

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 17, 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 asked Commissioner Jones to give the invocation and lead the Pledge to the Flag.

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

B. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Heath noted that the Agenda had been revised to add F. Presentation.

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

C. Consent Agenda

Chairman Heath asked for 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 Shackelford, the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- April 3, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Releases/Refunds
- Monthly Collection Report
- Budget Amendment; DSS
- Monthly Financial Statement

Refunds: NCVTS Tax & Tag

James Thomas Tyson, Jr.	\$27.88	James Thomas Tyson, Jr.	\$55.78	Robbin Elizabeth Reeves	\$163.66
Philip Byron Rowe	\$222.15	Janet Marie Britt	\$6.29	Shelby Warren Reed-Morris	\$13.66
Nathan Lee Smith	\$143.60				

Releases: Ad Valorem Tax

Tasha Joann Boone	\$14.70	Tasha Joann Boone	\$13.84	Tasha Joann Boone	\$13.84
Tasha Joann Boone	\$18.58	Tasha Joann Boone	\$18.58		

D. Board of Equalization and Review

Chairman Heath recessed the Board of Commissioner meeting and called the Board of Equalization and Review to order.

1. Stephanie Wiggins administered the Oath of Office to the Commissioners for the Board of Equalization and Review. She noted that as of April 11, 2023 there have been no formal requests received to appeal real property valuations to the Board of Equalization and Review. She then asked to recess the Board of Equalization and Review until Monday, May 1, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Chairman Heath recessed the Board of Equalization and Review until Monday, May 1, 2023 at 10 a.m. and reconvened the Board of Commissioner meeting.

E. Public Comments

None

F. Presentation

1. Sharon Harrison presented the Greene County recipients of the 2023 Governor's Volunteer Service Award.

a. Samuel Tyler Carter: Samuel Tyler Carter was nominated in the areas on Individual, Disaster, and Lifetime Achievement. Tyler was nominated by Derek Burress and Shauna McMillian-Jones, members of the Fort Run Volunteer Fire & EMS for his outstanding work

ethic, positive attitude toward fellow firefighters, years of service (since 2008), and averaging over 250 hours per year of service to the citizens in his community. Tyler currently serves as the Department's Fire Captain and Emergency Medical Technician.

b. Salvador Abrego Tinoco: Salvador Abrego Tinoco was nominated in the areas of Individual, Cultural, Environment, and Historically Underserved Populations. Salvador was nominated by Town of Snow Hill residents Carolyn Newcome and Laura Warren Exum for beautification projects where he donated time, talent, and resources in cleaning and landscaping the Park on 4th Street as well as other abandoned properties in the Town of Snow Hill.

The Board of Commissioners congratulated both individuals for their dedication to their communities and Greene County. They expressed the importance of volunteers and encouraged others to participate in these worth while causes.

G. County Manager Report

1. Mr. DeHaven presented a Letter of Intent; Foundation Forward, Charters of Freedom. Mr. DeHaven noted the Letter of Intent outlines the details for the construction of the Charters of Freedom Monuments in Greene County at the Museum Property.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the board voted unanimously to Letter of Intent.

2. Mr. DeHaven next presented a Budget Amendment for Emergency Management. The budget amendment from the Emergency Management department is requesting additional funding to purchase road signs. The County is investing in this initiative to replace missing road signs for first responder and community use.

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

3. Mr. DeHaven next presented a Resolution that proposes the abandonment of roadways never improved for the Maury School site. The property obtained will be used for the construction of a satellite EMS facility at that location to provide Emergency medical response to that area of the County. Mr. DeHaven noted the rules of procedure are outlined in the Resolution. It was noted that the approval of this Resolution schedules the Public Hearing required for public comments and questions, and must be advertised three consecutive weeks prior to the hearing.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve and Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion.

4. Mr. DeHaven next presented the Incentive and Performance Bonus Policy for Approval. Mr. DeHaven stated this policy was drafted and distributed. County Leadership was tasked with providing input to strengthen and develop this policy into the best policy possible for Greene County.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Incentive and Performance Bonus Policy.

H. County Attorney Report

No comment.

I. Commissioner's Report and Recommendations

Commissioner Jerry Jones and Chairman Heath; Friends of the Library Event, Thursday, April 20th, 6 p.m. @ The City Club. Greene County Health Care 50th Anniversary Celebration, April 20th, 1 p.m. at the old Moose Lodge. Blood Drive at the Wellness Center Tuesday, April 18th @ 1:00 to 5:00. Free Union Baptist Church Drive-Thru BBQ Fundraiser, Saturday, April 22nd, 11 – 1 p.m. Maury Ruitan Club BBQ Chicken, Saturday, April 22nd, 11 – 1 p.m. Bull Head Fire Department BBQ Chicken Sale and Open House, April 29th @ 11 a.m. Blood Drive at Snow Hill Primary, May 4th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Blood Drive at Free Union Baptist Church, May 8th, 1 to 6 p.m.

J. Closed Session – Attorney Client Privilege

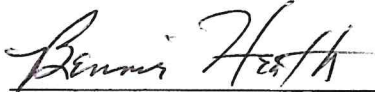
On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford, the Board voted unanimously to go into closed session.

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

Upon coming out of closed session it was brought to the attention of the Board that they did not vote on Item G3. The Board proceed to take a vote and the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution for the Public Hearing to Abandon Unimproved Roadways.

K. ADJOURN

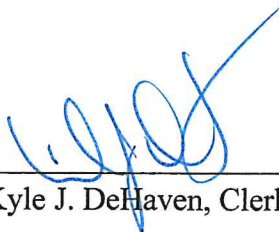
On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the meeting, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



Bennie Heath, Chairman

Attest:





Kyle J. DeHaven, Clerk to the Board

GREENE COUNTY

LINE ITEM TRANSFER/BUDGET AMENDMENT

4/11/23

DSS

LINE ITEM TRANSFER					
<u>FROM</u>			<u>TO</u>		
<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Total		\$ -	Total		\$ -
BUDGET AMENDMENT					
<u>REVENUES</u>			<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
			COMPUTER SERVICES	11521-527400	\$6,000
			TITLE XX LEGAL	11523-515200	(\$6,000.00)
Total		\$ -	Total		\$ -
<u>Explanation:</u> Transfer money to cover negative line item for computer services.					

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PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING THE 2023 GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Outstanding Volunteers in Greene County Are Recognized

(Snow Hill, NC) – The North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service has presented the 2023 Governor's Volunteer Service Award to **Samuel Tyler Carter** and **Salvador Abrego Tinoco** from Greene County. 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. Recipients will be honored at the Greene County Commissioners Meeting on Monday, April 17th at 7pm. Commissioner's Meetings are held at the Greene County Communications Center, 312 SE Second Street, Snow Hill, NC.

Local award recipients and a description of their volunteer service

Samuel Tyler Carter: Samuel Tyler Carter was nominated in the areas of **Individual, Disaster, & Lifetime Achievement**. Tyler was nominated by Derek Burress and Shawna McMillian-Jones, members of Fort Run Volunteer Fire & EMS for his outstanding work ethic, positive attitude toward fellow firefighters, years of service-(since 2008), and averaging over 250 hours per year of service to the citizens in his community. Tyler currently serves as the Department's Fire Captain and Emergency Medical Technician.

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Sharon T. Harrison, Greene County Award Coordinator
Governor's Volunteer Service Award Program

April 6, 2023

Greene County, Snow Hill, NC
Chairman, Benny Heath
229 Kingold Boulevard
Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580
Re: Greene County - Charters of Freedom

Letter of Intent

Whereby a presentation was made by Foundation Forward, Inc. to Greene County on December 5, 2022, and The Board of Commissioners, having taken the matter under consideration, then voted to accept the terms outlined in this Letter of Intent and the attached Addendum, necessary for the placement of the Greene County Charters of Freedom setting from Foundation Forward, Inc. in Snow Hill, North Carolina.

By this letter, Foundation Forward, Inc. affirms its intent to place a four-part setting with brick facade, which will consist of the Declaration of Independence, four pages of the United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights, as displayed in The National Archives, in Washington, D.C., along with an additional display of the Civil Rights Amendments. This setting will also include Donors Recognition Pedestal(s), a Field of Honor consisting of engravable pavers, and a Time Capsule Vault.

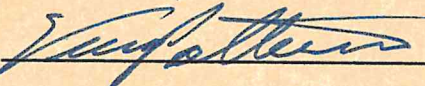
The selected and approved site will be at 107 NW Third Street, Snow Hill, NC 28580. This site was selected jointly by Foundation Forward, Inc. and the County for its prominent location, providing high visibility, high foot traffic, and easy access by school children and veterans.

All funds for this project will be kept in a Truist Bank account in Burke County, North Carolina under the account named "Foundation Forward, Inc." Foundation Forward, Inc. will make the County's account balance available to Chairman Heath, or his designee, upon request.

Any and all site preparation, ADA compliance, AND/OR any new landscaping upon completion of the construction, that may be necessary or desired, will be the responsibility of the County of Greene, as outlined in the attached Addendum. The targeted start date will be determined by the Foundation's current build schedule, and will be subject to a Pre-Construction Conference and the completion of the Construction Checklist (provided during the aforementioned PCC). Planning for a dedication ceremony will begin when the construction process is approximately 75% completed (generally after the facade is constructed).

Time Capsule letter packets will be mailed out to Community Leaders, Educational Institutions, Law Enforcement, Veterans Groups, and Local Businesses and Organizations. These letters are to be returned via SASE envelope to be included in the time capsule that will be sealed during a Time Capsule and Donors Recognition ceremony to be conducted at least 5-6 months after the Dedication. Additional letters, pictures, flash drives, and some small memorabilia may also be included.

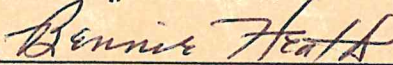
Foundation Forward, Inc.

By: 

Date: 04/26/2023

Founder, Vance Patterson

Greene County, North Carolina

By: 

Date: 04/17/2023

Chairman, Benny Heath
Bennie

FOUNDATION FORWARD LETTER OF INTENT - ADDENDUM
(Revised October 1, 2022)

POINT OF CONTACT - The process of receiving a Charters of Freedom setting begins with The County establishing a Point of Contact (POC) who Foundation Forward will coordinate with throughout the process. The POC must form a Committee for promoting community involvement and planning the Dedication Ceremony, Time Capsule Ceremony, and any other related events. Foundation Forward's Resources and Communications team will work with your POC and Committee to get this message out so your community can get the most out of this project, taking ownership as the process takes place.

FUNDING - If you have received a letter of intent from Foundation Forward then plans are in place to design, build, and dedicate your Charters of Freedom setting. We know that people like to participate in these projects by donating money, materials, labor, or other forms of support. Often, local governments or groups decide that they would like to add to the overall layout of the setting by including curb cuts, sidewalks, aprons, flagpoles, benches, landscaping, etc. These items are considered optional and are not covered by the overall scope of work that Foundation Forward provides.

SITE PREPARATION - Any utilities, trees, bushes, boulders, or concrete **MUST** be moved so Foundation Forward can proceed with the excavation of the site. The ground must be fairly level and free of standing water. Once the site is prepared Foundation Forward will begin excavation and construction of the setting. If a county backhoe is available and can assist, this is not required but would be greatly appreciated.

CONSTRUCTION - Unless otherwise agreed upon, Foundation Forward, Inc. will be responsible for all of the construction of the setting. Any assistance from the community via donated masonry, electrical, trade classes, etc. is appreciated, but not required.

ELECTRICAL - While it is not necessary to have power to the setting, having 110-volt outlets for speakers and teachers works very well for presentations, ceremonies, and celebrations at the site. If low voltage power is provided to the back of the setting, Foundation Forward will include an LED package to light the chambers so the setting will glow at night and the documents can be viewed.

ADA ACCESSIBLE - The setting itself is ADA Compliant, with the proper height and angle for viewing. Approach sidewalks and an apron in front of the setting may be ADA requisite and would be the responsibility of The County. Foundation Forward will incorporate the Field of Honor area of engravable pavers, measuring 6' x 12', in front of the US Constitution. This area does not require concrete, but these specifications must be met if The County includes an apron. Foundation Forward installs the pavers and will assist with the layout and design of the apron.

TIMELINE - Typically the timeline from the signing of the Letter of Intent to the Dedication Ceremony is around six months. Delays in weather and other unforeseen circumstances can lengthen this process, while other factors including donated labor and materials can shorten the process. A sample timeline can be provided.

DEDICATION - Foundation Forward has dedicated over 40 settings across the country, so our experience is thorough. We will provide you with a sample Dedication Program that can be modified, within the existing four-page layout, to showcase your community and culture. Typical dedications last 45 minutes complete with bands, choirs, color guards, speeches, and a presentation by Foundation Forward which includes a traditional cannon salute to The Articles of The United States Constitution. It is a life experience for all to attend.

ADDITIONAL SETTINGS - We have found there are sometimes requests for additional Charters of Freedom settings in a county. This requires special consideration and approval making sure they do not conflict with one another in attention or Community Support.

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**RESOLUTION OF INTENTION
TO CLOSE/ ABANDON UNIMPROVED ROADWAYS
SURVEYED FOR THE MAURY SCHOOL SITE OCTOBER 1, 1982**

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute §153A-241 requires the County Board of Commissioners to adopt a resolution for the intention of closing a public road and call for a public meeting on the closing;

WHEREAS, the Maury School Site Plan surveyed October 1, 1982 proposed two public roadways, Fourth Street and School Street 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;

WHEREAS, the proposed streets, Fourth Street and School Street, were never built and remain unimproved and overgrown as this date;

WHEREAS, the County is in need of an EMS Station at 455 Maury Ballpark Street to provide ambulance and paramedic services to the citizens of Greene County in the surrounding areas;

WHEREAS, 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; and,

WHEREAS, the Greene County Board of Commissioners proposes to hold a public hearing regarding the closing of unimproved Fourth Street and School Street as shown on the Maury School Site 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Greene County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. That the Greene County Board of Commissioners is authorized to close public roads and easements;
2. That the Greene County Board of Commissioners calls for a public hearing to be held on the closure of 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;

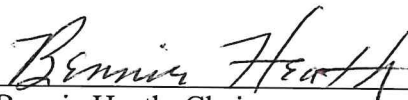
3. That said public hearing is to be held on the 15th day of May, 2023, in the Commissioner's Room, Greene County Operations Center, 312 SE Second Street, Snow Hill, NC;

4. That this Resolution is intended to constitute 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; and,

5. That this Resolution is intended to constitute a formal Declaration of Intent to hold a public hearing on the closure of 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.

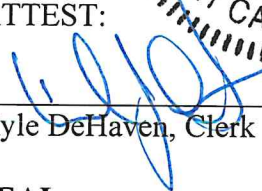
Adopted this the 17th day of April, 2023.





Bennie Heath, Chairman
Greene County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Kyle DeHaven, Clerk to the Board

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