

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Tech Center. Present for the meeting: Chairman Bennie Heath, Vice Chairman James T. Shackelford, Jr., Commissioners Jerry Jones, Susan Blizzard and Antonio Blow, County Attorney Borden Parker, County Manager Kyle DeHaven, and Deputy Clerk Kathy Mooring.

A. Call to Order

Chairman Bennie Heath called the meeting to order and asked all present to rise as Commissioner Blow gave the invocation and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Commissioner Blow gave the invocation and led the Pledge to the Flag.

B. Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Heath asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Chairman Heath asked that Closed Session for Attorney Client Privilege be added to the Agenda which will be I and Adjourn will be J.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Blow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda with the addition of Closed Session Attorney Client Privilege.

C. Consent Agenda

Chairman Heath asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

- January 16, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Releases/Refunds
- Budget Amendment; Admin
- Budget Amendment; Health

On motion by Commissioner Blow and seconded by Commissioner Jones the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

Refunds (NCVTS) (TAX & TAG)

Pamela Smith Jaye	\$2.77	Billy Ray Sutton	\$12.45	Dan Keith Whitley	\$14.04
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Releases: Ad Valorem Tax

Rory Allen Wood	\$42.00	Rory Allen Wood	\$42.00	Rory Allen Wood	\$42.00
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Melvin Albritton	\$252.00	Melvin Albritton	\$42.00	Melvin Albritton	\$42.00
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Melvin Albritton	\$42.00	Melvin Albritton	\$42.00	Javier Tinajero Camacho	\$6.89

Refunds: Ad Valorem Tax

Clyde Roberson, Jr.	\$42.00	Claude Spence Grantham	\$42.00	Bryant O'Briant	\$42.00
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D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Robert Brock, Winterville. Mr. Brock stated he is with the Snow Hill VFW Post. He is here to discuss the rumors going around. Mr. Brock stated they have a lease for this building that was signed in 2016 and is good for 5 years with the option to renew automatically for another 5 years. The VFW Post keeps insurance on this facility and pays all utilities and to maintain the building, keeping all repairs up to date.

2. Fred Mitchell, Walstonburg. Mr. Mitchell stated he is here to donate \$18,000.00 to the Wellness Center for equipment. He is giving \$3,000.00 tonight and will give the other \$15,000.00 when ground is broken.

E. PRESENTATIONS

1. Mr. David Moses the architect for the Wellness Center discussed the site design to this point and addressed questions, comments and concerns from the Board. Mr. Moses requested approval from the Board to proceed.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Blow the Board voted unanimously to approve for Mr. Moses to proceed.

2. Sharon Harrison, Senior Center. Ms. Harrison presented a request to the Board asking for the County to sponsor the Neuse River Senior Games at the Gold Level (\$500.00). In the past the funds were from her budget at the bronze level (\$100.00), but the funding is no longer available.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Blow the Board voted unanimously to approve the Gold Level Sponsorship of the Neuse River Senior Games.

3. Mike Barnette, CDBG-DR Acceptance. Mr. Barnette of McDavid Associates presented the following:

GREENE COUNTY

2017 CDBG-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program February 5, 2017

Discussion

The County submitted an application for \$1,000,000 of CDBG-DR funds for housing improvements in September, 2017 and has received a Grant Agreement from the NC Division of Emergency Management for this funding. DEM requires the County Board of Commissioners take action to accept the funding and return the signed Grant Agreement.

Staff requests the Board accept and budget the \$1,000,000 grant and authorize the Chairman to sign the Grant Agreement after review by the County Attorney. In addition, the County will need program management services to step up and manage the proposed program. Therefore, staff requests the Board authorize the County Manager to procure and contract professional management services for the program.

DEM has requested the County return the signed Grant Agreement along with the minutes confirming the Board acceptance. In order to expedite this process, Staff requests the Board authorize the Chairman to approve the minutes of this action item when prepared.

Requested Action

1. Accept the \$1,000,000 CDBG-DR grant from the Division of Emergency Management.
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign the Grant Agreement after review by the County Attorney.
3. Authorize the Finance Officer to budget the grant as a capital grant project.
4. Authorize the County Manager to procure and contract professional management services.
5. Authorize the Chairman to approve the minutes of this action item

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Shackleford to accept all 5 actions as noted, the Board voted unanimously to approve these actions for the CDBG-DR.

4. Mike Barnett, McDavid Associates. Mr. Barnett is requesting public hearing dates be set to accept a program offered by Commerce for housing improvements and other items supporting enhancement of housing production. He asked for public hearing dates of February 19th, 2018 and one prior to February 27th, 2018. The board decided to hold a special meeting on February 26th at 9 a.m. at the Recreation Department.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Shackleford the Board voted unanimously to approve hearing dates of February 19th at the regular Greene County Board of Commissioner meeting for input and the second on February 26th at 9a.m. at the Recreation Department for output of information.

Commissioner Blow stated he will approve this as long as he is guaranteed they will have a chance to look over this application before it is sent off. Mr. Barnett stated he will do his absolute best to have it ready before the 2nd hearing date.

F. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. County Manager DeHaven's first order of business was to present the Golden Leaf Grant for acknowledgement and acceptance. This is to be used for the renovation of the County Armory Building for EOC and Communications Relocation. Commissioner Blizzard asked about the decommissioning of the Armory and per the County Manager it will be decommissioned in the April – May time frame. Release of funds is conditioned on Grantee securing sufficient funds. Commissioner Blizzard would like a copy of the PMP and project budget. Mr. DeHaven stated the grant would be withdrawn if the county does not raise the needed funds to complete the project.

Commissioner Blizzard has an issue of not knowing where the additional funds are coming from. Commissioner Blizzard would like a copy of the Grant Agreement along with the PMP and the Budget. She asked what the other commissioners thought. Commissioner Jones stated to move on.

2. Mr. DeHaven next presented a request from Greene Lamp for CSBG Grant for acceptance. The Commissioners have an issue with the time line of the submission for this grant by Greene Lamp. Mr. DeHaven advised that we just received this request between the last meeting and this one and he put it on the agenda. The commissioners noted we have only 3 municipalities not 5. Maury and Jason are not municipalities and need to be removed. Also they want it noted that the

county does not do loans and asked what is the Quantum Loan Fund. Mr. DeHaven stated we would note these corrections to Greene Lamp personnel.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Blow with the noted corrections, the Board voted unanimously to approve this CSBG Grant Application.

3. Mr. DeHaven then presented an update on the Commissioner Retreat. Mr. DeHaven stated that the Retreat is scheduled for February 13th from 9 – 4 p.m. at the New Bern Convention Center. Commissioner Blizzard asked that this be reconsidered and be held in-county. Commissioner Shackelford suggested we go with it as planned and next year look into holding it in-county.

A motion was brought by Commissioner Shackelford to proceed as planning and seconded by Commissioner Jones. An amendment to this motion was brought by Commissioner Blow to look into cancelling the New Bern location if the county will not lose money doing so and holding the retreat somewhere in Greene County and was seconded by Commissioner Blizzard.

The amendment was voted on 3 yay to 2 nay (Commissioner Shackelford and Commissioner Heath). The amended original motion was then voted on 5 – 0 to approve looking into cancelling the New Bern retreat if there is no loss of money to the county and have the retreat in Greene County.

G. County Attorneys Report and Recommendations

Mr. Parker stated trapping law changes need to go thru Legislators and/or Wild Life Commission.

H. Commissioner's Report and Recommendations

Chili Bowl competition to raise money for United Way on the 21st from 12 – 2 p.m. Commissioner Blow wants to keep Economic Development in the forefront. Commissioner Blizzard asked about the repairs to the Senior Center, Mr. DeHaven stated we are getting quotes done. Commissioner Blizzard stated she would like to get our legislators to town for dinner and to see what their plans are for us.

I. CLOSED SESSION – Attorney Client Privilege

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Blow the Board voted unanimously to go into closed session.

On motion by Commissioner Blizzard and second by Commissioner Shackelford the Board voted unanimously to come out of closed session.

J. ADJOURN

On motion by Commissioner Blow and second by Commissioner Blizzard the Board voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting.

Above is Certified and Approved copy of the February 5, 2018 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

Bennie Heath, Chairman

Attest:

Kyle J. DeHaven, Clerk to the Board