

December 12, 2023

County of Greene, Virginia

THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MET ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023, BEGINNING AT 4:30 P.M. IN PERSON IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MEETING ROOM

Present were: Dale Herring, Chair
Marie Durrer, Vice Chair
Steve Bowman, Member
Davis Lamb, Member
Steve Catalano, Member

Staff present: Cathy Schafrik, County Administrator
Jim Frydl, Director of Planning & Zoning
Kim Morris, Deputy Clerk
Kelley Kemp, County Attorney

RE: COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE PRESENTATION

Ms. Kim Tate was present to answer any questions that the Board had regarding her office. She stated that the Commissioner of Revenue is a state constitutional officer as set forth in the Constitution of Virginia and is a chief assessing officer of the local government. The commissioner is responsible for maintaining real estate ownership records, administering the land use program and tax relief for the elderly and disabled program, assessing all personal property and the qualifying vehicles entitled to the personal property tax relief act and overseeing the filing process of the Virginia State income tax of Greene County residents.

The mission of the Office of the Commissioner the Revenue is to serve the citizens of Greene County, by fairly and equitably identifying and assessing all sources of revenue which the county is entitled, according to the laws of the State of Virginia and the County of Greene, providing taxpayers with accurate and useful information concerning revenue assessments, assisting taxpayers and the participation of tax reduction programs, providing an accurate and useful information from which county officials can make decisions in the best interest of the citizens of Greene County and offering friendly, fair and efficient service to our citizens and striving to improve our procedures to benefit the taxpayers.

The Commissioner of the Revenue's office is regulated by the State Code of Virginia and is responsible for upholding the Constitution of the laws of Virginia. Ms. Tate said that when she was sworn in as Interim Commissioner of Revenue in May of 2022, she took an oath to discharge all the duties incumbent faithfully and impartially upon her as Commissioner of the Revenue of

Greene County, and she has continued to follow that oath after being elected in November of 2022 and again this past November.

Ms. Tate and the Board discussed Land Use and the fact that she is following the County Ordinance which requires revalidation of land use each year. She said that revalidation forms were mailed out in September along with a notice of explanation. She said that this was also emailed to the Board. They mailed 943 and 665 qualifying forms have been received back. She said that she would like the Board to look at revalidating every two years versus every year on a non-assessment year. Ms. Tate said that 2024 is an assessment year and said that it should be a full assessment. She also asked that the fees be looked at because the way they are currently written, the County is going in the hole. Mr. Herring asked her to check the fees of surrounding localities and email the County Administrator the findings so she can relay them back to the Board during that ordinance change. Mr. Lamb asked about land in conservation easements and Ms. Tate said that automatically qualifies them for land use. Mr. Catalano said the animal unit definition is a tricky one and asked if there was a way to simplify it. Ms. Tate said that was the State Code. Mr. Catalano said that the concern coming from the Farm Bureau board was that the County was involved in management decisions of the farmer. He said that a comprehensive review of that code will be very important. Mr. Herring asked that Ms. Tate and Ms. Schafrik get the ordinances from other localities since we have not gone through this process in the past 30 plus years. Ms. Tate said that the revalidation/ qualification forms must be issued by September and they're due back November 2nd. They discussed that the form required that if you were qualifying for the first time, that you had been farming for the 5 years prior. Mr. Catalano said that an interpretation from a Farm Bureau lobbyist is for 3 years. He also discussed cedar trees and Christmas tree farms. They discussed how compliance was investigated. Ms. Tate said that she would visit the property and the property owner would be notified. It is a complaint driven process, other than the qualification. Mr. Catalano said that he would like to see a workgroup set up.

They discussed business licenses. Ms. Tate said that the County Ordinance, as well as the Code of Virginia state that business licenses shall be based on gross receipts. She said that the question was asked as to why should a Greene County based contractor who pays business license tax and another locality for job, then have to pay a tax to green at the end of the year on the same gross revenue it was already taxed on. They do not. The county-based contractor would bring documentation from the other locality or localities indicating the gross receipts claimed there. And adjustments would be made to our license bases accordingly, we do not double tax. Ms. Tate said that, to-date for 2023, they have issued 11,197 business licenses that have added around \$821,000 to County revenue.

They discussed the State code that allows them to retroactively adjust people's bills. Ms. Tate said that State Code 58.1-3903 states if any local tax has not been assessed, for any year of the three preceding tax years, the Commissioner of the Revenue shall list and assess the same with taxes at the rate or rates prescribed for that year.

They discussed personal property tax and how it's assessed. Ms. Tate said that, for an older vehicle to go up in value, pretty much only happened last year due to covid. On a normal year, used car values decrease in value. She said that values did go down this year, but they have not

seen the values yet. They will not see them until the latter part of February. Mr. Lamb questioned how mobile homes are taxed. Ms. Tate said they are taxed as real estate. Mr. Catalano said that we have been tone deaf on this subject. He said that the values are not truly representative of the value. Mr. Herring said that people have not been made to follow the rules for the last 30 years and covid hit and everything was way overinflated so people may see a drop in their personal property. Mr. Catalano said that he feels we have been capitalizing on a bad situation.

Mr. Herring said that he feels that this should become an annual workshop going forward as it has been very beneficial. He asked Ms. Tate to provide some information on the personal property numbers as early as possible so that the Board can use that information to decide on a tax rate. He thanked Ms. Tate for her time.

RE: 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 Jefferson Area Board for Aging, the Planning Commission and the County Administrator.
- 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.
- Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by the public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by counsel in regard to the Department of Environmental Quality.

WHEREAS, pursuant to: §2.2-3711(A)(1), (A)(3) and (A)(8) 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 Marie Durrer, second by Davis Lamb and unanimous roll call vote, the Board entered into Closed Meeting.

Recorded vote:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	Steve Catalano	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: OPEN MEETING

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

Recorded vote:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	Steve Catalano	-	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:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	Steve Catalano	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: APPOINTMENT OF SUE ELLEN BREEDEN TO THE JABA ADVISORY COUNCIL

Upon motion by Marie Durrer, second by Davis Lamb and unanimous roll call vote, the Board appointed Sue Ellen Breedon to the JABA Advisory Council for a 2-year term which will expire on January 31, 2026.

Recorded vote:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	Steve Catalano	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: APPOINTMENT OF DAVID MATERVICH TO THE

Upon motion by Steve Bowman, second by Davis Lamb and unanimous roll call vote, the Board appointed David Mastervich to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term which will expire on December 31, 2028.

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

Mr. Bowman requested the removal of 12. d. from the consent agenda to be discussed separately.

Upon motion by Steve Bowman, second by Marie Durrer and unanimous roll call vote, the agenda was adopted as amended.

Recorded vote:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	Steve Catalano	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Durrer said that she wanted to recognize the outgoing Board members and share some of their accomplishments. She said that Mr. Herring has served on the Board for 8 years and that he wanted to emphasize that the Board has worked together with a dedicated staff for many important events such as the new EMS department and their new building being built. Dale has overseen the progress on the Broadband project, the collaboration and cooperation with Constitutional Officers, the Covid pandemic and learning how to navigate local government during those times. He has helped to increase transparency with streamed and recorded meetings and has worked on the Strategic Plan. Mr. Bowman was happy to work on many important projects and help the county to prepare for emergencies with tabletop exercises and the coordination with the amateur radio group. He noted that he worked with the new EMS department and building, helped to improve the coordination and collaboration with Constitutional Officers, worked through the pandemic and the RSA transition to the Greene County Water and Sewer Department.

Mr. Herring said that it has been a pleasure working with everyone and that he appreciates the opportunity to serve the community with a dedicated professional staff.

Mr. Bowman said that he wanted to thank the residents and the voters of the Monroe district for voting for him. He said that he has a strong dedication to public safety and that he has been proud to be able to serve.

Ms. Durrer presented Mr. Herring and Mr. Bowman with a certificate of appreciation for their service.

RE: MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Peter Benson was present to share that he was discouraged by the water and sewer billing process and had questions about the reservoir project.

Mr. Kevin Kelley was present to compliment the Water and Sewer staff for the timely repairs to the water lines.

Mr. James Henshaw was present to say that he wants to see a monthly report on the water system.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM JOSEPH AND SHARON BORK FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A CHILDCARE CENTER LOCATED AT 181 MORNING GLORY ROAD

Mr. Frydl explained the request from Joseph and Sharon Bork for a special use permit for a childcare center in their home. He said that Ms. Bork would like to expand her current childcare center to receive licensure for no more than 12 children through the Department of Education. The facility is currently serviced by public water and private sewers. Ms. Bork has hired an engineer to complete an existing system review for the septic system, as VDH requires. To help minimize the traffic impacts to the residential neighborhood in the morning and evening, a condition has been placed to limit the number of children, outside their family, to 12. At the November 15, 2023, public hearing, the Planning Commission recommended approval (4-0) with conditions.

Ms. Bork explained that she was trying to go from being voluntarily registered to licensed. She shared some of the inspection information and rules and guidelines for childcare facilities.

The public hearing was opened and closed with no comments.

Upon motion by Steve Bowman, second by Davis Lamb and unanimous roll call vote, the Board granted the Special Use Permit as presented with conditions. (See Attachment "A")

Recorded vote:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	Steve Catalano	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING TO RATIFY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROHIBIT OPEN FIRES AND/OR BURING DURING A BAN PERIOD AS DETERMINED BY THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Ms. Kemp said that the Board must ratify the emergency ordinance that was passed during the meeting on November 14, 2023, due to the drought conditions in the County.

The public hearing was opened.

Mr. James Henshaw was present to say that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors or the State Forestry Department should be the one who decides the need for a burn ban.

The public hearing was closed.

Mr. Herring said that the Emergency Services Director works with the County Administrator and follows the guidelines set forth by the State Forestry Department and closely monitors what other localities are doing.

Mr. Bowman said that the Emergency Services Director maintains a close liaison with the National Weather Service and the State EOC and the State Forestry Department.

Mr. Catalano said that he agrees with the previous comments but is concerned that the State did not step in to declare an emergency when most localities were affected. He feels that we should send letters to the State to see why this was the case. Ms. Meador said that she repeatedly asked this question and was told that the Eastern Shore was not having any problems and that state personnel were tied up with so many wildfires across the state, so they would not issue a statewide burn ban.

Upon motion by Steve Bowman, second by Davis Lamb and unanimous roll call vote, the Board ratified.

Recorded vote:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	Steve Catalano	-	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Bowman asked that the Board direct the County Administrator to write a letter to the appropriate people at the State Forestry Department and the Governor's Office to articulate the issues that Mr. Catalano just spoke of and to use Ms. Meador's input. Mr. Herring said that he would go one step further and reach out to other localities Administrators and ask them to co-sign the letter.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE BUDGET TO ADJUST THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT TO BE APPROPRIATED DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FOR AN APPROPRIATION WHICH IS IN EXCESS OF ONE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL EXPENDITURES SHOWN ON THE CURRENT ADOPTED BUDGET WITH A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,628,291.69 IN CARRYOVER FUNDS

Mr. Chipman explained that a request like this one to carry over funds happens yearly at the end of each fiscal year. These are monies that are put into capital projects or grant funds that have not been spent, so we move those funds forward for use in the new fiscal year. He said that it is important to note that these funds have been reviewed by audit staff as well.

The public hearing was opened.

Mr. James Henshaw said that he had not meant to sign up for this specific public hearing.

The public hearing was closed.

Mr. Lamb asked if the reservoir access road was the one coming off of Route 609 or Dairy Road. Mr. Frydl said that it was Vista Heights Road.

Mr. Catalano said that none of this allocation is new cash from the general fund that subsidizes an already approved budget and that it is simply carryover funds that just pass to this budget year because they weren't spent last year.

Mr. Herring said that he was going to make that comment as well because there have been some misconceptions about the outgoing members trying to pass through something to the taxpayers and that is not accurate. This is housekeeping that happens every year.

Upon motion by Davis Lamb, second by Steve Bowman and unanimous roll call vote, the Board amended the budget as presented. (See Attachment "B")

Recorded vote:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	Steve Catalano	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE BUDGET TO ADJUST THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT TO BE APPROPRIATED DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FOR AN APPROPRIATION WHICH IS IN EXCESS OF ONE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL EXPENDITURES SHOWN ON THE CURRENT ADOPTED BUDGET WITH A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,538,352.00 IN ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDING FOR GREENE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mr. Chipman explained that this request is the same basic premise as the previous one. There was additional funding from the State that must be accepted and appropriated for the Greene County Public Schools.

The public hearing was opened and closed with no comment.

Mr. Bowman said that he attended the School Board meeting on December 6th and they discussed this in detail. He said that it is important to note that much of these funds are already designated for certain specific things that the school district must do. Some of the funds are actually available over a three-year period, so although it looks like a lot of money, when you get down to the details of what they have to do in terms of assignment of certain kinds of programs and facilities, it really is not.

Upon motion by Steve Bowman, second by Marie Durrer and unanimous roll call vote, the Board amended the budget as presented. (See Attachment “C”)

Recorded vote:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	Steve Catalano	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: REGIONAL TRANSIT GOVERNANCE STUDY

Ms. Lucinda Shannon of TJPDC was present to introduce Dr. Stephanie Amoaning-Yankson, Deputy Project Manager from AECOM. Dr. Amoaning-Yankson was present to share her research regarding the Regional Transit Governance Study.

Dr. Amoaning-Yankson shared her presentation with the Board. She said that the purpose of this study was to identify how we could increase funding for transit in the region and to show what a structure for governing transit could look like. She said that there is extensive stakeholder engagement, regionally, statewide, and nationally. Regional localities may consider setting up an interim entity or agreement as the first step which would provide a forum to discuss details of a potential regional solution. They should consider conducting a rural transit needs assessment that clearly identifies and articulates rural needs. She said that the group would continue rural engagement in the developmental stages and design of regional governance including drafting potential legislation. She recommended engaging UVA leadership at a level where there is decision-making authority in subsequent efforts towards establishing a transit authority. She shared some potential revenue sources and exploratory revenue options. She explained that this would be a long-term process and, in the meantime, recommended that a working group be set up so the they could begin discussing the details of this process.

Mr. Herring thanked Dr. Amoaning-Yankson for her presentation and said that this regional plan is very important and that we need to make sure that we are represented on this committee.

Mr. Bowman said that we need to make sure that we don't lose the issue of public safety when looking at this regional system.

RE: DIGITICKET PRESENTATION

Patrol Captain Jason Tooley was present with Candace Phillips of Digiticket to explain to the Board a software program that would assist deputies with traffic stops with the use of electronic tickets and also to ask the Board to consider adopting an ordinance that would allow the County to collect a \$5 fee for tickets that are written. That fee would go towards paying for this program. Ms. Phillips explained that this program would improve the efficiency of the citation process and help cut down on the time deputies spend on traffic stops. Deputy Batten was also present to share some of the data from the Sheriff's Office that shows the need for this updated process and reduced risk for our deputies.

Mr. Herring said that the ordinance change will require a public hearing and questioned the cost of this service if enough tickets are not written to cover it. Ms. Phillips said that that cost would be the County's responsibility. Mr. Herring asked if Digiticket was under state contract. Ms. Phillips said they are not. Mr. Herring said that he is in favor of this request but that he wants to be sure that the revenue stream from tickets comes to the county versus the state.

Mr. Bowman said that he's very supportive of this request and he is very concerned with officer safety and also reducing crashes and slowing down traffic and keep people from getting killed.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Marie Durrer, second by Davis Lamb and unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the consent agenda as amended.

- a. Minutes of previous meeting
- b. Resolution to accept and appropriate \$20,000.00 for additional funds received from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services for the ARPA-Law Enforcement Equipment Grant (See Attachment "D")
- c. Resolution to accept and appropriate \$7,500.00 in Federal FEMA Emergency Management Performance Grant funding (See Attachment "E")
- d. ~~Approval to purchase Community Development citizen access software using proffer funds in the amount of \$ 24,600.00~~

Recorded vote:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	Steve Catalano	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: APPROVAL TO PURCHASE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CITIZEN ACCESS SOFTWARE USING PROFFER FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 24,600.00

Mr. Bowman said that this is a significant step to make information available to the citizens and he asked for a brief summary for informational purposes.

Mr. Frydl said that Ms. Beigie was able to secure a grant that would allow us to purchase additional technology to provide increased transparency and access to information for the public to be able to see all of the documentation for applications for community development. It will streamline the process for applicants, citizens, and staff. It will also benefit our inspectors out in the field. The grant has been awarded but the money has not been delivered. There is a 50% discount being offered, so they are asking for approval to use proffer money.

Upon motion by Steve Bowman, second by Marie Durrer and unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the purchase of the community development citizen access Software using proffer funds as presented.

Recorded vote:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	Steve Catalano	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: REQUEST FROM FIREFLY FOR A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND FUNDING FOR A NEW 2024 VATI GRANT APPLICATION TO PROVIDE BROADBAND TO 391 UNSERVED LOCATIONS AND ADD 48 MILES OF NEW FIBER

Mr. Dennis Reese, Director of Engineering and Operations for Firefly, was present to share an update on the Rise Project. He said that they are starting the first connections in the Dyke area of Stanardsville next week. He shared the timeline for connections in Dyke and Stanardsville. He also shared that, for VATI 2024, Firefly and TJPDC will submit a new grant application that would provide broadband to the remaining unserved 418 locations in Greene County. The total cost of the grant application is \$2,650,000, most of which will be covered by partners at the state. Greene's cost share would be \$80,000 and staff recommends the use of ARPA funds for this purpose. Mr. Reese also shared that if Brightspeed failed to meet their deadlines, the Department of Housing and Community Development could make the determination that CVEC could pick up those areas. Mr. Herring said that he encourages TJPDC to put as much pressure on the state as possible to make that happen.

Upon motion by Steve Bowman, second by Marie Durrer and unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the resolution as presented. (See Attachment "F")

Recorded vote:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	Steve Catalano	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ADJUST WATER AND SEWER BILLS

Ms. Schafrik offered the County's sincere apologies for the many billing issues that people have experienced with Water and Sewer. She shared some of the historical information about the transition from Rapidan Service Authority. She said that she convened a working group of experts who know water and sewer operations, billing experts, representatives from the Treasurer's Office and a billing expert from a neighboring water authority. The recommendation of that group was to go back to the beginning, make sure the data was cleaned up and recalculate at the lowest rate we can. Many people that have already paid their bills will have that money in their account. There will be a credit given back due to the double minimum charge that was on the July bills. She said that we are sending out a statement to show people the new data. The new bills will go through October and we're going to give people until February to pay those bills. Going forward, bills for November and December will go out in January and then we'll be back to the monthly schedule. Mr. Herring asked for clarification about the timeline for when people will receive bills.

Ms. Schafrik said the there will be one bill mailed out this week that will have the first 3 months of service. The next bill will be for November and December and will come out in January and then January will come out in February, and we'll be back on track.

Mr. Lamb said that this is very confusing.

Mr. Herring asked if there are checks and balances in place to make sure there are no discrepancies so that residential users are not being billed excessively and, if they are billed in error, they can call in and have an intelligent conversation to dispute the charge. Ms. Schafrik said that is correct.

Mr. Bowman said that we knew that there were going to be problems with the transition from RSA and we did not have confidence in the accuracy of the data. He thanked Ms. Schafrik for addressing these issues.

Mr. Catalano said that the confidence in this system is shaken, and this is a very complicated way to fix it. He said we have to move forward with it, but that a public utility must have public trust and have total transparency. He said that he does not like excuses when it comes to this situation and that he hopes this doesn't happen again. If it does, he would expect some swift and sharp accountability. Mr. Herring agreed. Mr. Catalano said that he would like the second line removed from the resolution because it is an excuse and does not belong in this resolution. The Board agreed.

Upon motion by Steve Bowman, second by Marie Durrer and unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the resolution as amended. (See Attachment "G")

Recorded vote:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	Steve Catalano	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Bowman attended the Planning Commission meeting on November 15th. He said they are working on the Temporary Events ordinance revision. He feels like it looks good. He attended the School Board meeting on December 6th where the additional state funding was the key issue. He said that they had 20 or so children there singing Christmas carols and it was fabulous. They also voted on their CIP which will be part of the upcoming budget. They did a spotlight on WMHS that was a great presentation. The Jaunt meeting is tomorrow but he will not be able to attend. He will also not be able to attend the next Planning Commission meeting on December 20th.

Mr. Lamb said the he attended the Culpeper Soil and Water meeting, and Phillip Morris is stepping down and Mr. David Cox is now on the Board.

Ms. Durrer said that she will be attending the Jail Board meeting on Thursday.

Mr. Herring said that TJPDC met last Thursday and discussed the regional transit study and a watershed improvement program. They approved the 2024 calendar. He said that he wanted to be sure everyone understands that the ESAB is no longer a Board appointed committee and is now a County Administrator board that will probably meeting in January or February. He encouraged the new Board to look at the volunteer firefighters' requests having to do with personal property and real estate taxes.

RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Ms. Schafrik wished everyone a Merry Christmas and said that she is looking forward to welcoming new Board members. She reminded everyone to sign up for the newsletter and said that if anyone needs last-minute gifts, the Parks and Rec department is selling ornaments of the historic courthouse.

RE: OTHER ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Bowman thanked the Monroe residents for electing him to this position and thanked his fellow Board members. He shared that he has learned that change is inevitable, and you need to learn to try to manage it in a way that is reasonable and sensible. He also thanked Ms. Schafrik for her key skills and the professional approach that she has brought to Greene County.

Mr. Lamb said that he visited the retention pond at Greenecroft and said that it is a mess.

Mr. Herring thanked the citizens for 8 years on the Board and thanked his wife for sticking with him for those 8 years.

RE: ADJOURN

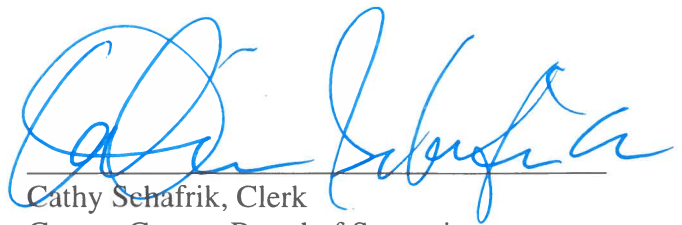
Upon motion by Steve Bowman, second by Davis Lamb and unanimous roll call vote, the Board meeting was adjourned.

Recorded vote:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	Steve Catalano	-	Yes

Motion carried.



Marie Durrer, Chair
Greene County Board of Supervisors



Cathy Schafrik, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors

O-2023-013

AN ORDINANCE (O-2023-013) GRANTING A REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT WITH CONDITIONS TO JOSEPH AND SHARON BORK FOR A CHILD CARE CENTER AS REQUIRED BY ARTICLE 4-1-2.12 OF THE GREENE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE. THE PARCEL IS IDENTIFIED AS TMP# 49A-(26)-Q-2 (1.26 ACRES) AND IS LOCATED AT 181 MORNING GLORY ROAD. THE PARCEL IS IN THE A-1 AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT, AND THE GREENE COUNTY FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATES IT AS A "RURAL AREA." (SUP23-004).

WHEREAS, §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, amend, and codify ordinances or portions thereof; and

WHEREAS, §15.2-2280, §15.2-2285, and §15.2-2286 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, enables a local governing body to adopt and amend zoning ordinances; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2023, the Greene County Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter, and all of those who spoke on this topic were heard; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2023, the Greene County Planning Commission voted 4-0 to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of the request to grant the Special Use Permit (SUP); and

WHEREAS, the Greene County Board of Supervisors caused to be published a notice of public hearing on this matter in The Daily Progress on November 30, 2023, and December 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the complete application was available for public inspection in the Greene County Administration Building, Room 226, 40 Celt Road, Stanardsville, Virginia 22973; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2023, the Greene County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on this matter, and all of those who spoke on this topic were heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Greene County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with Article 16-2 of the Greene County Zoning Ordinance, public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice, that the SUP request is hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Failure to comply with the conditions of this SUP may result in the issuance of a Notice of Violation (NOV) by the zoning administrator. The Zoning Administrator may present this SUP to the Board of Supervisors for revocation if the NOV is not resolved as directed.
2. All activities associated with this SUP shall be in compliance with all local, state, and federal laws.
3. The childcare center shall comply with all local, state, and federal regulations applicable to early childhood care.
4. The facility shall serve no more than 12 children under 13 years old, excluding the provider's children.
5. Hours of operation are limited to between the hours of 6:00 AM-7:00 PM.
6. The child care center shall only operate Monday-Friday.
7. The home shall be the principal residence of the childcare center operator.
8. An existing septic system review shall be completed and approved by the VDH before the center opens to families.

ADOPTED BY THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON DECEMBER 12, 2023.

Motion: Steve Bowman

Second: Davis Lamb

Votes:

Herring: Yes

Durrer: Yes

Lamb: Yes

Bowman: Yes

Catalano: Yes



Dale Herring, Chair
Greene County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: 

Cathy Schafrik, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE
FOUR MILLION SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED
NINETY-ONE DOLLARS AND SIXTY-NINE CENTS FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENSES**

WHEREAS, the County of Greene, Virginia has unused appropriated balances from fiscal year 2023 (2022-2023); and,

WHEREAS, the following carryover funds in the amount of four million six hundred twenty-eight thousand two hundred ninety-one dollars and sixty-nine cents (\$4,628,291.69) need to be accepted and appropriated to the fiscal year 2024 (2023-2024) budget of the County of Greene, Virginia.

• Proffers	\$ 489,431.75
• ARPA Law Enforcement Equipment Grant	\$ 193,626.60
• ARPA-VATI Rise Broadband Project	\$ 1,058,371.33
• TOT Carryover Funds	\$ 350,198.61
• ARPA – VA Tourism Corp – Come to Greene	\$ 14,719.16
• Recreation Facilities	\$ 13,312.05
• Water System Improvements	\$ 2,801.25
• Court Facility Renovations	\$ 440,169.42
• Reservoir Stream Credit	\$ 107,252.23
• Water Treatment Plan – Design	\$ 69,818.50
• Reservoir Access Rd. – Water Project	\$ 1,888,590.79

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Greene, Virginia that four million six hundred twenty-eight thousand two hundred ninety-one dollars and sixty-nine cents (\$4,628,291.69) need to be appropriated to the 2023-2024 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 do all the things necessary to give this resolution effect.

Adopted this 12th day of December 2023.

Motion: Davis Lamb
Second: Steve Bowman

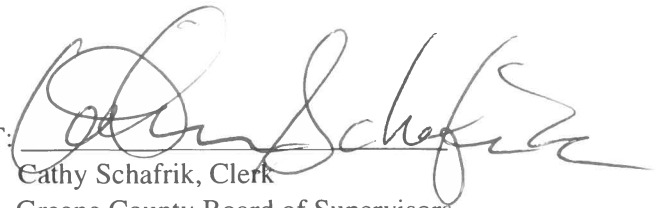
Recorded Vote:

Steve Bowman Yes
Marie C. Durrer Yes
Steve Catalano Yes
Dale R. Herring Yes
Davis Lamb Yes



Dale R. Herring, Chair
Greene County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Cathy Schafrik, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE
ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED
FIFTY-TWO DOLLARS FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENSES**

WHEREAS, the County of Greene will receive additional State Funds for instructional and operational expenditures from the State Government; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of one million five hundred thirty-eight thousand three hundred fifty-two dollars (\$1,538,352) need to be appropriated to the appropriate line item in the 2023-2024 budget of the County of Greene, Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Greene, Virginia that one million five hundred thirty-eight thousand three hundred fifty-two dollars (\$1,538,352) be appropriated to the 2023-2024 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 do all the things necessary to give this resolution effect.

Adopted this 12th day of December, 2023.

Motion: Steve Bowman
Second: Marie Durrer

Recorded Vote:

Steve Bowman	<u>Yes</u>
Marie C. Durrer	<u>Yes</u>
Steve Catalano	<u>Yes</u>
Dale R. Herring	<u>Yes</u>
Davis Lamb	<u>Yes</u>



Dale R. Herring, Chair
Greene County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST 

Cathy Schafrik, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE
TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR ADDITIONAL
FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE
ARPA-LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT GRANT**

WHEREAS, the County of Greene received additional funds from the State for the ARPA-Law Enforcement Equipment Grant; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) need to be accepted and appropriated to the correct line item in the 2023-2024 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 twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) be appropriated to the 2023-2024 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 12th day of December, 2023.

Motion: Marie Durrer
Second: Davis Lamb

Recorded Vote:
Steve Bowman Yes
Steve Catalano Yes
Marie C. Durrer Yes
Dale R. Herring Yes
Davis Lamb yes



Dale R. Herring, Chair
Greene County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: 

Cathy Schafrik, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE SEVEN THOUSAND
FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE FEMA EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) has awarded Greene County funding through its Fiscal Year 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) need to be accepted and appropriated to the correct line item in the 2023-2024 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 seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) be appropriated to the 2023-2024 budget of the County of Greene.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Interim 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.

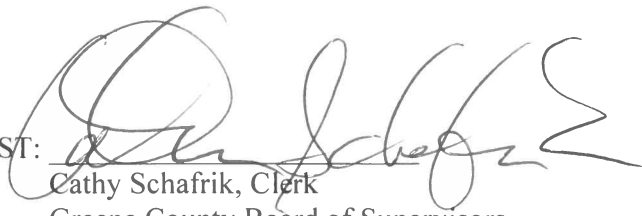
Adopted this 12th day of December, 2023.

Motion: Marie Durrer
Second: Davis Lamb

Recorded Vote:
Steve Bowman Yes
Marie C. Durrer Yes
Steve Catalano Yes
Dale R. Herring Yes
Davis Lamb Yes



Dale R. Herring, Chair
Greene County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: 

Cathy Schafrik, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS FROM PROFFER FUNDS TO DEVELOP AN ONLINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CITIZEN ACCESS PORTAL

WHEREAS, the Code of Virginia §15.2-2303.3 allows localities to accept voluntary cash proffers from landowners petitioning for a zoning change; and

WHEREAS, Greene County has received cash proffers from landowners; and

WHEREAS, Greene County needs to create an online public community development access portal to improve the process for citizens; and

WHEREAS, Greene County may use proffer funds for these improvements; and

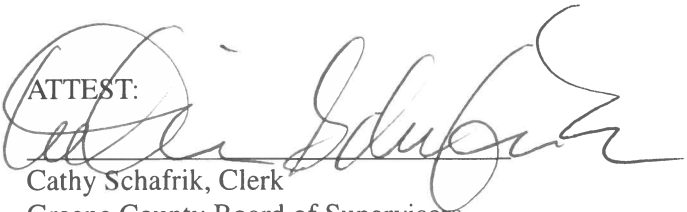
WHEREAS, Greene County intends to enter into a contract with a vendor that can build such a citizen access portal; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of twenty-four thousand six hundred dollars (\$24,600.00) may be appropriated from proffer funds to provide this technology for County citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Greene, Virginia that twenty-four thousand six hundred dollars (\$24,600.00) be appropriated to the 2023-2024 budget of the County of Greene, Virginia from proffer funds to the appropriate line item.

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 12th day of December, 2023

ATTEST:

Cathy Schafrik, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors



Dale Herring, Chairman
Greene County Board of Supervisors

Motion: Steve Bowman
Second: Marie Durrer

Recorded Vote:

Steve Bowman	<u>Yes</u>
Steve Catalano	<u>Yes</u>
Marie Durrer	<u>Yes</u>
Dale R. Herring	<u>Yes</u>
Davis Lamb	<u>Yes</u>

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
GREENE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, FOR SUPPORT OF THE
APPLICATION FOR BROADBAND PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Greene County is committed to bringing universal broadband internet access to its citizens across the county, and

WHEREAS, Firefly Fiber Broadband has developed a grant application with the Thomas Jefferson Planning District serving as the lead applicant with the County being one of multiple counties included in the project to make fiber to the home broadband internet service available to the unserved locations in the county, and

WHEREAS, the preliminary planning for the regional project has identified **391 locations** in the county as being unserved without access to speeds faster than 100 mbps download or 20 mbps upload, and the preliminary design includes **48 miles** of fiber optic cable to be installed in the county to make service available to those locations, with a total cost estimate of **\$2,650,000** for the construction, creating a need for additional grant funding to make the project financially feasible, and

WHEREAS this project will seek grant funds from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development through its Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) with an application on or before 19 December 2023,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Greene County fully supports the regional project and commits to providing local matching funding **not to exceed \$80,000.00 in ARPA funds** to help ensure every unserved and underserved citizen has access to highspeed broadband.

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

Adopted this 12th day of December, 2023.

Motion: Steve Bowman
Second: Marie Durrer

Recorded Vote:
Steve Bowman Yes
Marie C. Durrer Yes
Steve Catalano Yes
Dale R. Herring Yes
Davis Lamb Yes



Dale R, Herring, Chair
Greene County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: 

Cathy Schafrik, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION TO ADJUST TO WATER AND SEWER BILLS FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST,
SEPTEMBER, AND OCTOBER**

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2023, Greene County officially transitioned from using Rapidan Service Authority for its public water and sewer and immediately established Greene County Water and Sewer Department; and

WHEREAS, as a result of unexpected challenges, Greene County Water and Sewer issued bills with missing information and some that were incorrectly calculated; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2023 Greene County Water and Sewer issued a statement notifying customers to ignore the September bill, as it would be re-issued; and

WHEREAS, Greene County took several steps to identify and correct the billing errors and has made progress in this area; and

WHEREAS, Greene County will issue an account statement (not a bill) that shows customer usage for August and September; and

WHEREAS, Greene County will reissue the bills for September; and

WHEREAS, in reissuing the bills, the County will bill all accounts the minimum amount using the lowest tier usage, as per Greene County Code §31-128; and

WHEREAS, this only applies to residential accounts, not commercial accounts which did not contain errors; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that proceeding with this plan will cost the County approximately \$173,000 in lost revenue.

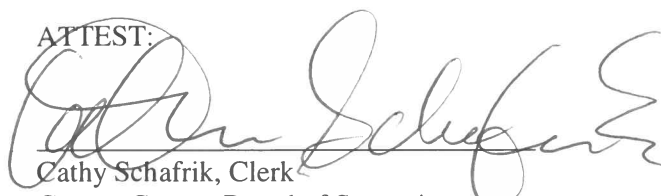
NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Greene County Board of Supervisors does approve of the proposed billing actions taken by Greene County Water and Sewer to re-issue the September water and sewer bills.

ADOPTED BY THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON December 12, 2023.



Dale Herring, Chairman
Greene County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Cathy Schafrik, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors

Motion: Steve Bowman
Second: Marie Durrer

Recorded Vote:

Steve Bowman Yes

Marie Durrer Yes

Steve Catalano Yes

Dale Herring Yes

David Lamb Yes