

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 1, 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 Blizzard to give the Invocation and lead the Pledge to the Flag.

B. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Heath asked to add E4 Harold Thomas to Presentations and 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 E4.

C. Consent Agenda

Chairman Heath asked for a motion to approve C1 only.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Blizzard the voted unanimously to approve C1 only from the Consent Agenda.

Chairman Heath then asked for a motion to approve C2 and noted that Commissioner Blizzard would not be voting on C2 due to a conflict of interest.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackelford the Board voted unanimously to approve the C2.

- February 15, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Releases/Refunds

Refunds: NCVTS Tax & Tag

Maria Sara Hernandez	\$27.12	Willard Ray Stevens	\$63.06	Roy Thomas Miller	\$13.41
Mary Jones Hemby	\$24.15	Calvin David Watson	\$19.80	Winifred Harper Watson	\$23.72
Brenda Moore Haymond	\$4.29	Estate of Jimmy Benton Blizzard	\$11.53	Estate of Jimmy Benton Blizzard	\$2.79

Refunds: Ad Valorem Tax

George Foyles	\$84.00	Michelle Condors Pate	\$42.00		
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D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Zac Bailes, 210 Mewborn Church Rd, Snow Hill. Mr. Bailes asked the Board to look into a Business Incentive Program for small businesses that would include restaurants.
2. John M. Becton, 5408 Speights Bridge Rd. Mr. Becton declined to speak when it was his turn.

E. PRESENTATION

1. Jennifer Smith; North Carolina Coastal Pines Girl Scout Organization. Ms. Smith and local girl scouts presented a proclamation declaring the second week of March as Girl Scout Week.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Blizzard the Board voted unanimously to approve the Proclamation declaring the second week of March as Girl Scout Week.

2. David Jones; AMI System Update. Mr. Jones stated that overall the system is good. We have had a few problems over the years with malfunctions but he has worked out a system with the supplier for replacement radios when a radio fails. The system notifies the water department when reports are run daily of possible leaks and the department staff contacts the customers of a possible leak. Commissioner Blizzard inquired if the systems failure to provide 99% reliability as promised is a breach on contract. Commissioner Burress stated that he had a leak and the staff contacted him and he can attest to the system working well for that. Commissioner Burress asked if the problems we have had over the last 6 – 7 years is a breach of contract. He advised Mr. Jones to get together with the county attorney to see if it is a breach of contract.

3. Heather O'Connor; Director of Area Agency on Aging. Ms. O'Connor is the new director for the Area Agency on Aging and went over the services they provide to Greene County.

4. Harold Thomas; Economic Development. Mr. Thomas presented a Resolution for Project Hive a company applying for a grant with the Department of Commerce. Commissioner Blizzard asked what this company does and Mr. Thomas stated he could not discuss it at this time, but would stay and discuss in closed session if they wanted him to. He did state that the Resolution is needed for the company to apply for a grant.

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

F. COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

1. Mr. DeHaven presented a proposal from Intelligent Portfolio. Mr. DeHaven stated this software offers many benefits that can add value to the output provided by the finance department. Features that can be utilized include project based budgeting and customized cash management and reporting functions. Mr. DeHaven noted this software has an annual cost of \$5,000. Commissioner Jones asked if there are other companies that do similar things. Mr. DeHaven stated there are and he and the finance officer found this to be the best for the money and the amount of data they provide. Commissioner Blizzard asked for a couple of other quotes from similar companies. Commissioner Jones made a motion to table this until the next meeting. Commissioner Shackleford seconded the motion to table this to the next meeting.

The Board voted unanimously to table this until the next meeting March 15th, 2021.

2. Mr. DeHaven next presented a Position Classification Amendment. Mr. DeHaven stated an amendment to the position classification plan is needed. He stated the current administrative support position for the building inspections department is part-time. With this department joining planning and zoning, the support level will increase to that of what a full-time person is needed.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford the Board voted unanimously to approve the amendment to the position classification plan.

3. Mr. DeHaven next presented a budget amendment for the water department for the CDBG-I project. The amount needed is \$22,300. He stated this will allow for the cleanest accounting in an attempt to close out this program budget.

On motion by Commissioner Shackleford and seconded by Commissioner Jones the Board voted unanimously to approved the budget amendment.

G. County Attorney Report

None

H. Commissioner's Report and Recommendations

Commissioner Blizzard encourages all citizens to get signed up for the vaccine if they qualify. Chairman Heath noted that the county numbers are dropping and that he is very thankful for that. Commissioner Burress thanked the Greene County Public Library and Mr. George Mewborn for hosting a presentation on the Tuscarora people in Greene County and for setting up a Zoom link so that others at home could participate. Commissioner Burress then announced that Grants Gas and Grocery was purchased this past week and the name has changed to "A Hole in the Wall Country Store and Grill" and is owed by April and Russ Vinson. Commissioner Burress then announced that a Greene Central student has signed with Fayetteville Technical Community College and will play softball. Commissioner Burress congratulated the Greene Central FFA for participating in several federation level competitions this past week and brought home several awards: 1st place for Parliamentary Procedures as a team, 1st, 2nd and 3rd highest individuals in tool identification and 3rd in the job interview category. He went on to say that Commissioner Jones is very proud of the students also and he wanted to thank Commissioner Jones for the foundation that he built and established during his tenure as the former advisor to the FFA Program. Commissioner Burress feels it is only right that the county work with Mr. Bailes of the Farmer and the Dail to get his business approved for any grant that they may qualify for. Commissioner Shackleford stated that professionals have been hired to do a job for the county and he feels we need to have faith and confidence in our people that have been hired to do a job and not question their every move.

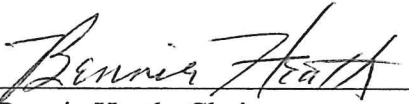
I. CLOSED SESSION – Personnel

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

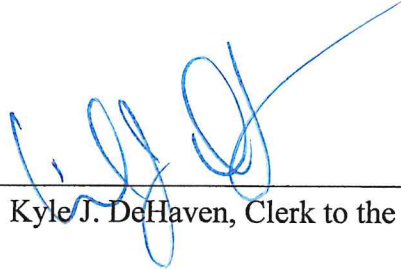
Motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Shackleford, the Board voted unanimously to come out of Closed Session.

J. 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





Girl Scout Proclamation for 2021

A Proclamation on the Importance of the All-Girl Space Offered by Girl Scouts

WHEREAS, March 12, 2021 marks the 109th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, the largest and most successful leadership program for girls in the world; and

WHEREAS, as the world's premier leadership development organization for girls, Girl Scouts has emphasized public service, civic engagement, and fostering a sense of community in girls for over a century; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts works to champion the ambitions, cultivate the talents, and develop the skills of girls to be leaders in their own world, and in ours; and

WHEREAS, in these incredibly challenging times, Girl Scouts provides community, consistency, and connection for girls, and is a safe haven in all the uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, in the time of COVID-19, Girl Scouts offers girls skill-building digital programming and experiences girls can participate in safely from home as they continue their Girl Scout journeys; and

WHEREAS, at a time when civics education is missing from many schools, Girl Scouts has introduced new K–12 Civics badges to bring girls more experiences that deepen their understanding of democracy and government, prepare them for a lifetime of civic engagement, and motivate them to be catalysts for change; and

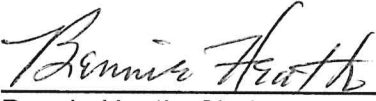
WHEREAS, Girl Scouts offers girls 21st century programming in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); the outdoors; entrepreneurship; and beyond, helping girls develop invaluable life skills and take the lead early and often; and

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

WHEREAS, today, more than 50 million women are Girl Scout alums; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines serves girls across Central and Eastern North Carolina

NOW, THEREFORE, I Bennie Heath by virtue of the authority vested in me as Chairman of the Greene County Board of Commissioners, do hereby applaud the Girl Scout Movement and Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines for providing girls with a safe, inclusive, all-girl space where they can hone their skills and develop leadership abilities, and I declare the second of week of March to be Girl Scout Week.

 3/1/2021
Bennie Heath, Chairman Date
Greene County Board of Commissioners

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Bennie Heath - Chairman
James T. Shackleford-Vice Chair
Jerry Jones
Susan Blizzard
Derek Burress



County Manager
Kyle J. DeHaven

Finance Officer
Beverly T. Stroud

County Attorney
Gay Stanley

From: Kyle J. DeHaven, County Manager

Re: BA; Water

Date: March 1, 2021

A budget amendment is needed in the water department. This Budget Amendment is to transfer funds to the CDBG-I project. The amount needed to be transferred is \$22,300. This will allow for the cleanest accounting in our attempt to close out this program budget.

Action Recommended:

Motion to approve the BA as provided

Board Action may be Needed

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