

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Greene County Operations Center. Present for the meeting: Chairman Bennie Heath, Vice Chairman James T. Shackleford Jr, Commissioners Jerry Jones, Susan Blizzard and Derek Burrell, 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 Burrell to give the invocation and lead the Pledge to the Flag.

B. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Heath added a Closed Session for Personnel and Attorney Client Privilege to the Agenda and asked if there were any other changes needed to the agenda. Seeing as there were none, he asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the noted change.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of the Closed Session.

C. Consent Agenda

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

On motion by Commissioner Blizzard and second by Commissioner Jones the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

- April 4, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Releases/Refunds
- Monthly Collection Report
- Budget Amendment; Sheriff
- Budget Amendment; Cooperative Extension

Refunds: NCVTS Tax & Tag

Son Set Ministries	\$96.20	Christopher Wayne Jones	\$142.59	Minnie Pearlina Kelley	\$19.99
Rekeeta Nekai Gardner	\$7.78	Peggy McLawhorn Creech	\$23.82		

Chairman Heath recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting and reconvened the Board of Equalization and Review.

D. Board of Equalization and Review

Ms. Becky Sutton filling in for Ms. Stephanie Wiggins stated that they had one formal request today to appeal real property to the Board of Equalization and Review. She stated this request would need to be reviewed and brought to the Board of Commissioners. She asked if there were no other appeals present that the Board of Equalization and Review be adjourned.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the Board of Equalization and Review.

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E. Public Comments

None

F. Presentation

1. Sharon Harrison; Recognition of the 2022 Recipients of the Governors Volunteer Service Awards. Ms. Harrison presented the following:

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G. County Manager Report

1. Mr. DeHaven presented a request to reappoint the following people to the East Carolina Workforce Development Board: Mr. Rick Davis, Ms. Judy Darden, and Ms. Angela Bates. Ms. Childers, Director of East Carolina Workforce Development Board spoke of the strong representation of Greene County and the willingness of these three for reappointment. These reappointments are for the term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Shackleford, the Board voted unanimously to approve these reappointments.

2. Mr. DeHaven next presented a Grant Project Budget Ordinance Amendment for ARP Funds. He stated the final rule was released and guidance has been received for jurisdictions receiving under \$10 million. This amendment uses our ARP funds to supplant departmental salaries, allowing us to use budgeted salary dollars for needed projects. Commissioner Burress asked about the ARP Funds already used to purchase body cameras and other expenses. Mr. DeHaven showed on a slide that the funds already spent on projects will be shown as being moved from departmental salaries for these projects as is allowed.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford the Board voted unanimously to approve the Grant Project Budget Ordinance Amendment for ARP Funds.

3. Mr. DeHaven next presented a Memorandum of Understanding for Broadband Partnership for Lumens or Brightspeed as they apply for the latest round of GREAT grant from the state. The MOU identifies their responsibilities and our responsibilities “IF” the grant is awarded. If no grant is awarded, the MOU is void. Mr. DeHaven noted that he did ask Infinity if they wanted this MOU as well and they declined. Commissioner Blizzard asked about there being a duplicate of services and whether the company will still be able to continue work in the northern party of the county (near Walstonburg) if they are not able to proceed laying fiber in the southern part. Mr. DeHaven responded that he did not know and couldn’t answer that question. Commissioner Burress thanked Mr. DeHaven for being forthright with that answer and stated that he may not be able to answer the following question either. Commissioner Burress asked if the southern portion is denied, will the county get a portion of the agreed upon funds returned. Mr. DeHaven stated that he will look into this and see if he can get an answer to that, but he does not have an answer at this time.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford the Board voted unanimously to approve this MOU.

H. County Attorney Report

No comment.

I. Commissioner's Report and Recommendations

Commissioner Burress noted that April is "National County Government Month." He thanked all county employees for their service to their communities and the work they do to keep the county running every day. He also noted that April is "Child Abuse Prevention Month" and noted that the Department of Social Service will host a balloon release at the courthouse on Wednesday, April 20th at 5 p.m. He also noted there will be a Blood Drive at the Greene County Wellness Center on Thursday, April 21st from 2 to 6 p.m. and also that the Town of Hookerton will be hosting a "Grand Opening" for their new recreation park on Saturday, April 30th beginning at 10 a.m.

Commissioner Blizzard received a statement from Trudy Britt Hardy who ran the "Sweet Potato Festival" along with a check for money that has been sitting in an account for the festival. The account has been closed and money is being turned over to the county economic development department. Mr. DeHaven noted that he along with others have been trying to find somebody to take over the festival and he noted that the county just does not have the staff available to take on such a commitment. It was recommended that the funds be turned over to economic development.

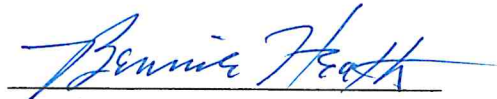
J. Closed Session – Personnel and Attorney Client Privilege

Motion/Second into Closed Session: Commissioners Jones and Shackleford

Motion/Second Out of Closed Session: Commissioners Jones and Blizzard

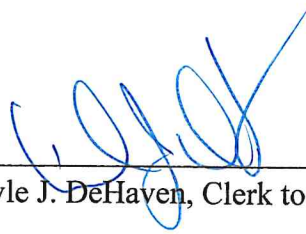
K. ADJOURN

On motion by Commissioner Blizzard and second by Commissioner Jones 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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GREENE COUNTY
LINE ITEM TRANSFER/BUDGET AMENDMENT

4/4/22

SHERIFF

LINE ITEM TRANSFER					
FROM			TO		
Account Name	Acct #	Amount	Account Name	Acct #	Amount
Total			Total		
\$ -			\$ -		

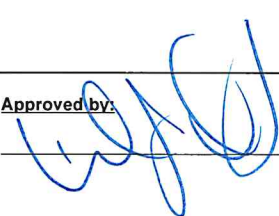
BUDGET AMENDMENT					
REVENUES			EXPENDITURES		
Account Name	Acct #	Amount	Account Name	Acct #	Amount
NCDPS SHERIFF GRANT	11160-443159	\$ 84,270	NCDPS SHERIFF GRANT	11431-540212	\$ 84,270
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NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT TO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Requested by:



Approved by:



TO:
GREENE COUNTY FINANCE DEPT

229 KINGOLD BLVD STE D
SNOW HILL NC 28580

RE:
Direct Deposit Notification

Within three business days, pending agency funding approval,
your bank account will receive a direct deposit of \$84269.66
for payment number 19PT0001038552. It is your responsibility to confirm that this deposit was made
and is available for your use.

These funds were paid by the following agency:
NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
2020 YONKERS RD
4220 MAIL SERVICE CENTER
RALEIGH, NC 27699-4220
Agency Contact Phone: 919-716-3300

Please direct all questions regarding this payment/deposit to the agency contact phone number listed
directly above. This agency maintains information regarding your payment records. Any questions
concerning payment amount and invoice information/documentation should be directed to the agency's
Accounts Payable office and they will be happy to assist you with your inquiries PLEASE DO NOT REPLY
TO THIS EMAIL.

CONTACT THE PAYING AGENCY AT THE NUMBER LISTED ABOVE.

Invoice Number	Inv Date	Invoice Amount	Discount Amount	Net Amount
2000057190	02/21/22	\$84269.66	\$00.00	\$84269.66
GRANT TO SHERIFF'S OFFICE SB				
		TOTAL:	\$84269.66	

This notification was sent from the North Carolina Office of the State Controller.
If this notification has been sent in error, please contact the agency listed above to make corrections.

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4/13/22

Cooperative Extension

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Total		\$ -	Total		\$ -
BUDGET AMENDMENT					
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Community Garden	11170-435003	\$ 940.00	Community Garden Supplies	11495-5203	\$ 940.00
Total		\$ 940.00	Total		\$ 940.00
<u>Explanation:</u> Stipend received from NC A&T University to be used for Community Garden Supplies					

Requested by:

Approved by:

Jessica Anderson

Approved by:



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April 19, 2022

Ms. Tammy Childers
Eastern Carolina Workforce Development
1341 S. Glenburnie Road
New Bern, NC 28562

RE: Board Appointment

Dear Ms. Childers:

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that Mr. Rick Davis, Ms. Judy Darden, and Ms. Angela Bates were reappointed to the Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board by the Greene County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting on April 18, 2022 for a two year term beginning July 1, 2022.

If you need more information or I can be of help, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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

Bennie Heath, Chairman
Greene County Board of Commissioners

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Grant Project Ordinance Amendment for the Greene County Coronavirus

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

BE IT ORDAINED by the County of Greene, North Carolina that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1: This ordinance is to establish a budget for a project to be funded by the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of H.R. 1319 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (CSLRF). The County of Greene has received the first tranche in the amount of \$2,046,203.00 of CSLRF funds. The total allocation is \$4,092,406.00, with the remainder to be distributed to the County within 12 months. These funds may be used for the following categories of expenditures, to the extent authorized by state law.

1. Support public health expenditures, by funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff;
2. Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector;
3. Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic;
4. Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors; and,
5. Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

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Section 2: The County has elected to take the standard allowance, as authorized by 31 CFR Part 35.6(d)(1) and expend all its ARP/CSLFRF funds for the provision of government services.

Section 3: The following amounts are appropriate for the project and authorized for expenditure:

Internal Project Code	Project Description	Expenditure Category (EC)	Cost Object	Appropriation of ARP/CSLFRF Funds
001	Premium Pay Program	4.1	Salaries	\$181,800
			Benefits	\$33,059
002	General administration services for period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	6.1	Salaries	\$320,279
			Benefits	\$85,792
003	Tax Administration services for period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	6.1	Salaries	\$163,743
			Benefits	\$48,182
004	Election services for period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	6.1	Salaries	\$66,158
			Benefits	\$16,563
005	Register of Deeds services for period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	6.1	Salaries	\$79,812
			Benefits	\$23,832
006	Inspections services for period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	6.1	Salaries	\$153,718
			Benefits	\$51,101
007	Animal Control services for period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	6.1	Salaries	\$63,217
			Benefits	\$24,805
008	Law enforcement services for period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	6.1	Salaries	\$620,983
			Benefits	\$220,949
009	Jail services for period of July 1,	6.1	Salaries	\$382,934

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	2021 through June 30, 2022		Benefits	\$126,559
010	Dispatch services for period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	6.1	Salaries	\$140,967
			Benefits	\$51,116
011	Veterans services for period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	6.1	Salaries	\$14,443
			Benefits	\$1,105
012	Recreation services for period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	6.1	Salaries	\$100,684
			Benefits	\$29,443
013	Water & Sewer services for period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	6.1	Salaries	\$267,174
			Benefits	\$84,836
014	Landfill services for period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	6.1	Salaries	\$62,975
			Benefits	\$24,177
015	Broadband Partnership Funds	5.21		\$652,000
	Unassigned			\$0.00
	TOTAL			\$4,092,406

Section 4: The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

ARP/CSLRF Funds \$4,092,406.00

Section 5: The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of the grantor agency and the grant agreements, including payroll documentation and effort certifications, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.430 & 2 CFR 200.431 and the County's Uniform Guidance Allowable Costs and Cost Principles Policy

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Section 6: The Finance Officer is hereby directed to report the financial status of the project to the governing board on a monthly basis.

Section 7: Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be furnished to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer.

Section 8: This grant project ordinance expires on December 31, 2026, or when all the CSLRF funds have been obligated and expended by the County, whichever occurs sooner.

Adopted this 18th day of April, 2022

Chairman of the Board, Greene County Commissioners

Clerk to the Board

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") are Greene County, North Carolina ("Greene County") and Connect Holding II, LLC d/b/a Brightspeed ("Brightspeed"). The purpose of this MOU is to establish a commitment by the parties to partner in the North Carolina Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology ("GREAT") program established by the North Carolina Broadband Infrastructure Office ("Broadband Office"). Although a partnership between Greene County and Brightspeed has not yet been formalized for the Brightspeed - Greene County Fiber Project ("Project"), which Project is described more specifically below, both parties are anticipating to collaborate on a contract ("Contract") to be executed if the Broadband Office awards a GREAT Grant to Brightspeed for the Project during the supplemental round of applications due on April 4, 2022. The Contract would require Brightspeed to complete the Project and would require Greene County to pay Brightspeed a portion of the costs associated with the Project. Neither party would be under any obligation to the other: (1) if Brightspeed is not awarded the Project by the Broadband Office; or (2) if, in Brightspeed's sole discretion, Brightspeed chooses not to submit an application to the Broadband Office for the Project; or (3) if the change in control of the holding company ownership of Brightspeed to Connect Holding, LLC, expected to close in the third quarter of 2022, fails to close. The various obligations in the Contract contemplated by the parties are summarized below:

If Brightspeed is awarded the Project by the Broadband Office, Brightspeed would commit to:

- a. Execute a five-year service agreement with the Broadband Office for the Project, which will deploy fiber-to-the-home service to approximately 3,118 locations with a total Project cost of approximately \$6,530,000;
- b. Draft and submit to Greene a draft Contract once advised by the Broadband Office of a successful application and anticipated award.
- c. Execute a Contract with Greene County to formalize a partnership whereby Brightspeed, under the ownership of Connect Holding, LLC will complete the Project and Greene County will pay a portion of the Project costs as described below and in the Contract;
- d. Complete all Grant Activities to be described in the Contract;
- e. Provide a copy of any required Progress Report to Greene County on the status of the Project;
- f. Notify Greene County if its assistance is needed with the Project;

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- g. Submit requests for payment Greene County when the Project is completed, or earlier at the request of Greene County;
- h. Complete all Project work within the required timeframe;
- i. Provide Greene County information on the locations where broadband had been enabled as part of the Project;
- j. Prepare and execute any required nondisclosure agreements related to the Project; and
- k. Include this MOU in its application to the Broadband Office for the Project.

Greene County would commit to:

- a. Execute a Contract with Brightspeed, if Brightspeed is awarded the Project by the Broadband Office. The Contract will formalize a partnership whereby Brightspeed will complete the Project and Greene County will remit \$300,000 to Brightspeed at the conclusion, as addressed in this MOU and the Contract;
- b. Include, as part of the remittance of the \$300,000, any American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funding;
- c. Obtain all necessary approvals to enter the Contract and remit \$300,000 to Brightspeed at the conclusion of the Project;
- d. Process requests for payment for the Project pursuant to the Contract in a timely manner;
- e. Provide assistance with the Project in accordance with the Contract within the scope of Greene County's authority;
- f. Execute, if needed, a non-disclosure agreement related to the Project;
- g. Provide information about the Project on the Greene County Broadband Initiative website;
- h. Assist in publicizing the Project to Greene County residents; and
- i. Allow Brightspeed to include this MOU in its application to the Broadband Office for the Project.

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