

February 3, 2026
County of Greene, Virginia

THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MET ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026, BEGINNING AT 4:30 P.M. IN PERSON IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MEETING ROOM

Present were: Steve Catalano, Chair
Tim Goolsby, Vice Chair
Davis Lamb, Member
Matthew Hartung, Member

Staff present: Cathy Schafrik, County Administrator
Terry Beigie, Deputy Clerk/Grant Writer
Melissa Meador, Director of Emergency Services
Kelley Kemp, County Attorney
Jim Frydl, Director of Planning and Zoning
Daniel Chipman, Director of Finance
Cooper Lane, Senior Financial Analyst
James Howard, Director of Social Services
Thomas Hutka, Director of Water and Sewer

RE: BUDGET PRIORITIES WORKSHOP

Ms. Schafrik presented an overview of the Fiscal Year 2027 budgeting process, highlighting challenges in the creation of the budget, reduced state funding for the Children's Services Act, and the Local Composite Index changes that could result in an ask from the school division that is between \$2 million and \$3 million higher than Fiscal Year 2026.

Ms. Schafrik explained how the past two fiscal years' budgets were balanced, including tax cuts that were enacted in each of those years. She reminded the Board of the priorities set out during a retreat in October 2024 of infrastructure, rural preservation, and economic development. She discussed the progress made in infrastructure projects including the transfer station, courthouse and county operation spaces as well as the beginning of the water project. Mr. Catalano said those Board priorities were not necessarily the financial priorities of the Board but motivational factors for decisions.

Ms. Schafrik discussed the increase in tax relief that County has seen based on state laws and emphasized the importance of balancing budget priorities with available resources. She discussed position requests from various departments and their potential impact on the general fund. She highlighted requested capital projects and the potential costs for those as well.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh discussed the changes to the state's funding formula noting the schools are being given less money for more students.

Mr. Catalano said the taxpayers cannot take on much more of the burden and the Board will have to go through the numbers and prioritize unfunded mandates, raises for employees, a few essential positions, and limited capital improvements.

Ms. Schafrik asked for additional feedback regarding capital projects but was not seeking any decisions at this time as she builds her budget to present to the Board next month.

RE: CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Kemp read the proposed resolution for Closed Meeting.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Greene County desires to discuss in Closed Meeting the following matter(s):

- Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body concerning the resignation of the at-large member of the Board of Supervisors.
- Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body.
- Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

WHEREAS, pursuant to: §2.2-3711(A)(1), (A)(3), and (A)(7) of the Code of Virginia, such discussions may occur in Closed Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Greene County does hereby authorize discussion of the aforesated matters in Closed Meeting.

Upon motion by Davis Lamb, second by Tim Goolsby and unanimous roll call vote, the Board entered into Closed Meeting.

Recorded vote:	Steve Catalano	-	Yes
	Tim Goolsby	-	Yes
	Matthew Hartung	-	absent
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: OPEN MEETING

Upon motion by Davis Lamb, second by Tim Goolsby and unanimous roll call vote, the Board returned to open meeting.

Recorded vote:	Steve Catalano	-	Yes
	Tim Goolsby	-	Yes
	Matthew Hartung	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.

By unanimous roll call vote, members certified that only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirement and only such matters as identified by the motion to enter into closed meeting were discussed.

Recorded vote:	Steve Catalano	-	Yes
	Tim Goolsby	-	Yes
	Matthew Hartung	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

RE: WRIT OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Upon motion by Matthew Hartung, second by Davis Lamb and unanimous roll call vote, the Board directed the County Attorney to file a Writ of Special Election to be held Nov. 3, 2026, for the At-Large Supervisor position.

Recorded vote:	Steve Catalano	-	Yes
	Tim Goolsby	-	Yes
	Matthew Hartung	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Chair opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

RE: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Tim Goolsby, second by Matthew Hartung and unanimous roll call vote, the agenda was adopted as presented.

Recorded vote:	Steve Catalano	-	Yes
	Tim Goolsby	-	Yes
	Matthew Hartung	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no speakers for Matters From the Public.

RE: ROBERT AND DEBRA PERINA REQUEST THAT AN APPROXIMATELY 81.51-ACRE PARCEL, IDENTIFIED ON COUNTY TAX MAPS AS PARCEL 59-(A)-77, LOCATED AT 200 WELSH RUN ROAD AND ZONED A-1 (AGRICULTURAL), BE INCLUDED IN THE JAMES AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTAL DISTRICT (AFD#25-001)

Mr. Frydl discussed the request for Robert and Debra Perina to put their approximately 81.51-acre property into the James Agricultural and Forestal District for conservation. The Agricultural and Forestal District Committee recommended approval of the parcel's inclusion in the James Agricultural and Forestal District at its November 17, 2025, meeting. The Planning Commission recommended approval at its December 17, 2025, meeting.

Robert Perina said the pair loves the rural nature of Greene County and wants to do their part to keep it that way.

The Chair opened the public hearing. No one signed up to speak.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

Mr. Goolsby said he thought it was a great service to the County to keep the land rural.

Upon motion by Matthew Hartung, second by Davis Lamb and unanimous roll call vote, the resolution (Attachment "B").

Recorded vote:	Steve Catalano	-	Yes
	Tim Goolsby	-	Yes
	Matthew Hartung	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: WATER PROJECT MONTHLY UPDATE

Mr. Herb White of WW Associates presented a monthly progress report on the water projects in Greene County. Mr. White said the Reservoir Project is broken down into five phases. The first phase was the access road, and it was completed. Division Two is the raw water line. The project was awarded to Commonwealth Excavating and there was a pre-construction meeting on January 14, 2026. He is acquiring permits with the County and the state so that construction can begin. The Third Division is the raw water pump station at the existing water plant site. The chosen contractor is English Construction, and a pre-construction meeting was also held with them on January 14, 2026. Mr. White said the County has notified the Army Corps of Engineers about the work in Rapidan. DEQ asked for proof of stream credit purchases and Mr. White provided that to them, so they are up to date with their records. Division Four is the reservoir project at large and work is under way to update the drawings to lower the dam six feet. Once they are done with that work, it will be submitted to the Department of Conservation and Recreation for its re-approval. The final division is the water treatment plant, which is also being redesigned at this time. The changes will need to be submitted to the Health Department for re-approval. Additionally, Mr. White submitted Well Number Two to the Health Department last month and got approval for that.

RE: SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK UPDATE

Mr. Tracy Stakely, Superintendent of Shenandoah National Park, presented an update on park operations, staffing, and upcoming projects, including the Meadow Run restoration project and the selection of a new concession operator. The importance of maintaining vistas and addressing infrastructure needs is highlighted, with a focus on collaboration with local communities.

RE: FY 2025 AUDIT

Mr. Matt McLearn of Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates, presented the results of the Fiscal Year 2025 audit. Mr. McLearn outlined the responsibilities of the County in providing records and maintaining internal controls and accounting systems. He explained the importance of testing controls, documents, and compliance, and applying these tests to the financial statements. He said there were no difficulties encountered during the audit. Mr. McLearn said the auditor's report on page 6 provided an unmodified or "clean" opinion, indicating that the financial statements were presented fairly. He said the total fund balance in the General Fund was \$32 million, with \$18.5 million considered unassigned. Mr. McLearn reviewed the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance, showing an increase in the general fund balance of \$738,000 for year ended June 30, 2025. Water and sewer activities in the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund were presented on a full accrual basis with a change in net position of \$3.3 million.

The Chair thanked the auditors and staff for their work on the audit.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Tim Goolsby, second by Davis Lamb and unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

- a. Minutes of previous meeting
- c. Approval of the annual Local Government Agreement between the Blue Ridge Health District and Board of Supervisors
- d. Appropriate \$16,294.00 in opioid settlement funds to the Department of Social Services for several projects
- e. Accept and appropriate \$125,000.00 in state and local funds for the creation of a countywide flooding resilience plan
- f. Resolution to declare a local emergency due to winter weather January 24-January 26, 2026

Recorded vote:	Steve Catalano	-	Yes
	Tim Goolsby	-	Yes
	Matthew Hartung	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Lamb reported he had to miss the Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District Committee meeting. Mr. Hartung discussed the School Board meeting of Jan. 28, 2026, he attended and the fact that the Local Composite Index was changing.

RE: MONTHLY REPORTS

No one had questions regarding monthly reports.

RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Ms. Schafrik thanked the community and staff for their responsiveness and cooperation during the recent snow and ice storm, highlighting the efforts of emergency services, law enforcement, and other staff. She told the Board there was a water main break on Main Street in Stanardsville immediately after the storm and during frigid temperatures, that was controlled and fixed within four hours, avoiding a boil water notice for residents.

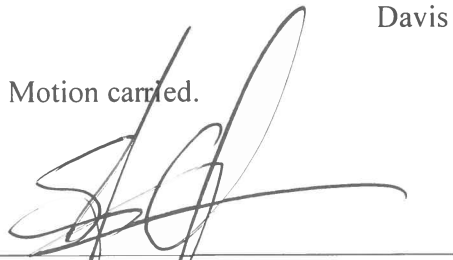
RE: ADJOURN

Upon motion by Tim Goolsby, second by Davis Lamb and unanimous roll call vote, the Board meeting was adjourned.

Recorded vote:

Steve Catalano	-	Yes
Tim Goolsby	-	Yes
Matthew Hartung	-	Yes
Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.



Steve Catalano, Chair
Greene County Board of Supervisors



Cathy Schafrik, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors

GREENE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-011

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADDITION OF APPROXIMATELY 81 ACRES (TAX PARCEL 59-A-77) INTO THE JAMES RIVER AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTAL DISTRICT (AFD #25-001)

WHEREAS, Sections 15.2-1427 and 15.2-1433 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as may be amended from time to time, enable a local governing body to adopt resolutions for the governance of the county; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Code of Virginia § 15.2-4300 et seq., and the Greene County Agricultural and Forestal District Ordinance, the County may create and add land to agricultural and forestal districts to conserve and protect agricultural and forestal lands from conversion to more intensive uses; and

WHEREAS, an application (AFD #25-001) was duly submitted for the addition of approximately 81 acres, identified as Tax Parcel 59-A-77 and located at 200 Welsh Run Road (the "Property"), into the existing James River Agricultural and Forestal District; and

WHEREAS, the Greene County Agricultural and Forestal District Committee, following its review and a public meeting held on November 17, 2025, found the application to be consistent with the criteria for evaluation and recommended approval of the addition to the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Greene County Planning Commission, following its review and a public hearing held on December 17, 2025, found the application to be consistent with the criteria for evaluation and recommended approval of the addition to the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Greene County Board of Supervisors caused to be published a notice of public hearing on this matter in The Greene Journal on January 15, 2026, and January 22, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing originally scheduled for January 27, 2026, was postponed due to weather conditions to February 3, 2026, in accordance with Section 2-1.C of the Greene County Board of Supervisors Bylaws (adopted 1/13/2026), and notice of the postponement was posted on the Greene County website in accordance with applicable public notice requirements.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has considered the application, the recommendation of the Agricultural and Forestal District Committee and the Planning Commission, and the criteria for evaluation as set forth in § 15.2-4306 of the Code of Virginia, including the agricultural and forestal significance of the land, local developmental patterns, and the County's comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that the addition of the Property to the James River Agricultural and Forestal District serves the public interest by helping to preserve the rural character, agricultural viability, and forestal resources of Greene County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF GREENE THAT:**

Section 1. Approval of Addition

The addition of approximately 81 acres, identified as Tax Parcel 59-A-77, located at 200 Welsh Run Road, into the James River Agricultural and Forestal District (AFD #25-001) is hereby approved, based on the finding that the Property meets the requirements of § 15.2-4300 et seq. of the Code of Virginia and the Greene County Agricultural and Forestal District Ordinance.

Section 2. Authorization for Implementation

The County Administrator and the Planning Director are hereby authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to effectuate this addition, including but not limited to, updating the official Agricultural and Forestal District maps and records for Greene County.

Section 3. Effective Date

This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

ADOPTED BY THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON FEBRUARY 3, 2026.

Motion: Matthew Hartung

Second: Davis Lamb

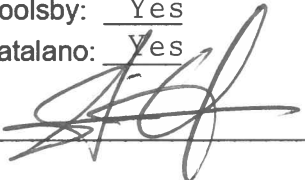
Votes:

Hartung: Yes

Lamb: Yes

Goolsby: Yes

Catalano: Yes



Steve Catalano, Chair

Greene County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Cathy Schafrik, Clerk

Greene County Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE SIXTEEN THOUSAND TWO
HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR DOLLARS IN OPIOID
SETTLEMENT FUNDS FOR SEVERAL PROJECTS WITHIN
THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Greene County Department of Social Services needs to purchase improved drug testing equipment, camera and microphone equipment, and chairs for its conference room to host its Family Partnership Meetings; and

WHEREAS, the County of Greene received direct disbursements from opioid settlement agreements since 2022; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of sixteen thousand two hundred ninety-four dollars (\$16,294.00) need to be appropriated from opioid settlement funds in the 2026-2027 budget of the County of Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Greene, Virginia that sixteen thousand two hundred ninety-four dollars (\$16,294.00) in opioid settlement funds be appropriated to the 2026-2027 budget of the County of Greene, Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator of the County of Greene, Virginia is authorized to make the appropriate accounting adjustments in the budget to do all things necessary to give this resolution effect.

Adopted this 3rd day of February, 2026.

Motion: Tim Goolsby

Second: Davis Lamb

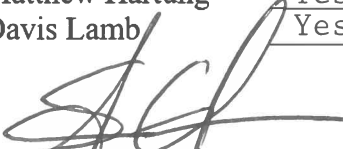
Recorded Vote:

Steve Catalano Yes

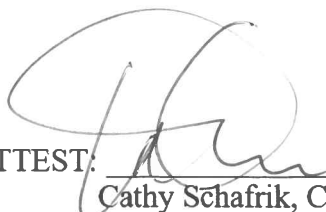
Tim Goolsby Yes

Matthew Hartung Yes

Davis Lamb Yes



Steve Catalano, Chair
Greene County Board of Supervisors


ATTEST: _____
Cathy Schafrik, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

WHEREAS, the County of Greene has received funding from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation for the creation of a countywide resilience plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors approved the submission of the application, which requires a 25% match in funding at its September 23, 2025, meeting; and

WHEREAS, the County may use staff time for the matching amount of thirty-one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$31,250.00); and

WHEREAS, the County has been awarded ninety-three thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$93,750.00) from the Community Flood Preparedness Fund's Round 6; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) need to be accepted and appropriated to the correct line item in the 2025-2026 budget of the County of Greene, Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Greene, Virginia that one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) be appropriated to the 2025-2025 budget of the County of Greene.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator of the County of Greene, Virginia is authorized to make the appropriate accounting adjustments in the budget to all things necessary to give his resolution effect.

Adopted this 3rd day of February, 2026.

Motion: Tim Goolsby

Second: Davis Lamb

Recorded Vote:

Steve Catalano Yes

Tim Goolsby Yes

Matthew Hartung Yes

Davis Lamb Yes



Steve Catalano, Chair
Greene County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Cathy Schafrik, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION FOR THE DECLARATION
OF A
LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Greene, Virginia does hereby find that:

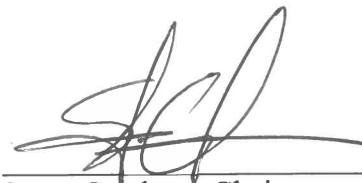
1. Due to the occurrence of severe winter weather, the County of Greene is facing a condition of peril to the lives, safety, and property of the residents of Greene County.
2. As a result of this peril, the proclamation of the existence of an emergency is necessary to permit the full powers of government to deal effectively with this condition of peril as of 1200 hours on the 22nd day of January 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Greene, Virginia, that a local emergency now exists throughout the County of Greene; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Management and the Emergency Management organization and functions of the County of Greene shall be those prescribed by state law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the County of Greene to mitigate the effects of said emergency.

To carry out the effect of this resolution, a sum of money, not to exceed \$10,000, is hereby appropriated from the county's unappropriated fund balance to cover the reasonable operational cost of Emergency Management pending further report to this Board and such additional appropriations as shall be deemed necessary to cover the expected scope of this emergency.

Affirmed and adopted this 3rd day of February 2026 due to the emergency conditions caused by the winter weather, January 24th through January 26th, 2026.



Steve Catalano, Chairperson
Greene County Board of Supervisors

Attest:



Cathy Schafrik, County Administrator