

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.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 7 p.m., and led the invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

There were five Greene County staff in attendance and five other people present during the meeting.

B. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Heath called for any changes to the agenda. Commissioner Burress made a motion to remove item F3, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to remove item F3 from the agenda. Chairman Heath then added item F5 Proclamation declaring May as Mental Health Month, which moves the Proposed FY 23/24 Budget to item F6.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the agenda with the noted changes.

C. Consent Agenda

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

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the Consent Agenda.

- May 1, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Releases/Refunds
- Monthly Collection Report
- Finance Report

-Board Appointment Updates

Refunds: NCVTS Tax & Tag

Tammy Lee Pettay	\$141.19	Estate of Harry Truman Joyner	\$16.19	Estate of Harry Truman Joyner	\$350.00
Wayne County Tax (Katrina Watkins Forbes)	\$105.89				

D. Public Hearing – Intention to Abandon Unimproved Roadways

Chairman Heath opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone present had comments/questions concerning this public hearing. Seeing as none Chairman Heath closed the public hearing. Mr. DeHaven then asked for the Boards approval of the Resolution/Order of Intention to close/abandon the unimproved roadways.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution of Intention to Abandon Unimproved Roadways.

E. Public Comments

1. Salvador Tinoco. Mr. Tinoco came to speak about item F3 which has been pulled from the agenda. He also suggested that the Board consider giving an 8% raise to all county employees in the new budget.

F. County Manager Report

1. Mr. DeHaven presented a FY 22/23 Contract to Audit. Mr. DeHaven presented the contract from Maudlin & Jenkins who we are currently in year 2 of a 3-year agreement with this year's contract price at \$77,000. He noted that although this is a large number, it is a very fair number in terms of today's market for this service. Mr. DeHaven stated that he has confidence that the staff in place and the year experience with Mauldin & Jenkins will deliver us a timely audit this audit cycle.

Commissioner Burress said that on page 9 of the contract it states "We expect to begin our audit on approximately June 1, 2023 and issue our reports no later than December 1, 2023."

Commissioner Burress asked what recourse the County has if the audit was not completed by that time. Mr. DeHaven stated the County could withhold funds until the contract was completed. Commissioner Burress stated he does not feel comfortable approving the contract and will vote nay.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford, the Board voted 4 to 1 (Commissioner Burress) to approve the FY 22/23 Contract to Audit.

2. Mr. DeHaven next presented a Proclamation declaring May 17 – 27, 2023 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

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

3. Was removed from the Agenda.

4. Mr. DeHaven next presented a Budget Amendment from the Sewer Department for the cost associated with the repair of a bar screen from Pearson Pump. He noted this work was needed and could not wait for the turn of the fiscal year.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Budget Amendment.

5. Mr. DeHaven next presented a Proclamation proclaiming May 2023 as Mental Health Month.

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

6. Mr. DeHaven next presented the Board of Commissioners with the Proposed FY 23/24 Budget. He read the Budget Memo to the Commissioners and noted that the proposed budget is a balanced budget and attempts to meet the needs of the requesting departments as much as possible. Mr. DeHaven asked to set workshop date(s) to review the proposed budget. He also requested that a Public Hearing be set for June 5, 2023 at 10 a.m. in the Operations Center at 312 SE Second St., Snow Hill to hear public comment regarding the Proposed FY 23/24 Budget.

The Board scheduled a budget workshop for Monday, May 22, 2023 at 9 a.m. in the Greene County Longleaf Conference room at 229 Kingold Blvd, Snow Hill. Chairman Heath also set the Public Hearing date for June 5, 2023 at 10 a.m. during the Board of Commissioners regular meeting.

G. County Attorney Report

Proposed order for closure of Fourth Street and School Street in Maury, NC for signature.

H. Commissioner's Report and Recommendations

Chairman Heath congratulated the Greene Central Rams baseball team on being the Conference Champs even before the end of the actual season and continuing on in the playoffs with winning the first two games of the playoffs. He also reminded everyone of the "Proud to be an American" event on June 3rd in Walstonburg.

Chairman Heath called for a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Burress opposed going into closed session unless everyone could stay for closed session as someone else previously stayed in a closed session. Chairman Heath stated that we have allowed the Economic

Development Director to stay, but other counties do not invite staff to stay and he then called for the vote.

Went into Closed Session at 7:45 p.m.

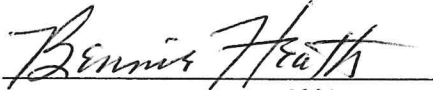
I. Closed Session – Attorney Client Privilege

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackelford, the Board voted 4 – 1 (Commissioner Burress) to go into closed session.

On motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Board voted unanimously to come out of closed session.

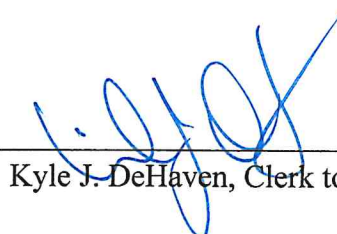
J. ADJOURN

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the meeting, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.


Bennie Heath, Chairman

Attest:





Kyle J. DeHaven, Clerk to the Board

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Greene County EMS Week Proclamation

To designate the Week of May 21-27, 2023, as Emergency Medical Services Week in Greene County

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are a vital public service every day and have been on the frontline of response to the pandemic, at high risk for personal illness; and

WHEREAS, significant work and financial resources of the county have been invested in emergency medical services this year to provide the highest level of service to all Greene County citizens; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care by highly trained providers dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury in our rural area; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services have grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, law enforcement officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and EMS administration; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; now

THEREFORE, I, Bennie Heath, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 21-27, 2023, as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK, With the theme, "EMS: Where Emergency Care Begins", I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

ATTEST:

Kyle J. DeHaven, Clerk to the Board



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bennie Heath".

Bennie Heath, Chairman, GC Board of Commissioners

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
GREENE COUNTY

BEFORE THE GREENE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ORDER

**IN THE MATTER OF: THE RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO CLOSE/
ABANDON THE UNIMPROVED ROADWAYS, FOURTH
STREET AND SCHOOL STREET IN MAURY, N.C. AS
SURVEYED FOR THE MAURY SCHOOL SITE ON OR
ABOUT OCTOBER 1, 1982.**

**THIS MATTER COMING ON TO BE HEARD AND BEING HEARD BEFORE THE
GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** on May 15, 2023, upon the Board's Resolution of April 17, 2023 announcing the Board's intention to close certain public roads specifically, Fourth Street and School Street, in Maury, North Carolina and calling for a public hearing on the closings pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-241;

After due consideration; review of the Resolution; and, having held a public hearing the Greene County Board of Commissioners hereby finds as follows:

1. All Board members were present, participated, and voted at the preliminary hearing.
2. That the Greene County Board of Commissioners passed a Resolution on April 17, 2023 making a formal Declaration of Intent to close unimproved Fourth Street and School Street in Maury, Greene County, North Carolina as shown on the map prepared by Roy D. Franks on October 1, 1982 and filed in Book 22, Page 137 of the Greene County Registrar of Deeds on October 6, 1982.
3. That the roads proposed to be closed/ abandoned are Fourth Street and School Street, in Maury, Greene County, North Carolina as shown on the map prepared by Roy D. Franks on October 1, 1982 and filed in Book 22, Page 137 of the Greene County Registrar of Deeds.
4. That Fourth Street and School Street were proposed as two public roadways in the Maury School Site Plan surveyed October 1, 1982 and are shown on the map prepared by Roy D.

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Franks on October 1, 1982 and filed in Book 22, Page 137 of the Greene County Registrar of Deeds on October 6, 1982.

5. That Fourth Street and School Street were never built and remain unimproved and overgrown as the date of the public hearing.

6. That the County is in need of an EMS Station at 455 Maury Ballpark Street, Maury, Greene County, North Carolina to provide ambulance and paramedic services to the citizens of Greene County in the surrounding areas.

7. That closing of the previously mapped streets would allow the Greene County EMS to have driveway access to both Maury Ballpark Street and Highway 903 to better serve the citizens of Greene County and improve the response time of Greene County EMS from the proposed Maury Ballpark Street station.

8. That the Greene County Board of Commissioners set a public hearing to be held on the closure of unimproved Fourth Street and School Street Said Public Hearing was set for May 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Commissioner's Room, Greene County Operations Center, 312 SE Second Street, Snow Hill, North Carolina.

9. That Said public hearing was duly noticed and announced during the April 17, 2023 Greene County Commissioner's Meeting.

10. That said public hearing was duly noticed and advertised by publication for three consecutive weeks in *The Standard* on April 29, 2023, May 6, 2023, and, May 13, 2023.

11. That notice of the proposed closing of the roadways and the public hearing have been prominently posted in three places along the Fourth Street and School Street.

12. That a copy of the Resolution of April 17, 2023 announcing the Board's intention to close / abandon Fourth Street and School Street, in Maury, North Carolina and calling for a public hearing on the closings pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-241 was sent by certified mail to each landowner, as shown on the county tax records, of property adjoining Fourth Street and School Street.

13. That a Public Hearing before the Greene County Board of County Commissioners was held on May 15, 2023 at ____ pm in the Commissioner's Room, Greene County Operations

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Center, 312 SE Second Street, Snow Hill, North Carolina at which time no person, firm or corporation appeared in opposition thereto.

14. That it appears to the satisfaction of the Greene County Board of County Commissioners upon consideration and by unanimous vote that the closing / abandonment of Fourth Street and School Street is not contrary to the public interest in that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the streets would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property by the closing of Fourth Street and School Street.

15. Upon consideration and by unanimous vote the Greene County Board of County Commissioners determined that all requirements of the law and N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-241 have been fully complied with pertaining to the closing of the streets named herein; and; therefore, Fourth Street and School Street should be closed and withdrawn from public dedication and public use by Order of the Greene County Board of County Commissioners and pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-241.

NOW THEREFORE, BASED UPON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS OF FACT, THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY MAKES THE FOLLOWING:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That all requirements of the law and N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-241 have been fully complied with pertaining to the closing / abandonment of Fourth Street and School Street in that the closing of the streets is not contrary to the public interest in that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the streets would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property.

2. That all requirements of the law and N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-241 have been fully complied with pertaining to the closing of Fourth Street and School Street in that: a public hearing has been held; notice of the proposed closing and public hearing has been posted on the streets at issue; and, all property owners located on the streets at issue have been sent a copy of the Resolution and notice of the public hearing via certified mail.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, IT IS NOW THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:

1. THAT FOURTH STREET AND SCHOOL STREET, MAURY, NORTH CAROLINA SHALL BE AND ARE HEREBY CLOSED AND WITHDRAWN FROM PUBLIC DEDICATION AND PUBLIC USE pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-241.

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2. That a certified copy of this Order of the Greene County Board of County Commissioners shall be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Greene County, North Carolina.

ANNOUNCED in open Hearing the 15th day of May, 2023.

SIGNED, this the 15th day of May, 2023.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bennie Heath", written over a horizontal line.

Bennie Heath, Chairman
Greene County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kyle DeHaven", written over a horizontal line.
Kyle DeHaven, Clerk to the Board

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GREENE COUNTY

EMS

JUNTY Public Works

BUDGET AMENDMENT (Line Item Transfer)

5/11/23

LINE ITEM TRANSFER

Budget Amendment

REVENUES

EXPENDITURES

Explanation:

Repair needs

Approved by:

David Jones

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Mental Health Month 2023
"Look Around, Look Within"

WHEREAS, the area that someone lives in plays a significant role in their overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, surroundings can impact if, how, and when a person's needs are met, which in turn affects mental health; and

WHEREAS, having safe, stable, and healthy home conditions set the foundation for achieving and maintaining good mental health; and

WHEREAS, with early and effective interventions, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, health care provider, organization, and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

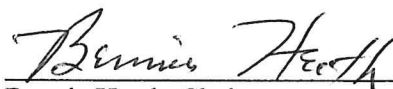
THEREFORE, I Bennie Heath, Chairman, Greene County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as Mental Health Month in Greene County. As the Chairman of the Greene County Board of Commissioners, I also call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in Greene County to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.



ATTEST:



Kyle J. DeHaven, Clerk to the Board



Bennie Heath, Chairman
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