

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 4, 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 Shackelford gave the invocation and led the Pledge to the Flag.

B. Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Heath asked if there were any changes to the Agenda, if not could he get a motion to approve.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Blow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda.

C. Consent Agenda

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

- May 21, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Releases/Refunds

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

Refunds: (NCVTS) (TAX & TAG)

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| Mary Beth Smith | \$93.46 | Martha Hollowell Welch | \$88.66 | Anthony Johnson | \$5.95 |
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| Sandra Hardy Garner | \$5.65 | Thomas Wayne Hamilton, Jr. | \$2.84 | Norman's Installation Co. Inc. | \$20.03 |
| Estate of Levie McCree Lanier | \$12.77 | | | | |

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Amy Overstreet, Snow Hill. Ms. Overstreet was very upset as she had spoken to Mr. Mike Sprayberry. He advised her he could not locate any application for her for CDBG-DR. She stated she is very frustrated and upset and wants answers. She was told that this will be looked into further and she should expect a call.

2. James Lewis, American Legion Post 536. Mr. Lewis asked about the possibility of renting the current Parks and Recreation building once the new Wellness Center is built and the Parks and Recreation offices move into it? Mr. Lewis was advised that the current Parks and Recreation building is the County Tourism building and we cannot rent it out.

3. Fred Mitchell, Walstonburg. Mr. Mitchell asked what are the requirements for a department head and what constitutes a resident of the county. The county attorney advised there is no stipulation on the number of nights a resident of the county must stay in the county and that it is a state of mind. Mr. Mitchell said that he spoke to an attorney in Durham and he was told that there is stipulation to be considered a resident you have to stay so many nights a week at said residence for it to be considered a residence. Mr. Parker said if a person pays rent, taxes and votes in said county they are considered a resident. Mr. Mitchell asked if someone's contract with the county states they must reside in the county does that mean on a full time basis. Mr. Parker the county attorney said if Mr. Mitchell is referring to the County Managers contract this was discussed before and it was noted at that time that Mr. DeHaven meets the guidelines of his contract. Mr. Mitchell was also advised that the department heads are not required to live in the county but they must be within a 30 minute drive.

E. PRESENTATIONS

1. Jay Parris; 2016/2017 Audit Report. Mr. Parris presented the 2016/2017 Audit. He stated the county had findings but overall the County is financially sound. The board was asked to approve the audit as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Shackelford the Board voted unanimously to accept the 2016/2017 Audit.

2. Sharon Edmundson; LGC. Ms. Edmundson concurred with Mr. Parris and said the county is financially sound and working in the right direction to correct most of these findings. There are some findings that will probably never go away and encouraged the county to continue working with the CPA firm we currently have helping us.

F. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. County Manager DeHaven's first order of business was to present a request to fill a vacancy on the Greene County Public Housing Agency Board. This position was advertised for two consecutive weeks and received one application. Mr. DeHaven recommended the appointment of the applicant Trudy Hardy.

On motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Blow the Board voted unanimously to approve this appointment to the Greene County Public Housing Agency Board.

2. Mr. DeHaven next presented a contract for the 2017/2018 Audit from Barrow, Parris and Davenport, P.A. Mr. DeHaven stated that the contract is the same as the previous year.

On motion by Commissioner Blow and second by Commissioner Jones the Board voted unanimously to accept this Audit Contract for 2017/2018.

Mr. DeHaven presented the Commissioner's with the 2018/2019 Budget and is requesting 2 budget workshop meetings and also is requesting to set a Public Hearing for the Budget Ordinance at the next meeting. The Commissioners asked that the first meeting be Thursday June 7th @ 6:30 p.m. and second meeting June 12th @ 10 a.m. with both meetings to be held at the Parks and Recreation Building.

Commissioner Jones brought a motion to have the Public Hearing for the Budget Ordinance at the next Commissioners Meeting on June 18th and Commissioner Blow seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve this Public Hearing date.

H. County Attorneys Report and Recommendations

None

I. Commissioner's Report and Recommendations

Commissioner Jones requested a meeting of the County Manager and Chairman Heath to visit the Landfill Convenience sites to see if they are in need of upgrades. Commissioner Blizzard reminded all about the Elder Abuse Awareness walk on June 15th at 11 a.m. Commissioner Blow stated he has concerns about Ms. Overstreet concerns and he is asking the County Manager to look into this further. Commissioner Blow is also asking the County Manager to look into misuse of county buildings and finding something for this American Legion Post. Commissioner Blizzard reminded all of a meeting at the Wayne County Community College at the Maxwell Center to listen to Mr. Sprayberry on June 14th 6 – 8 p.m. about relief funds for

hurricane/flooding. Commissioner Blow also asked that the county attorney provide documentation at the next meeting about the County Manager and Department Heads living in the county.

I. ADJOURN

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

Bennie Heath, Chairman

Attest:

Kyle J. DeHaven, Clerk to the Board