process will be changing for future disasters. The counties can opt into the new process or not. The state level will change where the state will go out and get the contracts for work needed and they will submit this information to FEMA and get the monies which will be paid to the counties versus the counties paying for the work and waiting to be reimbursed. Commissioner Blizzard asked about SARF Funds and Mr. McGugan explained what SARF Funds are and how they work. She also asked about the appraisal process for buy-outs and Mr. McGugan explained how that works also as to if the homeowner does not agree with the initial appraisal, the homeowner could pay to have a second appraisal done and if there is a huge difference between the two appraisals there would be a third appraisal done and the average of the three appraisals would be the final offer amount. She asked about the leasing out of the buy-out properties. Mr. McGugan stated that is permissible as long as all guidelines are followed. He said he has not seen a county lease agreement as of yet. Mr. DeHaven said he will send that to him for approval.

G. COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

1. Mr. DeHaven first presented a request to appoint two new members to the Board of Adjustments and re-appoint one member. Proper advertisements have been online and in the Standard. The Board of Adjustments recommends the reappointment of Mr. Henry Lanier and the appointment of Jessica Lynn Byrd and Shanita Edwards.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. Henry Lanier and appoint Jessica Lynn Byrd and Shanita Edwards to the Board of Adjustment.

2. Mr. DeHaven next presented a request to reappoint Mr. Salvador Tinoco to the Planning Board for another term. The Planning Director recommends this reappointment.

On motion by Commissioner Blizzard and seconded by Commissioner Jones the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. Salvador Tinoco to the Planning Board.

3. Mr. DeHaven next presented a request to appoint a new member to the DSS Board due to member being removed due to lack of attendance. The position was advertised as required and they received one application. The DSS Board approved the appointment of Mr. Trey Cash.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Trey Cash to the DSS Board.

4. Mr. DeHaven next presented a request for appointments and re-appointments to the Senior Center Advisory Committee. These positions were advertised as required in the Standard, Facebook Page and County Website. Six applications were received. Four for re-appointment and two new appointments. Ada Ashburn, Elaine Morgan, David Freeman, and Sheila Brann for re-appointment and Melinda Waters and Mary Bass for new appointment. The Senior Center Advisory Committee has approved these applications.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Blizzard, the Board voted unanimously to approve these Senior Center Advisory Committee appointments.

5. Mr. DeHaven next presented a request for re-appointment of two members to the Regional Aging Advisory Committee and one new appointment to this board as the current member did not want to remain on the board. Faye Taylor and Jean Garner applied to be re-appointed and Elliotte Ashburn applied to take the place of David Jones as the Greene County Delegate for the Senior Tar Heel Legislature. These positions were advertised in the local paper, facebook and county website.

On motion by Commissioner Blizzard and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford the Board voted unanimously to approve these appointments.

H. County Attorney Report

Nothing at this time.

I. Commissioner's Report and Recommendations

Commissioner Burress started by Congratulating the Greene Central Track and Field Team and the women's tennis team for advancing to the state tournament this past week. He also congratulated the Greene Central Baseball Coach, Scott Jones on his retirement. He also wanted to remind citizens that we are now into Hurricane Season and that multiple weather outlets are predicting that this year's season to be an active one. He wanted to remind everyone about the emergency notification system called "Code Red". This system can notify residents by phone, text, email and social media regarding time-sensitive general and emergency notifications. You can sign up for this service by visiting the county's website and clicking on the registration link under the Greene County Emergency Services page. He also noted he is disappointed with the volunteer EMS situation and hopes that this gets corrected tonight.

Commissioner Blizzard announced that Greene County has been removed from the Unit Assisted List with the Local Government Commission. She also noted there will be a Blood Drive on June 30th at the Wellness Center from 12-6 p.m., sponsored by Greene County Employees. Call to schedule an appointment at 1-800-733-2767. In addition, a new series called Cooking Matters at Home by Zoom will begin soon. Go to the county website under the Public Health page for more information. Commissioner Blizzard also asked about the body cams for the Sheriffs Department. Mr. DeHaven stated he has met with the sheriff and stated it is to late to apply for any grants and Commissioner Blizzard stated that the sheriff needs them immediately and asked for Mr. DeHaven to submit a budget amendment for the new budget year as soon as he can. Commissioner Blizzard then asked a pay study for paramedics, paramedic supervisor and EMS Director positions. Mr. DeHaven stated he has asked for this to be done for all staff. Commissioner Blizzard stated that it has been pointed out that in the FY 21/22 Budget Message that the Volunteer EMS Squads \$7,500 volunteer incentive is being removed as the less than 10% response rate does not justify appropriation of County funds for services not provided. She asked to discuss this issue tonight. Commissioner Blizzard made a motion that the \$7,500 appropriations be reinstated in the FY 21/22 Budget for the three volunteer EMS organizations as of July 1, 2021. The funds made payable to each squad by the 15th of July 2021. In addition, to established quarterly meetings with Fire Chiefs, EMS Chief/Captains from Fort Run, Hookerton, and Maury along with Emergency Services personal to prepare a plan that will establish financial stability and to improve the response rate with the volunteer squads in order to continue to provide emergency services in Greene County. Commissioner Burress seconded the motion. Commissioner Jones agrees with this motion. A vote was called and was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Blizzard asked the county attorney if three Commissioners meeting together is a majority and constitutes a Board of Commissioners meeting without making the other commissioners aware of said meeting. Attorney Stanley stated if the three together are discussing county business then yes it is a majority.

Chairman Heath asked Commissioner Blizzard to give a COVID update. She gave an update with the latest numbers and encouraged all who have not be vaccinated to do so and reminded all of lottery for all who have at least one vaccine will be entered for the lottery to receive a share of \$4 million.

J. ADJOURN

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Blizzard 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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Derek Burress



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Beverly T. Stroud

County Attorney
Gay Stanley

June 22, 2021

Mr. Salvador Tinoco
111 Southeast 2nd St.
Snow Hill, NC 28580

Dear Mr. Tinoco;

It is with great pleasure to advise you that you have been re-appointed to the Greene County Planning Board by the Greene County Board of Commissioners.

Sincerely,

Bennie Heath, Chairman
Greene County Board of Commissioners

cc: Brandon Sutton

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Mr. Henry Lanier
2010 Fred Harrison Rd.
Snow Hill, NC 28580

Dear Mr. Lanier;

It is with great pleasure to advise you that you have been re-appointed to the Greene County Board of Adjustments by the Greene County Board of Commissioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bennie Heath". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Bennie Heath, Chairman
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Ms. Jessica Lynn Byrd
210 S. E. 4th St.
Snow Hill, NC 28580

Dear Ms. Byrd;

It is with great pleasure to advise you that you have been appointed to the Greene County Board of Adjustments by the Greene County Board of Commissioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bennie Heath". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Bennie Heath, Chairman
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Ms. Shanita Edwards
84 Murray Rd.
Snow Hill, NC 28580

Dear Ms. Edwards;

It is with great pleasure to advise you that you have been appointed to the Greene County Board of Adjustments by the Greene County Board of Commissioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bennie Heath". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Bennie Heath, Chairman
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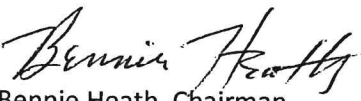
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Mr. Joshua Trey Cash
501 Hollywood Terrace
Snow Hill, NC 28580

Dear Mr. Cash;

It is with great pleasure to advise you that you have been appointed to the Greene County Department Social Services Board by the Greene County Board of Commissioners.

Sincerely,


Bennie Heath, Chairman
Greene County Board of Commissioners

Cc: Amanda Smith, DSS Director

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Ms. Sharon Harrison, Director
Greene County Senior Center
104 Greenridge Rd.
Snow Hill, NC 28580

Dear Ms. Harrison;

It is with great pleasure to advise you that the following have been re-appointed to the Senior Center Advisory Committee: Ada Ashburn, Sheila Brann, David Freeman and Elaine Morgan. Also, the following have been appointed to the same committee: Melinda Waters and Mary Jane Bass by the Greene County Board of Commissioners.

Sincerely,

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

Bennie Heath, Chairman
Greene County Board of Commissioners

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Ms. Heather O'Connor, AAA Director
Eastern Carolina Council Area Agency on Aging
PO Box 1717
New Bern, NC 28563-1717

RE: RAAC Board Re-Appointment

Dear Ms. O'Connor:

On June 21, 2021, the Greene County Board of Commissioners re-appointed Ms. Faye Taylor and Jean Garner and appointed Mr. Elliotte Ashburn to your Regional Aging Advisory Committee for the Area Agency on Aging.

Thank you for your cooperation and attention.

Sincerely,

Bennie Heath, Chairman
Greene County Board of Commissioners

cc: Ms. Faye Taylor
Ms. Jean Garner
Mr. Elliotte Ashburn
Sharon Harrison

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