

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 17, 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 Blizzard to give the Invocation and lead the Pledge to the Flag.

B. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Heath noted we are adding a Closed Session for Attorney Client Privilege which will be I and Adjourn will become J. Chairman Heath also noted that C7 on the Consent Agenda is informational only not to be voted on.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda with the noted changes.

C. Consent Agenda

Chairman Heath asked for any changes to the Consent Agenda

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

- May 3, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Release/Refunds
- Consideration of Late Application for Present Use Value
- Monthly Collection Report
- Budget Amendment; DSS (2)
- Budget Amendment; Transportation
- County Financials (March & April) Informational Only

Refunds: NCVTS Tax & Tag

James Delano Tyndall, II	\$157.38	Ada Williams Edwards	\$145.22		
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Releases: Ad Valorem Tax

Modular Technologies Inc.	\$51.88				
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D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

E. PRESENTATIONS

1. Sharon Harrison; Greene County's 2021 Governors Volunteer Service Award Recipients. Ms. Harrison stated that the North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service has selected the following from Greene County to receive the 2021 Governor's Volunteer Service Award: Trey Cash, Dorien Sutton, Malik Sutton and Gene Riddle. Award recipients receive a pin and certificate of recognition from Governor Roy Cooper. Additionally, Marvin Gene Riddle is one of the top 20 volunteers selected throughout the State for the 2021 Governor's Medallion Award. Gene was honored during a virtual ceremony on May 12th presented by the Governor's Office of Volunteer Service. See attached for local recipient and a description of their volunteer service.

2. Mike Barnett; HMGP Programs. Mr. Barnett went over the Greene County 2017 HMGP Programs and where each one stands at this time. See attached for the Acquisition and Elevations. Commissioner Shackleford asked for an explanation of why this is being held up so much. Mr. Barnett said they have done all they can do at this point and are now waiting for DEM to respond the request for additional funds for the elevations. Commissioner Blizzard stated she has nothing personal against Mr. Barnett or McDavid and Associates. She thanked Mr. Barnett for this information and all his hard work this past week and half. She also noted she still wants Mr. Barnett to meet with the elevation homeowners at the county offices individually. She asked that he meet with them to go over the drawings also. Mr. Barnett stated that he had met with all this past weekend at their homes except for one and that was done by phone and went over all information with them. Commissioner Blizzard asked for proper documentation be submitted for reimbursement. He submits the documents online and does not know the status of them after that. She asked the County Attorney about fraudulent documents. Ms. Stanley noted that it depends on the type of documentation. She then asked Mr. Barnett if he had participated any of that. He stated he had forgotten some documents when originally signed by the home owner and they did not want to sign them with old dates and he sent them blank documents to be

dated when signed. Commissioner Burress asked for clarification on this also. Commissioner Shackelford asked if there would be any changes to Mr. Becton's contract and Mr. Barnett stated there were not. Chairman Heath said that there is not a Commissioner on this Board who does not sympathize with all these citizens of Greene County. Chairman Heath noted that many other counties are in the same position as us and that the process is extremely slow.

F. COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

1. Mr. DeHaven presented a request for four public hearings from the Planning Director. The four requested public hearings are to adopt the proposed amendments to the Zoning, Subdivision, Building Code, and Flood Ordinances to meet the new legislation of Chapter 160D. He noted that individual and separate public hearings are requested for each to maintain simplicity and clarity as much as possible. The date of June 21, 2021 is requested for all four of these hearings.

Chairman Heath granted this request to set June 21, 2021 at 7 p.m. during a regular scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting.

2. Mr. DeHaven next presented a request from the Board of Health to reappoint Vanessa Hardy, Barbara Williams, Jody Tyson and Kathy Dail as well as to the Board of Health and appoint Katelyn Rouse to the Board of Health.

On motion by Commissioner Jones to reappoint Vanessa Hardy, Barbara Williams and Kathy Dail and appoint Katelyn Rouse and Michael Rhodes to the Board of Health, this motion was seconded by Commissioner Shackelford. Commissioners Blizzard and Burress stated they felt the Board should go the BOH recommendations but they were reminded that it is the BOC decision. Commissioner Burress tried to make a motion and he was told they had a motion and second already on the floor and it needed to be voted on first, Commissioner Burress stated he did not hear the second. The Board voted 3 to 2 (Commissioners Blizzard and Burress voted nay) to reappoint Vanessa Hardy, Barbara Williams and Kathy Dail and appoint new BOH member Katelyn Rouse as Veterinarian (ILO) and Michael Rhodes as Public Member.

3. Mr. DeHaven next presented a request to make a decision for the State Employees Appeal of Real Property Values that was presented to the Board of Equalization and Review. An appeal was received from The State Employees Credit Union and was scheduled to be heard on April 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The appellant did not appear. The evidence previously submitted by the appellant was distributed to each board member. The response from the Greene County Tax Office was presented by Mrs. Becky Sutton. At that time the Board voted unanimously to take the evidence and response under consideration and to render a decision at a later date. No other correspondence has been received from the appellant.

On motion by Commissioner Blizzard and seconded by Commissioner Shackelford the Board voted unanimously to accept the County proposal.

Mr. DeHaven handed out the Proposed Budget to the Commissioners and asked to schedule the budget workshop and set the date of June 7, 2021 for the Budget Public Hearing. The workshops were scheduled for Tuesday, May 25th at 10 a.m. and Tuesday, June 1st at 6 p.m. at the Wellness Center. The public hearing was scheduled for June 7, 2021 during the regularly scheduled BOC meeting.

G. County Attorney Report

Nothing at this time.

H. Commissioner's Report and Recommendations

Chairman Heath gave a COVID-19 update and encouraged all to be cautious as cases are picking back up and all need to be careful. Commissioner Jones wants to encourage all farmers that use migrant workers to have them vaccinated. Commissioner Burress stated that on the Board of Health appointments that all the candidates are good and that they should have honored the BOH wishes. Commissioner Burress went on to congratulate the recipients of the Governor's Volunteer Service Award and thanked them for their service to the county. He also congratulated the GC Men's Tennis Team for a wonderful season and for representing Greene County at the 2-A State Tournament. He also thanked Eric and Crystal Keel for organizing the Jason Crabb/Jackson Heights concert that raised money for Christian Education. He also reminded everyone that the Walstonburg American Legion Post 332 has an upcoming event on June 6th. They will be holding a "D-Day Celebration" honoring military personnel and also front-line COVID-19 Heroes. He also reminded everyone about the Shine Fire and EMS reverse raffle drawing on June 5th at the Greene County Intermediate School. He reminded everyone that Hurricane Season begins next month and to go ahead and start preparing yourself and family for any needs you may have. He noted that a new DSS Director should be chosen soon. He suggested that the public comments policy be taken out of their agenda packets as he feels it is a waste of paper and ink. He also feels it to be a waste to have the request to be on the agenda form and then a document from the presenter on what they are presenting, etc. He then asked the County Attorney about the defective water meters. He had asked the attorney a couple of meetings ago to review the contract with the vendor who provides these meters to determine if there has been a breach of contract concerning the defective water meters. Ms. Gay stated she went over the contract and according to the contract the company is not in breach of contract as they are replacing defective water meters as required. Commissioner Burress also asked the County Attorney if she had reviewed the McDavid and Associates agreement and had she formed an opinion on that yet. Ms. Gay responded that no she has not seen the retainer letter yet so she has not formed an opinion.

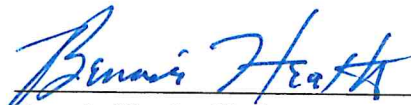
I. CLOSED SESSION – Attorney Client Privilege

Motion/Second into Session: Commissioners Jones and Shackelford. Board voted unanimously to go into Closed Session.

Motion/Second out of Session: Commissioners Jones and Blizzard. Board voted unanimously to come out of Closed Session.

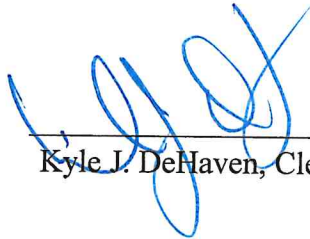
J. ADJOURN

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

RECIPIENTS OF THE 2021 GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

The North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service has selected the following from Greene County to receive the **2021 Governor's Volunteer Service Award**: Trey Cash, Dorien Sutton, Malik Sutton, and Gene Riddle. Award Recipients receive a pin and certificate of recognition from Governor Roy Cooper. Additionally, Marvin Gene Riddle is one of the top 20 volunteers selected throughout the State for the **2021 Governor's Medallion Award**. Gene was honored during a virtual ceremony on May 12th presented by the Governor's Office of Volunteer Service.

The Governor's Volunteer Service Award honors people who have shown concern and compassion for their neighbors by making a significant contribution to their community through volunteer service. The award was created in the Office of the Governor in 1979 to honor outstanding volunteers throughout the State.

Local award recipient and a description of their volunteer service

Trey Cash: Joshua Trey Cash was nominated **in the area of Disaster**-showing remarkable volunteerism in disaster preparedness, response, recovery of mitigation activities. Trey serves as a Captain and Training Officer for the Maury Volunteer Fire Dept. During the pandemic, Trey developed programs to continue training both online and safely in-person. Although faced with hardships both private and public, Trey continued to respond to emergencies and oversee his administrative duties for the Department. Trey was nominated by Maury Volunteer Fire & Rescue Members Neil Jarman-Chief, Robert Avery-Assistant Chief, and Harris Enzor-Captain.

Dorien Sutton: Dorien Sutton was nominated **in the area of Serving Youth, Disaster, and Environment**. A volunteer for the Walstonburg Volunteer Fire Department since August of 2018, he received the Fire Fighter Rookie of the year award in 2019, and the Firefighter of the Year Award in 2020. In addition to being a very active fireman, he assists with Department Blood Drives, Fund Raisers, and organization/cleaning of the equipment. Working towards his Eagle Scout, Dorien chose to build raised beds for the Pre-K Center to give students hand on experience with gardening. Dorien also volunteers at Vidant Hospital, and tutors students through the AmeriCorps program. Dorien was nominated by Carolyn Newcomb-Community Liaison for Greene Early College and Don Holloman-Chief Walstonburg Volunteer Fire Dept.

Malik Sutton: Malik Sutton was nominated for **Perseverance in Volunteerism in the area of Seniors, Disaster, and Health & Human services**. With the changes that occurred with Senior Nutrition Programs due to COVID-19, Malik became a valuable asset to our program. Malik stepped up to assist every Monday with the extra packing and labor needed to get meals in the hands of Seniors in the safest manner possible with our Drive Thru Meal Program. Not only does he pack meals for distribution, Malik also delivers meals to clients in the program. Malik also assisted with packing Holiday Grocery Bags, distributing Ensure, and COVID Food Box Delivery. He also assisted with Fundraisers for Dementia Research and Lenoir/Greene United Way which funds our local food bank, the Senior Center, and our Boys & Girls Club. During distribution days, Malik is the first to greet participants with a kind word, and a huge smile behind the mask.

Marvin Gene Riddle: STATE MEDALLION RECIPIENT Marvin Gene Riddle was nominated as a **Senior for Lifetime Achievement**-lifelong commitment to volunteerism and community service. Marvin Gene Riddle was nominated by Shenile Ford, Director of NC Cooperative Extension Greene County and David Jones-Community Garden Assistant Manager for his work with the Greene County Community Garden, the Neuse River Beekeepers of NC, organizing the first Snow Hill Downtown Community Extravaganza, and volunteering as a member of the Snow Hill Rotary Club. Mr. Riddle has been a Master Gardener for over 10 years, building 32 raised beds at the garden including 3 beds for those with disabilities, teaching youth and adults how to grow different varieties of vegetables, fruits, and herbs, and giving 2,500 pounds of produce to the local food bank and the Senior Center. Prior volunteer work included work with his fraternity Alpha Phi Omega, president of the Easter Seals Campaign, Cub Scout Master, and a volunteer with United Way.

Greene Co. 2017 HMGP

Acquisition

- #1 2557 Edwards Bridge Road – Dianne Barrett
Did not accept buyout offer. Per DEM, a withdrawal letter has been sent requesting written withdrawal.
- #2 3633 Four Way Road – Dennis Heath
Acquisition complete – reimbursement request submitted to DEM – follow-up expected.
Demolition complete-first demolition invoice processed.
- #3 3832 Four Way Road – Myde Harrison & Hilton Harrison
Hilton Harrison has made contact. Offer to Purchase, appraisal and title sent certified mail 5-17-21.
Confirmed mailing via text to Hilton.
- #4 757 Loop Road – Charlie Crandell
Did not accept buyout offer. Per DEM, a withdrawal letter has been sent requesting written withdrawal.
- #5 8394 US 258 West – Nancy Britt Foreman
Acquisition complete – reimbursement request submitted to DEM – follow-up expected.
Demolition complete - first demolition invoice processed.
- #6 2960 Four Way Road – Michael Sugg
Acquisition complete – reimbursement request submitted to DEM – follow-up expected.
Demolition complete - first demolition invoice processed.
- #7 9453 Hwy 903 North – Ronald Morgan
Acquisition complete – reimbursement request submitted to DEM – follow-up expected.
Demolition complete - first demolition invoice processed.

Elevation

- #1 153 Beaman Old Creek Road – Anthony Grant
Elevation contract awarded 11/16/20 – need additional funds - request complete to DEM.
Status coordinated with Anthony 5-16-21 in home visit.
- #2 5176 Speights Bridge – Darian Ward
Elevation contract awarded 11/16/20 – need additional funds - request complete to DEM.
Status coordinated with Darian 5-16-21. Phone contact - owner-not home on two visits.
- #3 750 Loop Road – William Litz
Requested scope of work change from elevation to acquisition - request complete to DEM.
- #4 5408 Speights Bridge Road – John Becton
Elevation contract awarded 11/16/20 – need additional funds - request complete to DEM.
Status coordinated with John 5-15-21. in home visit.
- #5 *Unit not funded. Elevation by owner Donald Beamon*
- #6 868 Loop Road – Steve Johnson
Owner chose not to participate.

Commissioners
Bennie Heath - Chairman
James T. Shackleford-Vice Chair
Jerry Jones
Susan Blizzard
Derek Burress



County Manager
Kyle J. DeHaven

Finance Officer
Beverly T. Stroud

County Attorney
Gay Stanley

May 18, 2021

Ms. Joy Brock, Director
Greene County Public Health Dept.
227 Kingold Blvd, Ste B
Snow Hill, NC 28580

Dear Ms. Brock;

It is with great pleasure to advise you that Vanessa Hardy, Barbara Williams and Kathy Dail have been reappointed to the Board of Health and that Katelyn Rouse and Michael Rhodes have been appointed to their first term on the Board of Health by the Greene County Board of Commissioners.

Sincerely,

Bennie Heath, Chairman
Greene County Board of Commissioners

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