

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Greene County Office Complex. Present for the meeting were Chairman Denny Garner and Commissioners Jack Edmondson, Bennie Heath and James Shackelford. County Manager Don Davenport and County Attorney E.B. Borden Parker were also present. Vice-Chairman Jerry Jones was unable to attend the meeting.

The Chairman called the meeting to order. Commissioner Heath gave the invocation and led the pledge to the flag.

On motion by Commissioner Edmondson, seconded by Commissioner Shackelford the Board voted unanimously to approve the amended agenda as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Heath, seconded by Commissioner Edmondson the Board voted unanimously to approve the following items from the consent agenda.

**April 19, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes
Consideration of Late Application for Present Use Value – Ms. Mary Slater**

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Economic Development	\$3,000.00	Surplus tax revenues to pay for Cutter Creek sewer debt as agreed on in infrastructure financing agreement dated 4/17/2008.
Utility Fund	\$411,101.00	Transfer funds from Tax Revenues collected from Cutter Creek Tax Base as agreed on in infrastructure financing agreement dated 4/2008.
Sheriff	\$5,757.00	For purchase of software to support MDT's miscellaneous income is from insurance proceeds from vehicle damage.
Health Department	\$15,824.00	Grant received from BCBS of NC Foundation for the Wii Can Grow Project, monies raised from yard sale for Health Greene & additional state funding for Eastern Baby Love Plus Program.

**Older Americans Month
May 2010
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Greene is a County in which over 3,500 citizens age 55 and over make their home; and

WHEREAS, older adults in Greene County and throughout the nation are an increasing population with evolving needs; and

WHEREAS, older Americans are valuable members of our society who enhance our communities and personal lives; and

WHEREAS, the increasing number of baby boomers reaching traditional retirement age highlights the need for increased support of older adults; and

WHEREAS, our older citizens of today and tomorrow promise to be among the most active and involved older adult populations in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of this and all U.S. communities to work collaboratively to address older adults' unique health and long-term care challenges; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial that communities modernize systems of care to help empower older Americans and give them more control over their own lives; and

WHEREAS, communities can improve older citizens' overall quality of life by helping them:

Make behavioral changes in their lifestyles that can reduce the risk of disease, disability, and injury;

Obtain the tools they need to make informed decisions about, and gain better access to, existing health and long-term care options in their communities;

Have more options to avoid placement in nursing homes and remain at home as long as possible.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Greene County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim May 2010 to be Older Americans Month and urge everyone to take time this May to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and citizens who care for them. Our efforts can improve the lives of our older citizens and help pave the way for future generations.

Adopted this the 3rd day of May, 2010.

ATTEST:

/s/ Don Davenport
Clerk to the Board

/s/ Denny Garner
Chairman

The Chairman opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding the County's proposal to obtain financing from USDA, Rural Development for the purpose of constructing a new intermediate school. In order to secure these funds to accomplish the purpose of the County, all of the real estate improvements associated with the improvements of the new facility will be given as security.

Being there were no public comments, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Sharon Ginn reviewed activities for the museum since opening seven years ago.

Being there were no further comments the Chairman closed the public comment section.

Mr. Greg Hoover, SE District Director for Cooperative Extension introduced Ms. Shenile Ford as the new County Extension Director. Her term will take effect as of May 17, 2010.

Ms. Shawna Wooten, Finance Officer reviewed the Beacon Center fiscal monitoring report for the period ending March 31, 2010.

Mr. Chris Roberson, Assistant County Manager presented information concerning a farmland preservation plan. The NC Eastern Region (NCER) has received tentative approval from the Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund (ADFP) to complete a farmland preservation plan for the County. As part of the tentative approval, ADFP requests that each county included in the grant request a signed letter giving NCER authority to act on behalf of the County and their intention to adopt the plan once submitted by NCER.

On motion by Commissioner Edmondson, seconded by Commissioner Heath the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter giving NCER authority to act on behalf of the County and the County's intention to adopt the plan once submitted by NCER.

Mr. Roberson advised that Mr. Buzz Shackelford is interested in developing a business park adjacent to Cutter Creek. Plan are to make approximately 50 acres available for small business development. Mr. Shackelford has requested that the County assist him in preparing the site for development and assist him in marketing the site. It is recommended that a master plan (conceptual layout) be developed for the site and the estimated cost would be around \$50 per acre.

On motion by Commissioner Heath, seconded by Commissioner Edmondson the Board voted unanimously to authorize the submittal of an NC Eastern Region grant to assist in preparing a master plan for the new business park.

County Manager Don Davenport asked that a public hearing be set for May 17, 2010 to receive public comment regarding a loan and/or grant for the Phase 1G Water System Improvements.

On motion by Commissioner Shackelford, seconded by Commissioner Heath the Board voted unanimously to set the public hearing for May 17, 2010 at 7:00 pm for the Phase 1G Water System Improvements.

Mr. Davenport presented a draft lease regarding the leasing of the recreation complex to the NC Sweet Potato Festival. The County Attorney has reviewed and approved the document.

On motion by Commissioner Edmondson, seconded by Commissioner Heath the Board voted unanimously to approve the leasing of the recreation complex to the NC Sweet Potato Festival.

Mr. Davenport advised that he and Trey Taylor have met with Judge Paul Jones and feel that the concerns expressed in his letter dated April 29, 2010 have been resolved.

On motion by Commissioner Heath, seconded by Commissioner Edmondson the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.