

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 10:00 AM in the Greene County Operations Center. Present for the meeting: Chairman Bennie Heath, Vice-Chairman James T. Shackelford, Commissioner Derek Burrell, Commissioner Jerry Jones, Commissioner 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 AM, and asked Commissioner Johnson to give the Invocation and lead the Pledge to the Flag.

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

B. Approval of Agenda

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shackelford, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

C. Public Information Report(s)/Presentation(s)

1. Presentation of Draft Personnel Policy Changes

Mr. Trey Cash presented a draft of Personnel Policy Changes. North Carolina's new law, effective October 1, 2024, prohibits local governments from allowing pornography to be viewed on their networks or devices. The law (S.L. 2024-26) mandates public agencies to adopt policies governing the use of their networks and devices and to report any unauthorized access to the State Chief Information Officer (CIO). Additionally, the law introduces new training requirements for certain departments. Greene County must update its Personnel Policy to comply with these requirements.

This draft is presented for review at the current Board meeting. If the Board or staff has any comments, we will incorporate them into the document and present a final draft for approval at the next Board meeting.

2. Proposed Downtown Development Grant Program

Mr. Trey Cash presented a Proposed Downtown Development Grant Program. The Greene County Board of Commissioners has expressed a desire to find ways to support downtown development from a local county government perspective. As one of the very few direct avenues through which the County can contribute to these efforts, we propose the implementation of the Downtown Development Grant Program. This initiative marks a significant step forward in county-town collaboration, with a specific focus on downtown of Hookerton, Snow Hill, and Walstonburg.

We invite feedback from the Board and the public on this proposal during this meeting and the next few weeks. Assuming no major concerns are raised, we will proceed with formal approval later. The Economic Development Director will also schedule

meetings with town leaders to discuss the program in detail. Successful implementation of this program will require approval from both the County and Town Boards.

By supporting this initiative, we can collectively contribute to the revitalization of our downtown, enhancing the quality of life for our residents and visitors alike.

D. Consent Agenda

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shackelford, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

1. 10-21-24 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Consideration of Late Property Tax Relief Application
3. Releases/Refunds
4. Budget Amendment for Economic Development
5. Updated ARPA Ordinance

E. Public Comments

None.

F. County Manager

1. Emergency Management Grant
County Manager DeHaven presented an Emergency Management Grant that was received from the Duke Energy Foundation. The grant received is for \$7,500 for the grant application Greene County Drone Program.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shackelford, the Board voted unanimously to approve the acceptance of this Grant.

2. Budget Ordinance Amendment; Fee Schedule Amendment
County Manager DeHaven next presented a request from the Greene County Transportation Director to increase their fare for Medicaid passengers effective 10-01-2024 from \$2.10 per mile to \$2.85 per mile, which would put those trips in line with the previous increase to \$2.85 per mile for their ROAP passengers. Looking at department records, this will only be the 6th rate increase in 18 years. This increase will help pay for vehicle labor, tires and maintenance as well as additional wear and tear of our vehicles.

On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted 4-1. Commissioner Burress voted against.

3. CDBG-I Compliance Plans and Policies, Procurement Policy and Plan, and Section 3 Action Plan Resolution and Attachment A
County Manager DeHaven next presented a series of compliance documents pertaining

to the \$3,000,000 grant award to renovate Maury WWTP from the Division of Water Infrastructure. The grant funding requires the County to approve the following items to comply with grant funding requirements: CDBG-I Compliance Plans and Policies, Procurement Policy and Plan, and Section 3 Action Plan Resolution and Attachment A.

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

G. County Attorney's Comments

No comments.

H. Commissioner's Report and Recommendation

Chairman Heath noted the Board had received a Thank-you card from Matt Sasser and the Smith Family for the flowers sent on the passing of Matt Sasser's grandfather. Chairman Heath also noted that the Greene Central Band Day event was a success.

Commissioner Burress recognized Michelle Shackleford on her retirement after serving Greene County for 30 years. He also explained why he voted no on the Transportation Fee Schedule Amendment as he feels it was to large an increase.

Commissioner Jones took time to remind all of the Hog Dog Sale United Way Fundraiser at the Senior Center this coming Friday, November 8th, from 11 - 1 p.m.

I. Closed Session

1. Attorney-Client Privilege - *To conduct a closed session pursuant to the provisions set forth in N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3)*

On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to go into Closed Session.

On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to come out of Closed Session.

J. Adjourn

On a motion by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn today's meeting.

Bennie Heath, Chairman

Attest:

Kyle J. DeHaven, Clerk to the Board