

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Wellness Center. Present for the meeting: Chairman Bennie Heath, Vice Chairman James T. Shackelford 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 Shackelford 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 presented agenda. Seeing as there were none he asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

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

C. Consent Agenda

Chairman Heath asked for any changes to the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Blizzard noted that corrections had been made to the April 19th, 2021 minutes.

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

- April 19, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Release/Refunds
- Budget Amendment; Transportation
- Budget Amendment; Health

Refunds: NCVTS Tax & Tag

Peggy Cannon Blount	\$28.46	Danny Ray Hamm	\$4.99	Geraldine Davis Hamm	\$31.05
Henry Clay Pipkin	\$205.19				

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Mr. John Becton. Mr. Becton spoke again about the elevation of his home and stated he did not get the talk to the County Manager as he was told he would at the last meeting. He is not getting any answers and getting frustrated. 2. Jimmy Summerville, he is the son of Mr. Becton and he came in support of his father and wants answers as well. 3. Darien Ward is also a homeowner waiting for the elevation of his home. He was told he would meet with Mr. Barnette today and that is not happening.

Chairman Heath stated to all these gentlemen that he understands their frustration and that they do not have the answers for them, but will continue to try to get the answers for them.

E. PRESENTATIONS

1. Sharon Harrison; Senior Games and Silver Arts Results. Ms. Harrison stated that the games were held in New Bern and that some games were to be dropped due to no location. It was suggested that these games could be held here in Greene County and that she contacted Mike Anderson of the Wellness Center and asked if this was possible and Mr. Anderson stated "let's do it". Ms. Harrison then proceeded to present all the Greene County winners. See attached list of all winners.

2. Brock Kearney; Proposed Emergency Management Ordinance Amendment. Mr. Kearney presented the proposed amendment to the Emergency Management Ordinance. Mr. Kearney noted that this was given to the Board at the previous meeting and only a small change had been made and is now ready for approval.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Burress the Board voted unanimously to approve the Emergency Management Ordinance Amendment.

3. Jeremy Anderson; EMS System Paramedic Transition Plan Discussion. Mr. Anderson gave a presentation of their plan for incorporating Paramedics into the Greene County EMS System. Commissioner Burress asked about the education agreement and read the current education policy that is the personnel policy and asked why the paramedic education agreement is almost double the amount listed in the personnel policy. Commissioner Blizzard stated she did not believe the signed paramedic education agreement ever came before the commissioners for approval. Commissioner Blizzard asked that a pay study be done on the EMS Department as we do not want to have had our people go to training to become Paramedics and then leave due to not being paid enough. Mr. DeHaven stated he is working on having another county wide pay study done.

F. COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

1. Mr. DeHaven presented a Proclamation for Older Americans Month. He offered to read it out loud if that was the board's wish.

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

2. Mr. DeHaven next presented a Budget Amendment for the Extention Department. This is for the replacement of the HVAC unit in their building. Mr. DeHaven noted that a leak had been detected in the previous units evaporator coil. A quote to replace the evaporator coil in the 12 year old unit came in at \$2,000. A quote was also received for a new unit at \$5,650. The decision to replace the unit was made. The budget amendment is requested so we can charge the capital asset in the right department.

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

3. Mr. DeHaven next presented a request to pull down our Lottery Funds for the year, totaling \$249,168.23. The funds will pay part of the debt service on our USDA loans for the Greene County Intermediate School. The pull down has been approved by the Board of Education on 26 April 2021.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackelford the Board voted unanimously to pull down the Lottery Funds.

The following informational documents were provided to Board:

1. Board of Health Vacancies (5)
2. DSS Board Seat

G. County Attorney Report

Nothing at this time.

H. Commissioner's Report and Recommendations

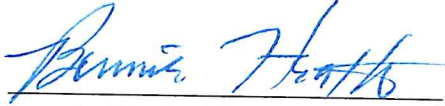
Commissioner Burress congratulated all the participants of the Senior Games and Silver Arts competition. He also thanked the Senior Center, Transportation Department and the Recreation Department for making these programs available to our Seniors. He also congratulated the

Greene Central FFA Tool Identification team for finishing 3rd in the State on April 22nd and he also congratulated Ms. Connie W. Dixon of Snow Hill who works with the Department of Health and Human Services for being 1 of 17 recipients for this year's Richard Caswell award. This award was created in January 1998 honors state employees with 45 or more years of service. He also congratulated Shinisa Dixon of Walstonburg for being nominated "Best Supporting Actress" by the New Jersey Film Awards for her performance in "The Grey Town". He also gave a shout out to Mr. Donald Clark, the former tennis coach at Greene Central for his induction into the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Commissioner Burress also noted that he would like to see the board adopt a policy to recognize the accomplishments of our employees. He suggested recognizing employees and individuals who work on behalf of the county by the Board at our meetings with a certificate of appreciation. He also noted the disappearance of the monthly financial statement and he requested that it be added to the agenda for the first monthly meeting. He also asked about the requests Commissioner Blizzard made at the last meeting concerning McDavid Associates, he wants to know if this request has been fulfilled?

Commissioner Blizzard noted that COVID testing in Greene County has moved to a new site – the Greene County Community Center starting on Monday, May 3, at 814 W. Harper Street in Snow Hill. The new hours are 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. (No COVID testing on Monday, May 31 – Memorial Day Holiday). Commissioner Blizzard stated she has been contacted by Arba water customers stating that their first bill from our water department has a \$5.00 s/c. The letter they had received from the Arba Water stated all fees had been paid. The County Manager stated he was aware of this issue. Chairman Heath believes this is for the new updated AMI equipment and that Arba Water had a shortfall of funds to cover this and the \$5.00 for 24 months would cover this cost. Mr. DeHaven stated he would look into this. Commissioner Blizzard stated she wanted to speak about the elevation issues. She went over all the communications between Mr. Barnette and FEMA personnel concerning the elevation of the homes. At the last meeting she requested information from Mr. Barnett and to meet with concerned citizens by today and nothing has been done. Commissioner Blizzard suggested that the county freeze all McDavid funds until they get the information as requested. She also requested that Mr. Barnett be at the next meeting. She also apologized to Mr. Becton for the lack of answers for him. Commissioner Blizzard made a motion to freeze McDavid retainer fee and any other fees due them until this is taken care of. Commissioner Burress seconded this motion. Chairman Heath feels that freezing fee's and such is not the answer and doing this may put a stop to all their work being done on other projects. Commissioner Jones stated he wants to hear from Mr. Barnette concerning this. Chairman Heath called the questions, the Board voted 2 yay and 3 nay (Commissioners Heath, Jones and Shackelford), the motion failed.

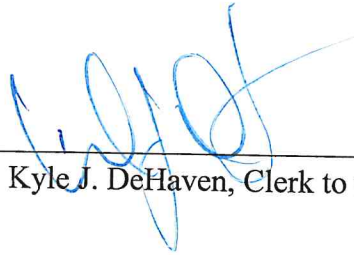
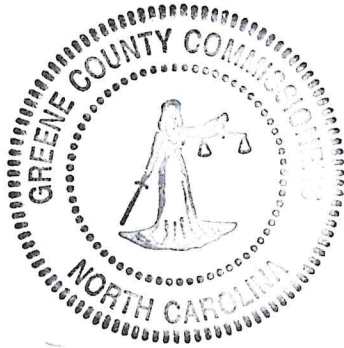
I. ADJOURN

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Shackleford to adjourn the meeting, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.



Bennie Heath, Chairman

Attest:



Kyle J. DeHaven, Clerk to the Board

NEUSE RIVER SENIOR GAMES & SILVER ARTS UPDATE: *Receiving Medals in Athletics:* 31 total

Alice Barfield-Gold Football Throw, Silver Basketball Shooting, Gold Bocce, & Bronze Horseshoes.

Nell Chadwick-Silver Basketball Shooting, Silver Corn Hole.

Susan McCullen-Silver Softball Throw, Gold Corn Hole.

Gwen Johnson-Bronze Softball Throw, Gold Basketball Shooting, Gold Corn Hole, Silver Horseshoes.

Clarence Moore-Gold Football Throw, Gold Softball Throw.

Dwight Moore-Silver Corn Hole, Silver Horseshoes.

Janice Moye-Participant

Mary Sheppard-Bronze Horseshoes.

Kelly Smith- Bronze Football Throw, Bronze Softball Throw, Gold Basketball Shooting.

Lee Sutton-Bronze Football Throw, Silver Softball Throw

Joan Wade-Silver Horseshoes.

Tracey Warren-Gold Softball Throw.

Melinda Waters-Bronze Football Throw, Bronze Softball Throw, Gold Bocce, Silver Corn Hole, Gold Horseshoes.

Bessie Williams-Gold Softball Throw, Gold Corn Hole.

Receiving Medals in Silver Arts: 4 total

Dorothy Harrison-Gold in Digital Photography.

Ruth Lee-Bronze in Machine Quilting,

Margie Suggs-Silver in Machine Quilting.

Sandra Thomas-Bronze-Acrylic on Glass. Congratulations!

35 Total Medals for Greene County

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Greene County Older Americans Month Proclamation

Whereas, Older Americans are significant members of our society, investing their wisdom and experience to help enrich and better the lives of younger generations; and

Whereas, Greene County has acted as a catalyst for mobilizing the creativity, energy, vitality, and commitment of older residents; and

Whereas, Greene County empowers older citizens to contribute to their own health and well-being and the health and well-being of their fellow citizens of all ages; and

Whereas, the Greene County affirms the dignity, self-worth, and independence of older persons by facilitating their decisions and actions; tapping their experiences, skills, and knowledge; and enabling their continued contributions to the community;

Now, there, the Greene County Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim May 2021 as OLDER AMERICAN'S MONTH.

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And call upon all citizens to recognize the special contributions of older Americans, and the special efforts of Greene County Department of Social Services, Greene County Department of Public Health, Greene County Public Transportation, Greene County Senior Services, Greene County Cooperative Extension, & the Greene County Wellness Center to enhance the well-being of the older citizens of our community.

Date: 05-03-21

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bennie Heath". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Bennie Heath, Chairman

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