

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Greene County Operations Center. Present for the meeting: Chairman Bennie Heath, Vice-Chairman James Shackelford, Commissioners Jerry Jones, Derek Burrell, and Ray Johnson. 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 10:00 a.m., and he asked Commissioner Burrell to give the Invocation and lead the Pledge to the Flag.

There were seven Greene County staff and four people from the public in attendance.

B. Approval of Agenda

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

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

C. Consent Agenda

Chairman Heath asked for any changes/corrections to the Consent Agenda. Seeing as none, he called for a motion.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Shackelford, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

-July 15, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
-Releases/Refunds

Refunds: NCVTS Tax & Tag

Doyle McCrae Thigpen	\$51.33	Doyle McCrae Thigpen	\$44.79	3M Harvest Group, LLC	\$323.32
Charles Keith Vandiford	\$18.28	Eastern Carolina Lawn Care	\$15.45		

Releases: Ad Valorem Tax

Frankie Glance	\$55.00	Harry Steven Joyner	\$55.00		
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D. Public Comments

None.

E. Presentations

1. Brock Kearney; Introduction of Mr. Dorien Sutton

Mr. Kearney stated he was pleased to inform the Commissioners about the achievements and contributions of Dorien Sutton, a native of Walstonburg, during his recent internship with Greene County. Mr. Sutton has had the distinction of being Greene County's first intern through the Golden LEAF Rural Internship Initiative, which fully funded his position. The Rural Internship Initiative provides eligible Golden LEAF Scholars with professional work experience related to their career field in the Rural North Carolina Community.

Mr. Dorien Sutton then came forward and went over all he did while working with the County's Emergency Services. He engaged in various impactful projects. Most notably, he conducted an in-depth assessment of the feasibility of transitioning our first responders' paging system to the VIPER Radio System. This project was crucial in exploring advancements that could enhance the efficiency and reliability of our emergency response communications.

Commissioner Burress asked that the County present a plaque or certificate to Mr. Sutton for being the County's first Golden LEAF Intern recipient.

F. County Manager

1. Mr. DeHaven presented the Proposed Mass Gathering Ordinance. The intent of this Ordinance is to establish a safe and structured process for the permitting of mass gatherings as defined therein. This draft was distributed at our most recent Board of Commissioners meeting July 15th. At that meeting Mr. DeHaven asked for input from

stakeholders to make the Ordinance most complete for Greene County at this time. He stated he received feedback from two individuals for consideration. The first was to allow the Emergency Services Director the authority to break up a mass gathering. The second was to lower the number of participants from 500 to 300 attendees to be required to follow this ordinance's processes. Commissioner Shackleford has concerns about annual events that fall under this ordinance, such as church gathering, funerals, etc. Mr. DeHaven explained there are exceptions and these types of gatherings fall under those exceptions. Commissioner Burress suggested if annual events, more than 5 consecutive events maybe they should be grandfathered in. Commissioner Shackleford asked what about events that are advertised but the organizers have no idea how many people may attend. Mr. DeHaven stated that some these events that are being discussed (Juneteenth and GC Alumni Association) would probably fall under the exemption clause. Commissioner Johnson stated he would like to see something about ending time of these events and possibly changing the Noise Ordinance time change from 11 p.m. to 9 or 10 p.m. Mr. DeHaven stated we are looking at some changes to the Noise Ordinance but we need to do one ordinance at a time. Commissioner Johnson stated these ordinances need to be done at the same time. Chairman Heath said this is a work in progress. Commissioner Jones made a motion to table till the next meeting so more information could be gathered.

2. Mr. DeHaven presented a budget amendment for the Public Works Department. This budget amendment is to re-appropriate funds for the purchase of vehicles from the 23/24 fiscal year. State law states that we will record expenses when we take possession of capital assets. The vehicles these funds are for were not received until the 2nd week of July.

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

3. Mr. DeHaven next presented a request to approve/award Program Management & Engineering Services for CDBG-I Maury Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. An RFP and RFQ were issued for the CDBG-I program. The RFP was for Program Management Services for the project and the RFQ was for Engineering Services for the CDBG-I project. Management recommends award of the RFP to the low cost, responsible, responsive bidder, McDavid and Associates. Their bid for project management came in at \$293,400 compared to the bid received from The Adams Company at \$300,000. Management recommends the award of the RFQ for engineering services to McDavid and Associates as they received higher scores unanimously in evaluation from a panel of Greene County Staff after reviewing the two company's documents.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to award Program Management & Engineering Services for the CDBG-I Maury Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements to McDavid and Associates.

4. Mr. DeHaven next presented an application from Careline Medical Transport, LLC for a Non-Emergency Transport Franchise. The applicant has proceeded through the application process according to the process. Greene County EMS handles all calls that go through County dispatch. Elite acts as a secondary Non-Emergency Transport Service in the County. This company would be a third service in our system. In the past, Greene County had two other Non-Emergency Transport Franchises in our system, Elite and MedEx. MedEx left the County as the volume of non-emergency transports necessary to sustain their business model did not exist. They still operate in surrounding County's EMS Systems. Commissioner Burress said if we approve this to make sure the agreement has correct spelling as the company's application has many errors. Commissioner Jones asked if the County needs another transport provider, do we have the call volume. Commissioner Johnson asked if this will cost the County anything and Mr. DeHaven said it will not. Commissioner Jones said he would hate to see this company fail due to lack of call volume. Commissioner Shackelford said to give them a chance. Chairman Heath said he is okay with giving them a chance.

On motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Shackelford, the Board voted 4 to 1 (Commissioner Jones) to approve the Non-Emergency Transport Franchise Application for Careline Medical Transport, LLC.

5. Mr. DeHaven next presented a request for appointments to the Board of Adjustments. The first vacancy from an outgoing Board Member, the second is for re-appointment. The County received an application for the vacant seat from Ms. Tracy McLawhorn Hayes, and an application to continue a term from Ms. Jessica Lynn Byrd. The Planning Director requests the appointment and re-appointment of the two applicants.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Tracy McLawhorn Hays and re-appointment Ms. Jessica Lynn Byrd to the Board of Adjustments.

6. Mr. DeHaven next presented a request to re-appoint a member of the Planning Board. Mr. Salvador Tinoco applied to be re-appointed. No other applications were received.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to re-appoint Mr. Salvador Tinoco to the Planning Board.

7. Mr. DeHaven next presented a request approval of a location for the Civics Federal Credit Union. The location would be in the government complex on the Planning/Building Inspections side in the corner by the glass doors directly across from the water fountain. Civics Federal Credit Union have stated they will create a custom design to fit this space. Commissioner Burress suggested getting a signed waiver that the County will not be responsible for any damage to the credit union's equipment.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve this location.

G. County Attorney Report

No comments.

H. Commissioner's Report and Recommendations

Commissioner Jones stated that he has served on the East Pointe Governing Board and Executive Committee for over a decade and has always acted in good faith for the mentally ill. Also helping with the mandatory mergers that have taken place recently.

Chairman Heath noted there will be a Recovery Court & Harm Reduction Program at the Senior Center this Thursday from 6 – 7 p.m. Chairman Heath also wanted to clear up a few things that have been bothering him about some recent posts on social media. The first being that in the new budget the Board cut Training Funds and that is not true after he looked into these comments. The other post was about Greene County having the one of the highest tax rates in the area and that is not true. He asked that people look into things before posting to social media incorrect information.

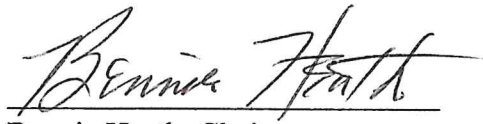
I. CLOSED SESSION –Attorney Client Privilege and Economic Development

Motion/Second into Closed Session: Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Jones

Motion/Second out of Closed Session: Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Johnson

J. ADJOURN

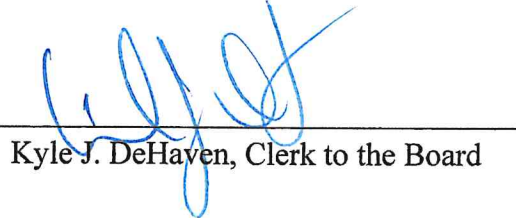
On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the meeting, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.



Bennie Heath, Chairman

Attest:





Kyle J. DeHaven, Clerk to the Board

MEMORANDUM



To: Kyle DeHaven, County Manager
From: Brock Kearney, Emergency Services Director
Date: July 30, 2024
Subject: Golden LEAF Rural Internship Initiative

I am pleased to inform you about the achievements and contributions of Dorien Sutton, a native of Walstonburg, during his recent internship with Greene County. Dorien has had the distinction of being Greene County's first intern through the Golden LEAF Rural Internship Initiative, which fully funded his position. The Rural Internship Initiative provides eligible Golden LEAF Scholars with professional work experience related to their career field in a Rural North Carolina Community.

Throughout his internship, Dorien engaged in various impactful projects. Notably, he conducted an in-depth assessment of the feasibility of transitioning our first responders' paging system to the VIPER Radio System. This project was crucial in exploring advancements that could enhance the efficiency and reliability of our emergency response communications.

Dorien's dedication, analytical skills, and commitment to improving our county's services were evident in his thorough evaluation. His dedication and hard work have been invaluable, and we believe it would be beneficial for the Board of County Commissioners to hear about his experiences and insights he gained.

We are grateful to the Golden LEAF Rural Internship Initiative for their support in providing this valuable opportunity to both Dorien and Greene County. This initiative has proven to be instrumental in fostering local talent and addressing the unique needs of rural communities like ours.

**GREENE COUNTY
Public Works
BUDGET AMENDMENT
7/1/24**

[illegible]

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>
Retained Earnings Approp.	61940-439800	75,246.54	Capital Equipment	61940-530200	75,246.54
Fund Balance Appropriated	62230-439800	37,623.27	Capital Equipment	62950-530200	37,623.27
Total		112,869.81	Total		112,869.81

Explanation: 3 vehicles.

Requested by:

David Jones

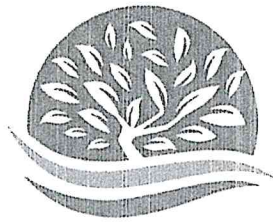
Dear You

Approved by:

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Finance Director

Sandy Shirtz

August 5, 2024

Ms. Jessica Lynn Byrd
210 S. E. 4th St.
Snow Hill, NC 28580

Dear Ms. Byrd;

It is with great pleasure to advise you that you have been re-appointed to the Greene County Board of Adjustments by the Greene County Board of Commissioners.

Sincerely,

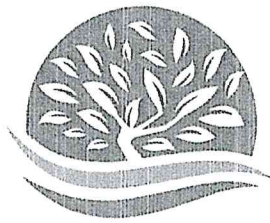
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Bennie Heath, Chairman
Greene County Board of Commissioners

cc: Brandon Sutton

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Ms. Tracy McLawhorn Hayes
2655 Stocks McLawhorn Rd.
Hookerton, NC 28538

Dear Ms. Byrd;

It is with great pleasure to advise you that you have been appointed to the Greene County Board of Adjustments by the Greene County Board of Commissioners.

Sincerely,

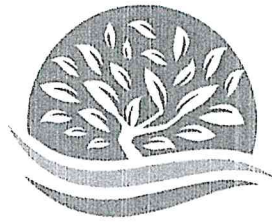
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August 5, 2024

Mr. Salvador Tinoco
111 Southeast 2nd St.
Snow Hill, NC 28580

Dear Mr. Tinoco;

It is with great pleasure to advise you that you have been re-appointed to the Greene County Planning Board by the Greene County Board of Commissioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bennie Heath". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Bennie Heath, Chairman
Greene County Board of Commissioners

cc: Brandon Sutton