

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.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 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 Shackleford to give the invocation and lead the Pledge to the Flag.

B. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Heath asked for any changes to the agenda, Commissioner Burress stated that on E2 the presenters last name is Medlin not Mudlin.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the noted correction.

C. Consent Agenda

Chairman Heath asked if there were any changes to the Consent Agenda, there were none.

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

- February 21, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Releases/Refunds
- Consideration of late present use value applications
- Budget Amendment; DSS

Refunds: NCVTS Tax & Tag

Martha Suggs Nicholson	\$8.98	Heirs of Sylvester Lane, Jr.	\$117.75	Heirs of Sylvester Lane, Jr.	\$28.81
Heirs of Sylvester Lane, Jr.	\$97.50				

D. Public Comments

1. Robert Daugherty, Fire Chief with the Scuffleton Rural Fire Department. Mr. Daugherty came to speak about the county purchasing a new ambulance, QRV paramedic truck, and complaints regarding county personnel.
2. Jason Tyndall, Walstonburg. Mr. Tyndall formally announced he is running for sheriff.

E. Presentation

1. Chairman Heath called Sheriff Lemmie Smith, Retired forward. Chairman Heath thanked Sheriff Smith for his many years serving the citizens of Greene County and presented him with his service revolver and badge. He thanked Sheriff Smith and his wife for their dedication to the county and wished them many blessed years to come.
2. Holly Medlin; Proclamation for Girl Scout Week. Three young ladies who are currently Girl Scouts came forward and ready the Proclamation declaring March 6 – 12, 2022 as Girl Scout Week.

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

3. McDavid Associates; Recommendation of Award for the Stock McLawhorn Road waterline replacement at Polecat Creek. Rich Moore of McDavid Associates present the recommendation of Herring Rivenbark, Inc as they were the low bid at \$91,078.00. He went over the project and asked the Board approve the Resolution to award the contract to Herring Rivenbark, Inc. and approve the Capital Project Budget Ordinance. Commissioner Blizzard asked that all project change orders come before the Board for approval. Mr. Moore stated that is normally done for larger projects but he would add that to the Resolution.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackelford the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution of Award and the Capital Project Budget Ordinance.

4. Brock Kearney; Emergency Services Assessment. Mr. Kearney stated that the Board of Commissioners had previously asked that Mr. Kearney look into the volunteer systems in the county and meet with the Fire and EMS Volunteer Departments in the county to see what can be

done to keep them running long term. Mr. Kearney stated they have been meeting quarterly to ensure we could continue providing volunteer Emergency Services, which he feels has proved to be valuable. He is requesting an assessment from a non-local third party to look for effectiveness and efficiencies and look for any areas of improvement. A consulting firm was recommended to him from a very reputable Emergency Service Insurance provider, which is used by almost all of our Emergency Services agencies. He noted the end product of this analysis will result in recommendations to improve service levels to our citizens and provide guidance to this Board for resource allocation that will benefit the citizens of Greene County. The president of the Bucket Brigade Consulting attended the January meeting of the Fire Chiefs and EMS Captains and discussed the process and answered any questions that came up. Mr. Kearney stated he received positive feedback from the Fire Chiefs and believes this assessment would be beneficial for not just Emergency Services, but also the citizens of Greene County.

Commissioner Burress stated he has had several complaints from the fire chiefs and feel this is being forced upon them by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Burress also asked what authority the commissioners had that allowed them to review the day-to-day operations of a private non-profit organization. He also stated that according to the county's contract with the individual departments, it states in Section 7 the county could only initiate an audit or review on its own if the county has "reasonable belief" that a department had violated a provision of the contract or if a department failed to provide adequate fire protection services. Commissioner Burress asked Director Kearney if there was any reasonable belief that a department has done this. Mr. Kearney stated he has not received any negative feedback about any department but was doing as directed. Commissioner Blizzard asked about the cost of this assessment. She stated the \$8,000 cost for fire departments assessment should not be the county's responsibility but the 11 fire departments included in the assessment. No action was taken at this time as this was presented as informational.

5. Jeremy Rich, InfinityLink. Mr. Rich first announced that they did not get the grant through the school system. He is here to talk about the county committing to doing a county match of funds should they get approved for the GREAT Grant. He went over the grant and what area of the county they could use this money and how much money the county would need to commit to helping in this process. The county match would be \$352,941.18.

On motion by Commissioner Blizzard and seconded by Commissioner Burress the Board voted unanimously to commit to the county match amount of \$352,941.18 if the grant is approved for InfinityLink.

6. Rick Lanier; US Motto Action Committee. Mr. Lanier presented to the Board information about his company that promotes the "In God We Trust" slogan and the history behind the company. He provided pictures of locations where this slogan can be placed on our county facilities. Commissioner Blizzard asked where this "motto" would be displayed? Mr. Lanier

stated if approved the county would then decide where they want the motto displayed. Commissioner Burress stated he feels the Department Heads should have a say in this decision. Commissioner Jones asked about the Municipalities within the county. Mr. Lanier said they would like to do them at the same time. It was noted by Matt Sasser that the motto is on all Sheriff Department vehicles.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford the Board voted unanimously to approve moving forward with the “In God We Trust” slogan being displayed throughout the county.

F. County Manager Report

1. Mr. DeHaven presented a Budget Amendment for the Senior Center to finish renovation to the older portion of the facility. Mr. DeHaven noted that more work than anticipated is needed and these funds will complete the project as recommended by contract professionals.

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

2. Mr. DeHaven next presented the need to appoint a Sheriff at this time. Chairman Heath thanked all who applied to be considered. Commissioner Blizzard thanked all who applied and said the public will elect a Sheriff in November and wish all good luck in the elections. Commissioner Jones nominated Matt Sasser as Sheriff.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford the Board voted unanimously to appoint Matt Sasser as the Sheriff.

G. County Attorney Report

No comment.

H. Commissioner’s Report and Recommendations

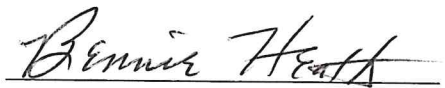
Chairman Heath gave a COVID update.

Commissioner Burress reminded all citizens to be mindful of outdoor burning. He stated the ground and vegetation is dry and making it perfect for fire conditions, so, if possible, please refrain from burning until there has been some rain and the grass starts to change colors again. He noted that at the Boards mini-retreat last Friday, Commissioner Blizzard mentioned looking into the issue of affordable housing. He stated that not only is affordable housing a challenge among Greene County citizens, but the condition of the houses and dwellings as well.

Commissioner Blizzard asked about the audit contract amendment, Mr. DeHaven stated he believed that had already been brought before the Board and it was approved. Commissioner Blizzard asked for a copy of that. She then asked about the 2017 HMGP contracts, she asked if these had been signed, Mr. DeHaven stated they had not been signed by the County yet due to other changes are being made at this time and they will sign the contracts when all changes have been approved. Commissioner Blizzard stated to be aware of the time to complete these and Mr. DeHaven stated that the time frame would also be adjusted. Commissioner Blizzard then asked about getting public input for the use of the ARP funds, she asked the public to contact their commissioners with projects that the ARP funds can be spent on. She did note that the guidelines are stringent. Another issue has been brought to her attention and that is the amount of trash being on the sides of our county roads. It is a health issue and not something to be proud of. She is suggesting people contact our local DOT office as they have many programs for picking up the trash and we can have them put up signs listing the amount of fines for roadside littering if caught. Commissioner Blizzard asked the county attorney to do a full investigation into the complaints presented by Mr. Daughtry. She also suggested that the ambulance purchase be put on hold until the investigation is complete. Commissioner Blizzard made a motion to put the ambulance purchase on hold until the investigation is complete, Commissioner Burress seconded the motion, Chairman Heath called for the vote and the Board voted unanimously to put the ambulance purchase on hold at this time until investigation is complete. Commissioner Jones asked that everyone support the American Legion Pancake Supper this Saturday, March 12th.

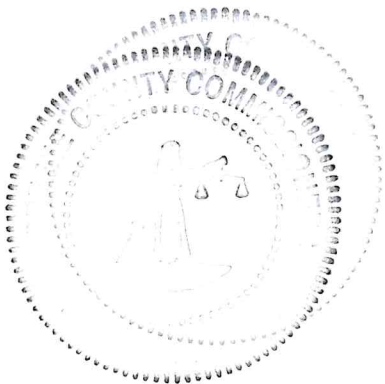
I. ADJOURN

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

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GREENE COUNTY
LINE ITEM TRANSFER/BUDGET AMENDMENT

2/9/22

DSS

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

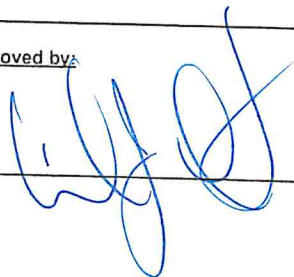
BUDGET AMENDMENT					
REVENUES			EXPENDITURES		
Account Name	Acct #	Amount	Account Name	Acct #	Amount
CAP PROGRAM REVENUE	11-171-4327-05	\$ 60,620.30	CAP PROGRAM	11-527-5180-00	\$ 60,620.30
Total		\$ 60,620.30	Total		\$ 60,620.30

Explanation: The amount budgeted was only \$1000 so this needed to be changed

Requested by:
(Director's Signature)

Amanda Smith, MSE

Approved by:





State Proclamation for 2022

A Proclamation on the Importance of Girl Scouts to Today's Girls

WHEREAS, March 12, 2022, marks the 110th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, the largest and most impactful leadership program for girls in the world; and

WHEREAS, since our beginnings, Girl Scouts has emphasized public service and civic engagement, and has fostered a sense of community in girls; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts works to champion the ambitions, cultivate the talents, and develop the skills of girls to confidently pursue their passions and make the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, during a time when girls are experiencing increased levels of anxiety, stress, loneliness, and depression, Girl Scouts provides community, consistency, and connection for girls, and is a safe haven in all the uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, girls say that Girl Scouts support their mental health and is an accepting, safe space where they feel free to be themselves and where leaders and other girls are sources of support during difficult times; and

WHEREAS, especially in the time of COVID-19, Girl Scouts plays an indispensable role in engaging girls in after school and out-of-school programming and experiences that expand their world and allow them to tap into their inner innovator, change maker, and leader; and

WHEREAS, at a time when civics education is missing from many schools, Girl Scouts engages girls of all grade levels in civics programming that deepens their understanding of democracy and government, prepares them for a lifetime of civic engagement, and motivates them to take action on issues that are important to them; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts offers girls 21st century programming in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); the outdoors; entrepreneurship; and beyond, helping girls develop invaluable life skills; and

WHEREAS, Gold Award Girl Scouts take on projects that have a measurable and sustainable impact on a community by assessing a need, designing a solution, completing a project, and inspiring others to sustain it; and

WHEREAS, today, more than 50 million women—trailblazers, visionaries, and leaders—are Girl Scout alums who have made the world a better place.; and

WHEREAS, NC Coastal Pines Council serves 11,911 girls across North Carolina and 21 girls in Greene County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I BENNIE HEATH, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Commissioner of Greene County, do hereby applaud the Girl Scout Movement and NC Coastal Pines Council for providing girls with a safe, inclusive, all-girl space where they can hone their skills and develop leadership abilities, and I declare the week of March 6 - 12 to be Girl Scout Week.



Bennie Heath
Bennie Heath, Chairman
Greene County Board of Commissioners

STOCKS MCLAWHORN ROAD WATER LINE REPLACEMENT
 CONTRACT NO. 1 - POLECAT CREEK WATER LINE REPLACEMENT
 GREENE COUNTY
 MARCH 7, 2022

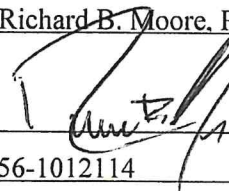
		NCDOT URA	ADDS/ DEDUCTS	ADOPTED BUDGET
	<u>REVENUES</u>			
xx-xxxx-xxxx	NC Department of Transportation	\$123,387.34	\$0.00	\$123,387.34
xx-xxxx-xxxx	Sales Tax Refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL REVENUES	\$123,387.34	\$0.00	\$123,387.34
	<u>EXPENSES</u>			
	Construction			
xx-xxxx-xxxx	CN 1 - Water Line Relocation - Herring-Rivenbark	\$107,700.00	-\$16,622.00	\$91,078.00
	Subtotal Construction	\$107,700.00	-\$16,622.00	\$91,078.00
xx-xxxx-xxxx	Contingency	\$0.00	\$16,622.00	\$16,622.00
xx-xxxx-xxxx	Planning and Design	\$7,887.34	\$0.00	\$7,887.34
xx-xxxx-xxxx	Construction Administration/Observation	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00
xx-xxxx-xxxx	Advertisement Fees	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$123,387.34	\$0.00	\$123,387.34

CONTRACTORS CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

By entering into this contract, the contractor certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm who has an interest in the contractor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1) or to participate in HUD programs pursuant to 24 CFR Part 24 or, if applicable, by virtue of Section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act.

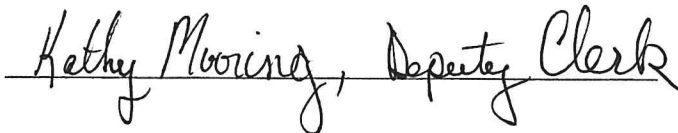
No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1) or to participate in HUD programs pursuant to 24 CFR Part 24 or, if applicable, by virtue of Section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act.

The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 18 U.S.C. 1010.

Name of Firm: McDavid Associates, Inc.
Address of Firm: PO Drawer 49, Farmville, NC 27828
Name and Title of Signatory: Richard B. Moore, President
Signature: 
Federal ID Number: 56-1012114

The Federal System for Award Management (www.SAM.gov) and the State of North Carolina Debarred Vendors List (www.doa.state.nc.us) have been checked and the above contractor or subcontractor has been determined to be eligible to participate in a ESFRLP assistance project. (Printout from the websites must be attached to this document.)

Signature of Verifying Officer:



Name and Title of Verifying Officer:

KATHY MORING, Deputy Clerk

Brock Kearney
Director

David Lancaster
Fire Inspector/
EM Coordinator

Jeremy Anderson
EMS Manager



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To: Kyle DeHaven, County Manager

Board of County Commissioners

Subject: Emergency Services Assessment

Our office requests the Board of County Commissioners approve an assessment of Emergency Services be conducted for the Fire and EMS service of Greene County.

Recently, the board requested our office meet quarterly with the Fire Chiefs and EMS Captains in Greene County to ensure we could continue providing volunteer Emergency Services. Since then we have continued our quarterly meetings with the Greene County Fireman's Association and began meeting the same quarter with the Fire Chiefs and EMS Captains with volunteer EMS service, which has proved to be valuable.

The reason behind the request for assessment, is to have a non-local third-party firm take a current look effectiveness and efficiencies and look for any areas of improvement. The consulting firm was recommended to us from a very reputable Emergency Service insurance provider, which is used by almost all of our Emergency Services agencies. The end product of this analysis will result in recommendations to improve service levels to our citizens and provide guidance to this board for resource allocation that will benefit the citizens of Greene County.

In January, the President of Bucket Brigade Consulting, Jeff Cash, attended the Fire Chiefs meeting and discussed the proposed process and answered any questions that came up. We received positive feedback from the Fire Chiefs and believe this assessment would be beneficial for not only Emergency Services, but also the citizens of Greene County.

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Director

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The proposal and PowerPoint presentation by Bucket Brigade Consulting is included for your review. You will also find other local governments that have been assisted by this firm for reference.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Brock Kearney

Director

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Bennie Heath - Chairman
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Jerry Jones
Susan Blizzard
Derek Burrese



County Manager
Kyle J. DeHaven

Finance Officer
Beverly T. Stroud

County Attorney
Gay Stanley

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GREENE,
IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
SUPPORTING THE DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL MOTTO
“IN GOD WE TRUST” IN A PROMINENT LOCATION IN GREENE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, “In God We Trust” became the United States national motto on July 30, 1956, shortly after our nation led the world through the trauma of World War II and

WHEREAS, “In God We Trust” has been used on United States currency since 1864: and

WHEREAS, this inspiring motto has been an integral part of United States society since its founding; and

WHEREAS, the same inspiring slogan is engraved above the entrance to the Senate Chamber as well as above the Speaker’s dais in the House of Representatives: and

WHEREAS, in both war and peace, these words have been a profound source of strength and guidance to many generations of Americans; and

WHEREAS, the National Anthem of the United States says, “... and this be our motto: in God is our trust;” and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of independence recognizes God, our Creator, as the source of our rights; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the United States House of Representatives passed House Concurrent Resolution 13, which reaffirmed ‘In God We Trust’ as the official motto of the United States and supported and encouraged the display of the national motto; and

WHEREAS, a number of our presidents have written or spoken about religion and God, with President John F. Kennedy stating, “The guiding principle and prayer of this Nation has been, is now, and shall ever be “In God We Trust”

WHEREAS, the County desires to display this patriotic motto in a way to solemnize public occasions and express confidence in our society.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Greene County Board of Commissioners does hereby order that the historic and patriotic words of our national motto, “In God We Trust” shall be permanently and prominently displayed

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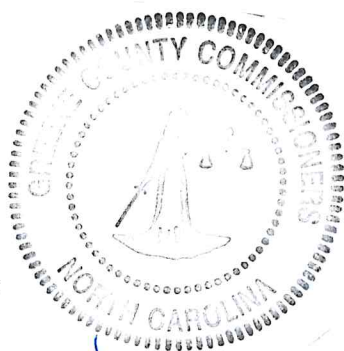
County Attorney
Gay Stanley

Section 1. That the Board of Commissioners of the County of Greene, North Carolina, does hereby determine that the historic and patriotic words of our national motto, "In God We Trust" shall be permanently and prominently displayed at prominent Greene County North Carolina locations, and to remain there in perpetuity.

Section 2. The County Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Greene, North Carolina, held on the 7th Day of March, 2022.

SEAL



ATTEST:

Bennie Heath, Chairman
Greene County Board of Commissioners

Kyle J. DeHaven, Clerk to the Board

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3/1/2022

Total

\$13,000

Sharon L. Hansen