

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 10:00 AM in the Greene County Operations Center. Present for the meeting: Chairman Bennie Heath, Vice-Chairman Jerry Jones, Commissioner Derek Burress, Commissioner Ray Johnson, Commissioner Robert Taylor, Jr., County Manager Kyle DeHaven, County Attorney Kevin MacQueen, and Deputy Clerk Kathy Mooring.

A. Call to Order

Chairman Bennie Heath called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, and asked Commissioner Jones to give the Invocation and lead the Pledge to the Flag.

There were five Greene County staff and one person from the public in attendance.

B. Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Jones and seconded by Commissioner Taylor, Jr., the Board voted unanimously to approve.

C. Public Information

1. Ram Fest on May 10 - Brand New Countywide Festival

Chairman Heath stated that Ram Fest is a brand-new, countywide festival created and planned by Greene County staff to celebrate community pride and bring residents together for a day of fun and connection. The inaugural event will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Greene County Recreation Complex.

2. Older American's Month Proclamation: Flip the Script on Aging!

Chairman Heath read the Older American's Month Proclamation: "Flip the Script on Aging" and then called for a motion and second to approve.

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

D. Consent Agenda

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted 4 to 1 to approve. Commissioner Derek Burress voted in opposition.

1. 04-21-25 Regular Meeting Minutes

2. Releases/Refunds

E. Public Comments

No comments.

F. Presentation(s)

1. US 13 Waterline Relocation - NCDOT 5833 Capital Project Budget

Rich Moore, McDavid Associates, Inc. presented US 13 Waterline Relocation - NCDOT 5833 Capital Project. He stated NCDOT is proposing to widen US 13 from Saulston Road in Wayne County just east of the new Interstate 42 interchange to Rodell Barrow Road in Greene County. The proposed construction requires relocation of existing waterlines operated by Eastern Wayne Water Corporation and the Greene County Regional Water System. For Greene County, the existing 8" waterline on US 13 requires relocation from East Wayne Road to Rodell Barrow Road. NCDOT has agreed to pay for waterline relocation expenses. Mr. Moore recommends adoption of Resolution adopting the Capital Project Budget.

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Jones and seconded by Chairman Heath, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

G. County Manager

1. Proclamation for National Treatment Court Month
Mr. Kyle DeHaven presented a Proclamation for National Treatment Court Month that was received from the Recovery Courts in Greene County. Mr. DeHaven asked the Board if they wanted the Proclamation read out loud, they did not.

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

2. Budget Amendment: Emergency Management
Mr. DeHaven next presented a Budget Amendment from Emergency Management. Emergency Management has been awarded \$7,500 from the Duke Energy Foundation. The grant is for the Greene County Drone Program and will be used to purchase a drone to assist during emergency events. The budget amendment is for the grant funds of \$7,500 plus an additional \$1,200 from Fund Balance.

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

3. Budget Ordinance Amendment: Opioid Settlement Funds
Mr. DeHaven next presented a Budget Ordinance Amendment for Opioid Settlement Funds. The Resolution by the County of Greene to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds.

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

H. County Attorney's Comments

No comments.

I. Commissioners' Report and Recommendation

Chairman Heath reminded all that the County's new festival - RAM FEST - is this coming Saturday, May 10th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Recreation Complex. Please come and

support this event.

Commissioner Jones stated that the Lenoir Community College graduation is this Thursday, May 8th at 7 p.m.

Chairman Heath reminded all that the next Board of Commissioners meeting on May 19th will be at 10 a.m. not 6 p.m.

Chairman Heath took the time to make a comment on an article that was published online by a fellow Commissioner. The article was about a Broadband Grant. He stated he does not agree with the article as he feels it was not truthful. The article stated there was a rift between the County and the local internet provider, and Chairman Heath said that was not true. The grant that was awarded was done by the state, not the County. The local company didn't even apply for the grant. The County has supported the local company twice in the past and would have supported them again if they had applied for the grant.

J. Adjourn

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Jones and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.


Bennie Heath, Chairman

Attest:




Kyle J. DeHaven, Clerk to the Board

**RESOLUTION
ADOPTING CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET
US 13 WATERLINE RELOCATION – NCDOT R-5833
CONTRACT NO. 7 – WATER LINE RELOCATION
GREENE COUNTY**

- WHEREAS,** the NC Department of Transportation is planning for the widening of US 13 with planned construction impacting US 13 from Saulston Road (Wayne County) to Rodell Barrow Road (Greene County), and
- WHEREAS,** the NC Department of Transportation has requested Greene County relocate a portion of existing waterline along US 13 from the Wayne County line to Rodell Barrow Road, and
- WHEREAS,** the NC Department of Transportation has approved a Utility Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Greene County approving funds for planning and design activities related to needed waterline relocation, and
- WHEREAS,** the NC Department of Transportation will enter into a Utility Relocation Agreement with Greene County after construction bids have been obtained for proposed waterline relocation; and
- WHEREAS,** Final plans and specifications have been completed and waterline relocation activities have been advertised for construction, and
- WHEREAS,** The Engineer has prepared a Capital Project Budget for Greene County Board of Commissioners' consideration and approval,

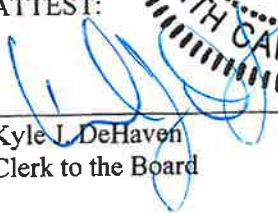
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF GREENE COUNTY:

That the attached budget is approved.

Adopted this the 5th day of May, 2025 at Snow Hill, North Carolina.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



Kyle J. DeHaven
Clerk to the Board





Bennie Heath, Chairman
Greene County Board of Commissioners

US 13 WATERLINE RELOCATION - NCDOT R-5833
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		<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ADDS/ DEDUCTS</u>	<u>ADOPTED BUDGET</u>
	<u>REVENUES</u>			
xx-xxxx-xxxx	NCDOT - Utility Preliminary Agreement	\$30,974.50	\$0.00	\$30,974.50
xx-xxxx-xxxx	NCDOT - Utility Relocation Agreement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
xx-xxxx-xxxx	Sales Tax Refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL REVENUES	\$30,974.50	\$0.00	\$30,974.50
	<u>EXPENSES</u>			
	Construction			
xx-xxxx-xxxx	CN 7 - Water Line Relocation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Subtotal Construction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
xx-xxxx-xxxx	Contingency	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
xx-xxxx-xxxx	Planning and Design	\$29,074.50	\$0.00	\$29,074.50
xx-xxxx-xxxx	Construction Administration/Observation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
xx-xxxx-xxxx	Reimbursables - Permit Fees	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
xx-xxxx-xxxx	Advertisement Fees	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$30,974.50	\$0.00	\$30,974.50

**A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF GREENE
TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

WHEREAS Greene County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids.

WHEREAS the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and bankruptcy resolutions (“Opioid Settlement Funds”) are governed by the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation (“MOA”), the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation (“SAAF”), and SAAF-2;

WHEREAS Greene County has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by section D of the MOA;

WHEREAS section E.6 of the MOA states that, before spending opioid settlement funds, the local government’s governing body must adopt a resolution that:

- (i) indicates that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; and,
- (ii) states the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy; and,
- (iii) states the amount dedicated to each strategy for a specific period of time.

WHEREAS Greene County and Lenoir County have joined efforts to maximize community benefit from Opioid Settlement Funds. Greene County and Lenoir County agree to jointly fund and operate the Community Recovery Division dedicated to opioid recovery, prevention, and treatment services using Opioid Settlement Funds. The two counties will contribute annually based on a mutually agreed percentage of the total operational budget. It is estimated that both Greene and Lenoir Counties will receive approximately \$8,784,873 in Opioid Settlement Funds through 2038. Greene County’s allocation will be \$1,488,873 (17%) and Lenoir County’s allocation will be \$7,296,425 (83%). This funding arrangement will be reviewed annually to reflect any changes in settlement fund allocations or programmatic needs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the NC MOA, SAAF, and SAAF-2, Greene County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. First strategy authorized
 - a. Name of strategy: Collaborative Strategic Planning
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Strategy 1
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$40,655
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date May 1, 2025 through End date June 30, 2026

- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Hire Community Recovery Division Director to manage all opioid settlement funds, staff, reporting, and programming. Contract with MD to plan and provide services.
 - g. Provider: Health Departments, \$40,655
- 2. Second strategy authorized
 - a. Name of strategy: Evidence-based Addiction Treatment
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Strategy 2
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$38,333
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date May 1, 2025 through End date June 30, 2026
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Hire Clinical Social Worker to provide mental/behavioral health services. Support EHR documentation of client visits and supplies for drug screenings and assessments. Contract with MD to provide MAT and other services.
 - g. Provider: Health Departments, \$38,333
- 3. Third authorized strategy
 - a. Name of strategy: Recovery Support Services
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Strategy 3
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$14,892
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date May 1, 2025 through End date June 30, 2026
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide equipment and supplies that allow staff to support those in recovery and provide a safe, trauma-informed space for services. Contract with partner agencies (food, housing, education, re-entry, etc.) to provide support services for target population.
 - g. Provider: Health Departments, \$14,892
- 4. Fourth authorized strategy
 - a. Name of strategy: Early Intervention
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Strategy 6
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$2,142
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date May 1, 2025 through End date June 30, 2026
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide educational and support services in the community for those impacted by opioids or as a preventive measure.
 - g. Provider: Health Departments, \$2,142

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$96,022. *This is the total amount for Greene County's portion.*

Adopted this the 5th day of May, 2025.



ATTEST:

Kyle J. DeHaven, Clerk to the Board

Bennie Heath, Chair
Greene County Board of Commissioners

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Jerry Jones – Vice-Chair
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Robert (Bobby) Taylor, Jr.



County Manager
Kyle J. DeHaven
County Attorney
Kevin MacQueen
Finance Officer
Sandy Shirtz

**Older Americans Month 2025
Greene County Board of Commissioners**

Be it known that

WHEREAS, Older Americans Month is observed nationally as a time to recognize the contributions of Older Americans, highlight aging trends, and reaffirm our commitment to serving older adults; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 theme for Older Americans Month, "Flip the Script on Aging," focuses on transforming how society perceives, talks about, and approaches aging; and

WHEREAS, Greene County's growing population of older adults enriches our community with their strength, wisdom, and diverse life experiences, and the county is committed to honoring their contributions, exploring opportunities for them to stay active and engaged, and highlighting the opportunities for purpose, exploration, and connection that come with aging; and

WHEREAS, Greene County is in alignment with the 2025 Older Americans Month theme, and dedicated to empowering aging and educating and encouraging older adults to prepare and plan for the future while actively participating in the present; and

Now, therefore, we, the Greene County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim
The Month of May 2025 as Older Americans Month!


Bennie Heath, Chairman
Greene County Board of Commissioners

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National Treatment Court Month May 2025

Greene County NC Proclamation

WHEREAS according to All Rise, treatment courts are the most successful justice system intervention in our nation's history for reducing crime by addressing substance use and mental health disorders; and

WHEREAS treatment courts save an average of more than \$6,000 for every individual they serve; and

WHEREAS treatment courts provide a range of economic benefits to a community, such as reduced costs in court and prison expenditures, increased tax revenues, lowered foster care expenses, and decreased costs related to victimization; and

WHEREAS treatment courts combine accountability with evidence-based treatment; and

WHEREAS treatment courts annually refer more than 150,000 people to lifesaving treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS according to All Rise, treatment courts significantly improve substance use and mental health disorder treatment outcomes and prevent fatal overdoses; and

WHEREAS treatment courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health; and

WHEREAS there are now more than 4,000 treatment courts nationwide; and

WHEREAS treatment courts demonstrate that when one person rises, we all rise.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Greene County, NC declares that Treatment Court Month be established during the month of May.

Attest:

Kyle J. DeHaven, Clerk to the Board




Bennie Heath, Chairman
Greene County Board of Commissioners



**GREENE COUNTY
BUDGET REQUESTS**

Department Opioid Settlement

Effective Date: 5/5/2025

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT					
REVENUES			EXPENDITURES		
Acct #	Acct Name	Amount	Acct #	Acct Name	Amount
95605-434555	Opioid Settlement Rev	96,022.00	95606-515700	Professional Services	96,022.00
Total \$ 96,022.00			Total \$ 96,022.00		

Justification:

Greene County and Lenoir County agree to jointly fund and operate the Community Recovery Division dedicated to opioid recovery, prevention, and treatment services using Opioid Settlement Funds. The two counties will contribute annually based on a mutually agreed percentage of the total operational budget. These funds will cover operational costs through 6/30/26.

Requested by:

Joy Brock

Commissioner/County Manager Approval:

**GREENE COUNTY
BUDGET REQUESTS**



Department Emergency Management

Effective Date: 4/1/2025

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT					
REVENUES			EXPENDITURES		
Acct #	Acct Name	Amount	Acct #	Acct Name	Amount
11170-434554	Emerg Preparedness Grant	7,500.00	11441-530200	Capital Outlay	8,700.00
11198-439800	Fund Balance Approp	1,200.00			
Total \$			Total \$		

Justification:

Emergency Management has been awarded \$7500 from the Duke Energy Foundation. The grant is for the Greene County Drone Program and will be used to purchase a drone to assist during emergency events.

Requested by:

Brock Kearney

Commissioner/County Manager Approval: