

NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 19, 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 Jones gave the invocation and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Commissioner Jones 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 Personnel be added to the Closed Session along with Land Acquisition.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Shackelford, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda with the addition of Personnel to Closed Session along with Land Acquisition.

**C. Consent Agenda**

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

- February 5, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Releases/Refunds
- Consideration for Late Application for Religious Exemption

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

Refunds (NCVTS) (TAX & TAG)

Estate of Helen Hill	\$6.16	Estate of Helen Hill	\$116.22	David Luther Wiggins	\$2.49
Emiliano Martinez Florido	\$16.93	Kimberly Hope Mewborn	\$75.02	Samuel White Loy	\$22.78
Dustin Meredith Adam Ellison	\$68.33				

Releases: Ad Valorem Tax

Jeffrey T. Smith	\$42.00				
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David & Rhonda Harrell	\$42.00				
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**D. PUBLIC HEARING – Mike Barnett, McDavid Associates – CDBG-NR**

1. Mr. Barnett presented the 1<sup>st</sup> of 2 public hearings for a new program CDBG-NR which is a neighborhood revitalization program. Mr. Barnett went over the program and who this program can benefit. This program can benefit scatter site housing, neighborhoods whether single family or multiple family homes of low to moderate income homes. This program is also open to facilities also such as a Senior Center, homeless shelter, food bank, soup kitchen, etc. This program can also benefit disabled people’s home to make them more accessible for the disabled. Chairman Heath opened the floor to the Commissioners for comments and/or questions. Commissioner Blizzard had asked for a copy of the application beforehand and asked Mr. Barnett some questions about the application process.

Chairman Heath then opened the floor to the public. Mr. Lanier came forward and asked what the amount of the grant would be. Mr. Barnett stated that we could get up to \$750,000 for the project and Mr. Lanier asked if that amount would include the engineer fee’s and Mr. Barnett stated it would.

Chairman Heath asked if there were any other questions and seeing as there was none he closed the public hearing.

## **E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Fred Mitchell, Walstonburg. Mr. Mitchell stated he had a couple of questions. First, he asked what was going on with the audit report and 2<sup>nd</sup> he asked why we are having the 2<sup>nd</sup> public at 9 a.m. in the morning. These are for the public and he feels nobody will be able to come at 9 a.m. He was advised by Commissioner Jones that there are people that cannot make the evening meetings and having at least one of the hearings during the day gives these citizens a chance to attend.

2. James Lewis, American Legion Post 536. Mr. Lewis asked if any progress has been made in finding their post a meeting facility. Chairman Heath advised that they currently do not have anything but they are not giving up on trying.

3. Ms. Amy Overstreet, Snow Hill. Ms. Overstreet spoke about the CDBG-DR grant program. She is very confused and frustrated with not getting any help from when they were flooded by Hurricane Matthew. She has spoken to Mr. Barnett of McDavid a couple of times and understands he is doing his best. She is not angry with the lack of communication between the county and the people effected by Hurricane Matthew. Mr. Barnett explained the different programs available and where we stand with each one. Ms. Overstreet asked Mr. Barnett to come monthly and give any updates for these programs. Also she is going to provide a list of people affected by this storm so they can be contacted to see if they have applied for any of these programs or if they want to apply.

## **F. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Becky Sutton, Collection Report and Order to Advertise. Ms. Sutton stated she is here to give her monthly collection report for January 2018 and give the report of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year that constitutes liens and real property. She is asking as the Collector for the Order to Advertise the tax liens.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Shackleford the Board voted unanimously to approve the Order to Advertise.

2. Becky Sutton, Board of Equalization and Review. Ms. Sutton is here set dates to convene the Board of Equalization and Review which can occur no earlier than the first Monday of April and no later than the first Monday in May, adjournment should be on or before the third Monday following its first meeting. Therefore she is suggesting to convene the Board of Equalization and Review April 16, 2018 and adjourn on May 7, 2018.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Blow the Board unanimously approved the dates for the Board of Equalization and Review.

3. Steve Hines, Increasing Voter Participation. Mr. Steve Hines presented an alternative to traditional voting in non-partisan elections that may increase voter turnout. Mr. Hines stated that the Elections Office will be holding to public forums for feedback on potential legislation that would allow municipalities and sanitary districts to choose an ALL MAIL OUT option for non-partisan elections. These forums are scheduled for Tuesday February 20, 2018 at 7 p.m. and Tuesday March 20, 2018 at 7 p.m.

## **G. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. County Manager DeHaven's first order of business was to present the appointment of a Candidate to the Nursing & Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee. Mr. Colby Smith of East Carolina Council has requested we appoint Mr. Derek Burress to this committee as he has completed the necessary training to be appointed.

On motion by Commissioner Blow and second by Commissioner Jones the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Derek Burress to the Nursing and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee.

2. Mr. DeHaven next presented a Budget Amendment for the Senior Center to appropriate funds for the Senior Games as approved at the last meeting. The amount of \$500.00 was appropriated to sponsor the senior games at the gold level.

On motion by Commissioner Blow and second by Commissioner Jones the Board voted unanimously to approve this Budget Amendment.

3. Mr. DeHaven then presented a Resolution to Purchase Elections Equipment that has been budgeted in the FY 17 – 18 Budget.

On motion by Commissioner Blow and second by Commissioner Jones the Board voted unanimously to approve this Resolution.

4. Mr. DeHaven the presented a Proclamation for FFA Week February 17 24. Mr. DeHaven read the Proclamation at the request of the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Shackelford the Board voted unanimously to approve the Proclamation.

5. Mr. DeHaven next presented the Golden Leaf Grant for Acceptance. Mr. DeHaven stated this grant is for the relocation of the county EOC and Communication Center. The grant was awarded December 7, 2017, the amount received is \$650,000 and the term of the grant is 48 months.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Shackelford the Board voted unanimously to approve acceptance of this grant.

## **H. County Attorneys Report and Recommendations**

Nothing

## **I. Commissioner's Report and Recommendations**

Commissioner Blow asked about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing in response to Mr. Mitchell – what is the reason for this and why is it scheduled for 9 a.m. on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. DeHaven explained that we are required to have 2 hearings, one for input (done tonight) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> for output of the application. Commissioner Blow asked if there is somewhere the American Legion Post 536 could secure their artifacts and such. Commissioner Jones stated that as soon as we secure a space for them they will be the first to know. Commissioner Blow stated he understands Ms. Overstreet's frustration and he feels for them and feels we need to do all we can even if we have to go door to door to advise people of all information received for the flood victims.

Commissioner Blizzard reminded all of the Chili Bowl competition to raise money for United Way on the 21<sup>st</sup> from 12 – 2 p.m. Commissioner Blizzard asked for an update on the audit status from Mr. DeHaven. Mr. DeHaven stated there is problem with a county account that the auditor is not comfortable with and the county is working to get this taken care per Commissioners request. Commissioner Blizzard also asked for an update on the EMS discussion that took place at the retreat. Mr. DeHaven stated that the county is working on securing possible land for the satellite EMS location as previously discussed and he was directed to persue. Commissioner Jones stated Friends of Library meets at City Club Thursday evening at 6 p.m. Commissioner Blizzard stated Greene County Cares is having a reverse drawing and she has tickets.

## **J. CLOSED SESSION – Land Acquisition & Personnel**

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

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

**K. ADJOURN**

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

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Bennie Heath, Chairman

Attest:

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Kyle J. DeHaven, Clerk to the Board