

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 18, 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.

B. Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Heath asked that we move item F1 to directly after the Consent Agenda.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Shackelford, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda with the moving of F1 to directly after the Consent Agenda.

C. Consent Agenda

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

- June 4, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Releases/Refunds
- Report of Taxes Collected
- Consideration of Late Application for Present Use Value
- 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)

Richard Alexander Harper	\$32.81				
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Releases: Ad Valorem Tax

Jimmy Lee Tyndall	\$16.42				
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F1. Sharon Harrison – Recognition of Service. Ms. Harrison recognized the service of Mr. Zeb Wade for his 10 years of service on the Community Advisory Committee for Long Term Care and Adult Homes.

D. PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed FY 18/19 Budget Ordinance

The hearing was opened by Chairman Heath. County Manager Kyle DeHaven presented the budget ordinance by highlighting the overall proposed budget. He asked if there were any questions. The Board had none and Chairman Heath opened the hearing to the floor for any questions/concerns from the audience. There was none.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Shackelford the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY 18/19 Budget.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Barbara A. Bryant, Bountiful Blessings of Snow Hill. Ms. Bryant and Ms. King of Bountiful Blessing stated that Bountiful Blessings House of Redemption are partnering with the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina to provide Kids Summer Meals. They will be located at St. John Church, 1432 Fort Run Rd, Snow Hill on Tuesdays and Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. distributing meals to all kids (18 and below) who need a hot meal. They are asking that we help get the word out. If you know of kids who can benefit of this program please call Ms. Bryant at 919-345-1285 with an approximate number of kids coming in advance so they can have enough food available.

F. PRESENTATIONS

2. Darius Shackelford; Lenoir/Greene Re-entry Council. Mr. Shackelford talked about the re-entry program. This is a team effort between Lenoir/Greene Counties. This program is to help released offenders reenter back into society. Mr. Victor Hinnant of Department of Commerce

spoke about his department's part in this program, such as help in finding employment and transportation for these individuals. Mr. Hinnant stated they have found linking counties with neighboring counties works best because they can share resources. Studies have been done that show former offenders are not getting jobs and such which leads them back to doing what they did to get them in prison in the first place. The inmates that are released have to go back to the communities in which their crimes were committed. This council is trying to help these individuals by getting them to use the resources that are already available but not used. Mr. Larry Dail the Area Administrator for Department of Corrections spoke next and he went over the number of inmates in the State of NC and what it cost to house the inmates per day and how many of the released inmates end up back in prison because they do not have the needed help to re-enter back into society. At this point the audience started asking a lot of questions and stated they feel the program is a good one but they do not want them living in their community. Commissioner Blow stated that this is good discussion and needs to take place but that this meeting is not the correct forum for such. He suggested to the Lenoir/Greene Re-entry Council to schedule a forum to be held locally for the concerned citizens of Greene County.

3. Mike Barnette; Housing Update. Mr. Barnette gave an update to the Commissioners regarding the programs related to Hurricane Matthew recovery efforts.

Program: 2017 Essentials Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool – Disaster Recovery (ESFRLP-DR)

Agency: NC Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA)

Source of Funds: NC Housing Trust Fund via State Appropriation

Activity Type: Housing Rehabilitation of moderately deteriorated houses up to the NCHFA Essentials Property Guidelines

Household income requirement: Household income cannot exceed 100% of median. Maximum Annual income levels for various household sizes are listed below. The latest available are 2017 HOME income limits. These will change when 2018 HOME income limits are available.

<u>Household size</u>	
1 person	\$36,000
2 person	\$41,200
3 person	\$46,300
4 person	\$51,400
5 person	\$55,600
6 person	\$59,700
7 person	\$63,800
8 person	\$67,900

Status: NCHFA has allocated all of the Agency’s 19 million allocation. NCHFA is adding applicants to waiting list for unutilized funds. Currently have 14 properties approved. Have evaluated and rejected 22 properties. Have 4 new houses processing new applications – if approved will be on waiting list.

General Notes:

1. Occupant must have ownership interest in property
2. Property must have an estimated \$5000 of damage from Hurricane Matthew, Tropical Storm Hermine and/ or Tropical Storm Julia
3. Assistance is in the form of an unsecured forgiven loan forgiven at a rate of \$5000 per year.
4. Repairs needed to bring real property up to meet the Essentials Property Guidelines cannot exceed \$40,000.
5. Repairs needed to bring personal property up to meet the Essentials Property Guidelines cannot exceed \$15,000.
6. Duplication of Benefits is based on FEMA housing assistance.

Program: 2018 Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)

Agency: NC Division of Emergency Management (NC DEM)

Source of Funds: Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Activity Type: Homeowners – All determined by
 Single family rehabilitation
 Single family reconstruction
 Mobile home repair
 Mobile home replacement
 Temporary rental assistance
 Housing repair reimbursement
 Flood Insurance Assistance

Senior Center Improvements

Household income requirement: Household income cannot exceed 80% of median. Maximum Annual income levels for various household sizes are listed below. The latest available are 2017 HOME income limits. These will change when 2018 HOME income limits are available.

Household size	
1 person	\$28,000
2 person	\$32,900
3 person	\$37,000
4 person	\$41,100
5 person	\$44,400
6 person	\$47,700
7 person	\$51,000
8 person	\$54,300

Status: DEM has approved the County’s request to allow the County to complete steps 6-8. DEM contractors will manage steps 1-5 which includes Salesforce input for intake, eligibility review, duplication of benefits review, inspection and environmental and award determination. The County intends to complete contract & bid work, construction, and re-occupation of the home.

The Senior Center repairs were initially included in the application to enhance scoring through having multiple activities and a partnership. Newly required pre-application information has been submitted to DEM.

The County has received an Amendment to the MOA which is currently under review. If the Board wants to eliminate improvements at the Senior Center, now is the time to make that decision.

General Notes:

1. The following units were submitted 2-2-18 for initial evaluation by NC DEM
 - Unfunded HMGP Elevation and Buyout Units
 - Approved ESFRLP-DR units which qualified

Program: 2018 Community Development Block Grant-Neighborhood Revitalization (CDBG-NR)

Agency: NC Department of Commerce (Commerce)

Source of Funds: Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Activity Type: Single Family Homeowner Reconstruction
Mobile Home Replacement

Household income requirement: Household income cannot exceed 80% of median. Maximum Annual income levels for various household sizes are listed below. The latest available are 2017 HOME income limits. These will change when 2018 HOME income limits are available.

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Status: The County has received a Notice of Funding for the County's \$750,000 application. The application process will involve a County-wide solicitation for applicants, ranking criteria, and a selection committee appointed by the Board. The program will target dilapidated housing units in need of replacement. The County expects a grant agreement in the next several weeks.

GENERAL COMMENTS & ACTIVITIES

1. I have met with Dianne Andrews of Interfaith. Ms. Andrews has graciously agreed to assist with securing applicants for the ESFRLP-DR program. The Outreach soft cost activity cost will be paid to Interfaith for each household the organization is able to qualify.
2. I plan to have an availability to answer housing questions on the morning of Thursday, June 21 2018 at the Recreation Building. The meeting advertisement was sent to the Standard Laconic to publish last week, posters and fliers have been posted at the County office, Senior Center, and possibly other locations.

Greene County Housing Programs Presentation June 18, 2018

Program: 2017 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
Funding Agency: NC Division of Emergency Management (NC DEM)
Source of Funds: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Activity Type: Housing Elevation and Housing Buyout
Household income requirements: None
Status: The County received notification June 14, 2018 the FEMA funding has been approved. The next step will be Grant Contracts sent to the County by the State to start the process.

Properties approved by NC DEM and submitted to FEMA for funding:

Buyout (at pre-flood values)

2557 Edwards Bridge Road
2960 Four Way Road
3633 Four Way Road
3832 Four Way Road
757 Loop Road
9453 Hwy 903 North
8394 US 258 West

Elevation

153 Beaman Old Creek Road
5176 Speight Bridge Road
5408 Speight Bridge Road
750 Loop Road
868 Loop Road
(one unit completed without HMGP funds)

General Notes: 33 other properties submitted to NC DEM for funding remain unfunded

The Housing Programs Helpline is 919-861-2886 and there is a Rebuild NC office in Wayne County at the corner of George & Spruce St. People can also go to rebuild.nc.gov to apply for help.

G. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. County Manager DeHaven's first order of business was to have the Board vote on a delegate for the Annual Conference in Hickory NC in August. Mr. DeHaven stated that normally the delegate is the Chairman, he asked the Board to please advise their wishes.

On motion by Commissioner Blow to appoint the Chairman and second by Commissioner Jones the Board voted unanimously to approve this appointment the Chairman as the voting delegate at the Annual Conference in Hickory NC.

2. Mr. DeHaven next updated the Board on County space available. He stated he has observed that the County is in need of space and has no permanent space to offer at this time.

H. County Attorneys Report and Recommendations

Working with County Manager on a few things.

I. Commissioner's Report and Recommendations

Commissioner Jones asked about broadband for the county, Mr. DeHaven stated he is working on that. Commissioner Blizzard asked Ms. Monty of the Standard Laconic to go take pictures of the Wellness Center project as ground is now being moved and also to take pictures of the Billy Beer progress at the Industrial Park as the building shell is up and moving along. Next meeting is June 27th at 7 p.m. at the Tech Center. Commissioner Blow thanked Ms. Bryant for all she is doing to take care of the area children. Boys and Girls Club at Intermediate School provide breakfast and lunch to the children per Commissioner Blow.

I. ADJOURN

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

Bennie Heath, Chairman

Attest:

Kyle J. DeHaven, Clerk to the Board