

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.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 Jones to give the Invocation and lead the Pledge to the Flag.

B. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Heath asked to add Attorney Client Privilege to Closed Session, he then asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the addition as noted.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackelford, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda with the addition of Attorney Client Privilege to Closed Session.

C. Consent Agenda

Chairman Heath asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda if there were no changes or deletions.

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

- March 1, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Refunds
- Late Applicant for Present Use Assessment
- Monthly Collections Report
- Budget Amendment; Transportation
- Budget Amendment; DSS (3)
- Budget Amendment; Health
- Monthly Financial Report

Refunds: NCVTS Tax & Tag

Deborah Terry Gibson	\$186.93	Michael Urquhart Rhodes	\$28.69	Wayne County (for John Richard Mapes)	\$156.90
Linda Wood Price	\$63.80	Quentin Ross Memmelaar	\$34.14	Dillon James Hughes	\$73.77
James Cornell Barnhill	\$83.14	Jimmy Earl Bynum	\$92.50	Jeffrey Vernon Carson	\$46.19
James Alton Jones	\$154.18				

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Tommy Hamilton, 212 Harper Dr. Snow Hill. Mr. Hamilton spoke about general county business and requested a copy of the County Manager's contract and Mr. Harold Thomas contract in the next 10 business days.

E. PRESENTATION

1. Sharon Harrison, Director; Greene County Senior Center. Ms. Harrison went over all the services the senior center offers. She stated that the center was open with limited number of people allowed for a brief period of time late last year due to the pandemic but they are planning to open in April again with a limited number of people allowed. Ms. Harrison noted that she was recently notified by the Division of Aging and Adult Services that the Senior Center has been recertified as a Center of Excellence. This certification is valid for five years, April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2026.

2. Mr. Michael Rhodes; JCPC Budget Request and Presentation. Mr. Rhodes was not present so Mr. DeHaven went over the JCPC Budget Request and asked for approval of their budget to use in the 21/22 County Budget.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Blizzard the Board voted unanimously to approve the JCPC Budget Request.

3. Rich Moore, McDavid Associates. SCADA; Mr. Moore presented a recommendation of award for the SCADA project, as well as proposed Capital Project Budget Ordinance Amendment. See his presentation attached. Commissioner Blizzard had a few questions in reference to the budget and why are we just now moving forward with this if the grant and loan were approved in 2016.

Mr. Moore answered these questions by explaining the budget differences such as that the state requires all sales tax to be included in the project and that the sales tax reimbursement will be the county's responsibility based on required sales tax reports submitted by the contractor. Mr. Moore also explained that we are just now getting to this point due to the states guidelines. Commissioner Burress asked if the Town of Snow Hill not choosing to contribute makes a difference in the budget, Mr. Moore stated that it does not, but it could affect their assets in the future, as it will not communicate with the county's system.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed Capital Project Budget Ordinance Amendment, Tentatively Awarding of Construction Contract, Notice of Award and Memorandum of Proposal Negotiation.

4. Rich Moore, McDavid Associates; Amendment of Wastewater Agreement. Mr. Moore presented a proposed amendment to an agreement with the Town of Farmville to accept wastewater. The need for the amendment arises from the addition of the Hedgefield subdivision on the force main. See attached presentation. Mr. Moore stated that this Amendment to the Agreement will not cost the county as the cost for this was included in the Greene County Community Development Block Grant Infrastructure project that provided sewer to the Hedgefield Community.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford the Board voted unanimously to approve the Amendment of the Wastewater Agreement.

F. COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

1. Mr. DeHaven presented a request for a Public Hearing for Zoning. Mr. Brandon Sutton requested a public hearing be schedule for April 19th, 2021 to hear public comment about a proposed amendment to the Zoning Map.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Blizzard the Board voted unanimously to approve the public hearing for April 19th, 2021 at 7 p.m.

2. Mr. DeHaven next presented a contract from Cherry Bekaert to audit the County's 2021 financial statements. Mr. DeHaven noted this will be our third audit with this firm and we are very happy with their services.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract from Cherry Bekaert to audit the County's 2021 financial statements.

3. Mr. DeHaven next the Board Appointment Policy for further review. Mr. DeHaven noted that department heads were asked to give input on making the policy the best it can be and their inputs are reflected in the markup that was given to the Commissioners. Commissioner Blizzard made a motion to table this and have the Board to really look at this policy and she suggested to maybe take away term limits and/or do away with the policy altogether. Commissioner Burress seconded this motion to table.

The Board voted unanimously to table to the next meeting.

G. County Attorney Report

Nothing at this time.

H. Commissioner's Report and Recommendations

Chairman Heath read an update on vaccine status for the county and the most current numbers for COVID in the county. He stated the county numbers are getting better which he is so happy to see. Commissioner Blizzard asked if Greene Lamp was still putting a facility next to the Senior Center. Chairman Heath stated that many things like that put on hold due to COVID, but yes they are still going to do this. Commissioner Burress thanked the County Manager and staff for including the monthly financial statement in the agenda packet. He also thanked Representative Bell and Senator Davis for their work securing over \$5.7 million for school systems as part of the COVID-19 relief efforts. Commissioner Burress noted his disappointment in the County Manager for not notifying the Commissioners of a letter received from the Local Government Commission (LGC). Even though the letter was sent in error on the LGC's part he feels the Board should have been notified. He also found it ironic that the LGC made two mistakes involving Greene County during the past month. The first being including the county on the list of distressed counties, and the second being the letter sent in error. Both situations were resolved, but said communication is the key. Commissioner Burress also noted his disappointed that McDavid Associates have continued to withhold information from the commissioners. Commissioner Burress noted that last Tuesday he looked into getting new signs posted at the Convenience Sites on the containers in both English and Spanish. He thanked Mr. David Jones, Public Works Director for his work this past week in resolving this issue and his hard work. Commissioner Burress noted that Hwy 58 North towards Wilson has been closed by DOT to replace pipes and make repairs. He has also been advised by DOT that the closing of Nooherookra Road this coming weekend for a ceremony by a group of Native Americans from Red Springs in remembrance of the massacre that took place at the site in 1713. This weekend marks the 308th Anniversary of the massacre. Commissioner Burress noted that on Saturday, March 20th a group of business in Snow Hill is planning to host a community clean-up behind the courthouse at 8 a.m., weather permitting. Commissioner Burress noted there are several new businesses opening in Greene County. Whispering Pines Nursery and Landscaping is moving into the former Melons and Bloomers on Hwy 13 in Shine. Whispering Pines has an existing

nursery with greenhouses located in the Fort Run area. In Hookerton, several new businesses are planning to locate downtown including First Choice Automotive, a tax preparation and nail salon which plans to open in the building which the former World Class Saddle Shop was located. The Little Shop of Flowers has also relocated to Hookerton. In Snow Hill, the Bark Park Resort is expecting to open May 1st and the new Farmer and the Dail location beside the Speedway off 91 may be delayed a little longer than expected. Commissioner Burress stated in school news: Greene County Middle School and Greene Early College had several students to earn awards for their participation in the statewide Beta Club Competition that was held on March 9th. One team from the middle school led by Rylee and Reagan Greene brought the state championship in the Technology category. Limited Dance Works brought home several awards and scholarships this past week. Congratulations to Laura Grace Wade, a Greene County student at Arendell Parrot Academy for signing a letter of intent to play softball with William Peace University. Greene County Schools have two administrators who have earned their Doctorate's in Education at East Carolina University, Congratulations to Dr. Patrick Greene, Principal at Greene Central and Dr. Rodney McNeil, Principal at Greene Early College High School. Commissioner Burress reminded all that we lost an hour of sleep due to daylight savings time and it is also a perfect time to check your smoke detectors batteries. He also reminded all residents to not burn on windy days. The fire departments have seen a huge increase in fires this past week due to illegal burns and from burns getting out of control. Commissioner Burress asked the County Manager to breakdown the management fee at the next meetings. Commissioner Burress stated that the Commissioners have received several complaints this week involving various departments and he hopes that management and department heads can work to resolve these complaints in a timely manner. Commissioner Burress stated a convenience site contractor reached out to him to explain in detail the problems they are having with GFL coming to pick up containers from their sites. The convenience site employees contact public works and public works calls GLF to come empty the containers. GLF is failing to pick up in a timely manner or exchange the containers sometimes a couple days after being contacted. Commissioner Burress feels that it may be time to look at going with another company for trash pick up. Greene County citizens cannot drop off their trash because the containers are full is unacceptable.

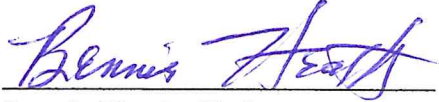
I. CLOSED SESSION – Personnel and Attorney Client Privilege

Motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Blizzard, the Board voted unanimously to go into Closed Session.

Motion by Commissioner Blizzard and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Board voted unanimously to come out of Closed Session.

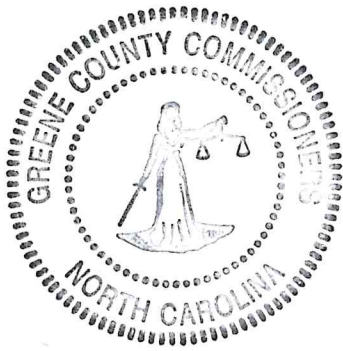
J. ADJOURN

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



Bennie Heath, Chairman

Attest:



Kyle L. DeHaven, Clerk to the Board

Board of Commissioners Meeting Presentation
Recommendation of Tentative Award of Construction and
Capital Project Budget Ordinance Amendment
State Drinking Water Reserve Project H-SRP-D-17-0130
Contract No. 1 – SCADA Improvements
March 15, 2021

Greene County was awarded a \$558,750 grant and \$186,250 loan (0% interest, 20-year term) from the Division of Water Infrastructure State Drinking Water Reserve program (funds provided through Connect NC Bond Act approved through State-wide vote in 2016). Awarded funds are to provide improvements to the County's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system that controls/monitors central water assets. The original system was first built in the mid 1990's. Based on funding, plans and specifications were developed to provide procurement through the North Carolina General Statutes "Best Value" evaluation process. Two (2) proposals were received. Following receipt of proposals, submitting contractors/vendors were interviewed in an effort to identify a product that will best meet the County's long-term operational needs. As part of the review, the contractor/vendor who submitted the lowest capital cost option was requested to provide cost data for complete replacement of control system components. Based on evaluation, it is recommended that Greene County tentatively award construction to Custom Controls Unlimited, LLC (tentative award needed where Division of Water Infrastructure must provide concurrence to award). In support of an award, the following exhibits are provided for review and consideration:

- Letter of Recommendation of Award
- Proposal Tabulation Sheet
- Resolution Amending Capital Project Budget Ordinance and Tentatively Awarding Construction Contract
- Notice of Award
- Memorandum of Proposal Negotiation

Reference the budget, the following information is provided:

- The State requires all sales tax to be included in the project. Sales tax reimbursement will be the responsibility of the County based on required sales tax reports submitted by the contractor (monthly)
- A \$2,900 local contribution is shown for the purchase of spare parts. A bid/proposal item was provided for spare parts. The funding agency will not allow State funds to pay for spare parts.
- The budget does not show a contribution from Snow Hill. Costs related to replacement of Snow Hill's control system assets were obtained and submitted to the Town for their consideration to provide a contribution to the project to allow their assets to be replaced at the same time as the County's.

- Construction cost increase is based on negotiations to change scope from rehabilitation of control system components to replacement. Replacement represents a lower operational cost and long-term better service to the County.

Action Recommended: Adoption of Amending Capital Project Budget Ordinance and Tentatively Awarding Construction Contract.

Board of Commissioners Meeting Presentation
Amendment No. 1 to Wastewater Purchase Agreement Between
Greene County and Town of Farmville
March 15, 2021

Greene County has an active agreement with the Town of Farmville to accept wastewater. The original agreement was generated to support acceptance of wastewater from the Greene County Water and Sewer District (area around Greene Central High School), Maury Correctional Facility, and the industrial park located east of the Town of Walstonburg. The existing agreement provides Greene County the rights to discharge up to 300,000 gallons per day (average) to Farmville. The Greene County Community Development Block Grant – Infrastructure project that provided sewer to the Hedgefield Community added customers to Greene County's system that pumps wastewater to the Town of Farmville. Final budget included allocation of funds for Farmville to accept the additional wastewater discharge. With the additional flow, it is appropriate to amend the existing Wastewater Purchase Agreement between Greene County and the Town of Farmville to increase the County's allocation of wastewater capacity that may be discharged to Farmville. In support of increasing capacity, an Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement to Accept Wastewater has been prepared for Board of Commissioner consideration for approval. Additional flow is based on the original agreement.

The Town of Farmville will consider approval of the agreement at their April 5, 2021 meeting.

Action Recommended: Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement to Accept Wastewater Between Greene County and Town of Farmville.

SECTION 00495

NOTICE TO APPARENT SUCCESSFUL PROPOSER

To: Custom Controls Unlimited, LLC
2600 Garner Station Blvd
Raleigh, NC 27603

PROJECT Description: 2017 Water System Improvements - SCADA Improvements

Contract No. 1 - SCADA Improvements

The OWNER has reviewed PROPOSALS received for the above described WORK in response to its ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS dated February 6, 2020.

You are hereby notified that your PROPOSAL for items in the amount of two hundred thirty-four thousand, nine hundred fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$234,950.00) is the apparent lowest, responsible, responsive PROPOSAL and that you are the apparent SUCCESSFUL PROPOSER.

Within ten (10) calendar days of being informed of being the apparent Successful PROPOSER, the lowest responsible, responsive PROPOSER shall complete and submit "Table B: Subcontract Solicitation List" in accordance with the NC Division of Water Infrastructure MBE/WBE (DBE) Compliance Supplement Instructions, found in Section 00460, for each trade if utilization on "Table A: Prime Contractor and list of selected subcontractors" is less than ten percent (10%).

If you fail to submit documentation that demonstrates that you have made the required good faith effort within ten (10) calendar days from the date of this Notice, the Owner will be entitled to reject your PROPOSAL and consider all your rights arising out of your PROPOSAL as abandoned and as a forfeiture of your PROPOSAL Bond. The Owner will be entitled to such other rights as may be granted by law.

You are required to return an acknowledged copy of this NOTICE TO APPARENT SUCCESSFUL PROPOSER to the OWNER.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2021.

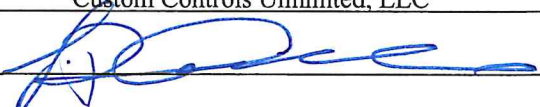
OWNER:

Greene County
By Bennie Heath
Name Bennie Heath
Title Chairman, Board of Commissioners

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE

Receipt of the above NOTICE TO APPARENT SUCCESSFUL PROPOSER is hereby acknowledged
this the 15th day of March, 2021.

APPARENT SUCCESSFUL PROPOSER:

Custom Controls Unlimited, LLC
By 
Name J. Devin Carroll
Title Vice-President

END OF SECTION

**AMENDMENT NO. 1
AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT WASTEWATER
BETWEEN
COUNTY OF GREENE
AND
TOWN OF FARMVILLE**

WHEREAS, the County of Greene (hereinafter referred to as GREENE COUNTY) and Town of Farmville (hereinafter referred to as FARMVILLE) entered into an Agreement to Accept Wastewater dated June 28, 2004, and

WHEREAS, the June 28, 2004 Agreement allows GREENE COUNTY to pump wastewater to FARMVILLE limited to an average daily flow of 300,000 gallons not to exceed 109,500,000 gallons annually (within a twelve (12) month period), and

WHEREAS, GREENE COUNTY has constructed a pump station and supporting sewer collection assets to provide central sewer service to residents within the Hedgefield Community (residential community located in proximity to the intersection of US 258 and Burnette Road) through financial assistance provided by a Community Development Block Grant - Infrastructure award to GREENE COUNTY by the Division of Water Infrastructure (CDBG-I Project No. 16-I-2718), and

WHEREAS, GREENE COUNTY desires to increase it's average daily flow and annual flow allocations for wastewater pumped to FARMVILLE based on sanitary sewer assets installed to serve the Hedgefield Community,

NOW THEREFORE IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

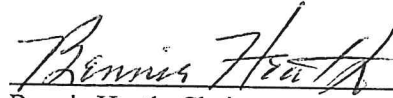
That GREENE COUNTY wastewater pumped to FARMVILLE shall be increased to an average daily flow of 323,500 gallons not to exceed 118,077,500 gallons within a twelve (12) month period.

That GREENE COUNTY shall pay FARMVILLE a lump sum tap fee of Twenty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Eight and 01/100 Dollars (\$21,728.01) for the right to increase wastewater discharge to the FARMVILLE sanitary sewer system.

That all other provisions of the original agreement and any supporting amendments remain in effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, acting under authority of their respective governing bodies, have caused this amendment to be duly executed in two (2) counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original.

COUNTY OF GREENE


Bennie Heath, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Kyle J. DeHaven, Clerk to the Board

TOWN OF FARMVILLE

John O. Moore
Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy B. Johnson, Town Clerk