

September 26, 2023

County of Greene, Virginia

THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MET ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023, BEGINNING AT 5:30 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

Absent was: Abbey Heflin, Member

Staff present: Cathy Schafrik, County Administrator
Jim Frydl, Director of Planning & Zoning
Kim Morris, Deputy Clerk
Terry Beigie, Grant Writer
Melissa Meador, Director of Emergency Services
Kelley Kemp, County Attorney

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 Emergency Services Department, appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Water and Sewer Department.
- 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 such counsel regarding hiring a financial consulting firm.

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 Davis Lamb, second by Marie Durrer and unanimous roll call vote, the Board entered into Closed Meeting.

Recorded vote:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Abbey Heflin	-	Absent
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: OPEN MEETING

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

Recorded vote:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Abbey Heflin	-	Absent
	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:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Abbey Heflin	-	Absent
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: APPOINT ARTHUR MORRILL TO THE BZA

Upon motion by Steve Bowman, second by Marie Durrer and unanimous roll call vote, the Board moved to petition the Circuit Court to appoint Arthur Morrill to fulfill the unexpired 5-year term previously held by William Zutt on the Board of Zoning Appeals which will expire on March 13, 2026.

Recorded vote:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes

Steve Bowman	-	Yes
Abbey Heflin	-	Absent
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 Steve Bowman, second by Marie Durrer and unanimous roll call vote, the agenda was adopted as presented.

Recorded vote:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Abbey Heflin	-	Absent
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Sheriff Smith was present to thank the Board, the County Administrator and staff for the pay study salary adjustments.

Ms. Kim Leuders was present to share her displeasure with her water bill and the dates/gallons of usage not making sense and how upset she was with her interaction with the Director of Water and Sewer.

RE: RECOGNITION OF THE GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR EARNING A VACO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Mr. Jeremy Bennett, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for VACo, was present to recognize Melissa Meador and the Department of Emergency Medical Services for earning a VACo Achievement Award for starting the department in 155 days, during the pandemic, from scratch. Mr. Bennett said that, in 2003, VACo established the achievement award to recognize counties that have adopted innovative approaches to providing public services and identifying programs that could serve as models for other counties to emulate. He said that they received 135 entries in 2023 and there were 33 winners selected from 20 counties.

Mr. Herring said that this program is not even 3 years old at this point. It began October 14, 2020. The former Rescue Squad building was condemned, and they had to be housed at the Stanardsville Volunteer Fire Department until their building was completed. He said the department now consists of 17 EMT's and 20 Paramedics. He said that there have been 12 successful resuscitations and 2 births in this time period. That is 14 people that would not be here

if it weren't for the dedication of the staff. Mr. Herring said that the department is part of the UVA SCOPES project which is a grant funded program to enhance the capabilities with telehealth technologies in the back of the ambulance. Mr. Herring shared his firsthand experience with the department and said that the staff has always been very professional and gone above and beyond. He thanked the department for their service.

Mr. Bennett said that he has never heard of such an accomplishment in the Commonwealth and said that it is quite an impressive achievement and that it sounds like a great crew.

Mr. Bowman noted the achievement that the whole operation was pulled together in 155 days and congratulated the staff.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Steve Bowman, second by Davis Lamb and unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the consent agenda as presented.

- a. Minutes of previous meeting
- b. Resolution to accept and appropriate \$1,013.00 for carryover programs for the Animal Shelter (See Attachment "A")
- c. Resolution to declare an intent to reimburse for vehicle and equipment financing (See Attachment "B")
- d. Resolution to accept and appropriate \$75,000 for a CSA supplement for FY 2023 (See Attachment "C")
- e. Resolution to declare Greene County an agricultural disaster area due to drought conditions (See Attachment "D")

Recorded vote:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Abbey Heflin	-	Absent
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE AND THE GREENE COUNTY CODE AS FOLLOWS:

1. ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 19-5 - PERFORMANCE BONDS AND THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE SECTION 7-2

2. ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 16-17 - WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES

3. ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 19-5 - TEMPORARY EVENTS AND THE GREENE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE II – JIM FRYDL, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ZONING

Mr. Frydl said that his department has identified some areas in the Zoning Ordinance that can benefit from further clarification and additional information. He said that he is requesting authorization from the Board to begin the process with the Planning Commission.

Mr. Lamb asked if these hearing would be open to the public for dialogue. Mr. Frydl said that, if it is the will of the Board, they could hold public workshops. It was decided that the Board could decide whether or not to hold additional workshops when the items come forward from the Planning Commission.

Upon motion by Steve Bowman, second by Marie Durrer and unanimous roll call vote, the Board authorized staff work on and forward proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation. (See Attachment “E”)

Recorded vote:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Abbey Heflin	-	Absent
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP – WATER & SEWER PROJECTS

Ms. Schafrik said that this presentation represents decades of work that has already been done regarding the water project. Alan Harrison, Herb White, and Courtney Rogers were also present. Ms. Schafrik said that they will be providing updates roughly every 4 months with the next update in January followed by May and then September. She said that this presentation will focus on the White Run Reservoir project but noted that there are other large infrastructure projects that need to be funded such as the Stanardsville water and sewer projects. She shared an aerial view of the proposed reservoir, a timeline of the project to date and drought data. Ms. Schafrik said that there are challenges and capacity concerns because we are at the mercy of the waterflow which affects our ability to be able to attract the economic development to be able to maintain a reasonable tax rate.

Mr. Herb White of WW Associates said that this is the longest project that he’s ever worked on and has been involved with it for over 20 years. He said that this is a pump storage project where we will pump water out of the Rapidan River during wet weather flows, fill up the reservoir and be able to use the water during winter dry weather flows. He said that the project has been broken into five pieces. The first is the access road. He said that Vista Heights Road is being upgraded for access to the water plant. This project is scheduled for completion in early 2024. The second part will be the raw waterline. The old water plant will be converted to a pump station, and we need a raw water line from the reservoir to be able to fill it up. The line has been designed and approved by the Health Department. He said that we do need some easements and those are being worked on. The third part is raw water intake which is the water intake in the river which will be submerged under the river. There will be the need for a more significant pump station which has been designed, approved by the Health Department, and we’ve got our permits from the Corps. The forth part of the project will be the reservoir which has been designed and is awaiting the bidding process once we purchase the last two pieces of property. We have obtained the permits for this as well. The fifth part of the project will be the new water treatment plant that is rated for 3 million gallons per day which will be large enough to support growth over the next 30 years. Mr. White said that a key issue is the existing plant is 50 years old and needs replacement,

even without any additional growth in the County. The estimated cost is \$50-\$70 million and we don't have the real estate to build it. We will also need land to build the new intake structure and a reservoir to hold the water, which would require new Corps permits and the timeframe would be approximately 5 years to build it. The current permits that we have with the Corps are good through June 2028 and this project requires action now to make sure that we can get it completed before the permits need to be renewed.

Mr. Courtney Rogers said that he, like Mr. White, has been working with Greene County for over 20 years. He said that we had to borrow funds in order to have the reservoir set up and purchase stream credits in the amount of \$14 million, which included engineering work to date and the road project. This funding has already been procured and we'll need to do a long-term take out of that. We've done an interim funding and we'll do a long-term funding when we do the next tranche. The need now is an estimated construction cost of \$75 to \$100 million. He said that we may end doing a portion now and a portion later because of the bidding environment. That number is a range because of the volatility that's going on right now in the bidding market and with supply chain issues and inflation. He said that his job as our financial advisor is to go out and try to figure out how can we borrow this money with the lowest cost possible and we're looking at a 30-year financing with rates in the 5-6% range. Using those interest rates with the \$75 to \$100 million sizing, we're looking at debt service that could be in the \$6 to \$8 million range per year. When we look at the finances of the county, water and sewer rates for customers are probably not going to be able to carry the full cost of that debt service, so we'll need to be looking for other revenue sources.

Mr. Harrison gave an overview of the timeline for the project. He said that the access road is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2024. The raw water line will take approximately 18 months to complete, and assuming an early 2024 advertisement, could be completed in late 2025. The raw water intake and pump station will take approximately 24 months for construction and, assuming end of 2023 advertisement, should be completed late 2025. The reservoir has an estimated 36-month construction period and a 12-month filling period and, assuming early 2024 advertisement, should be completed early 2027 and filled by early 2028. The water treatment plant has an estimated 36-month construction and, assuming mid 2024 advertisement, should be completed in early 2027. He said that the next steps are to complete the access road, bid the reservoir and raw intake/pump station projects and to pursue sources of funding.

Mr. Bowman asked which part of the project the Stanardsville water pressure issue would be corrected. Mr. Harrison said that Stanardsville is a separate project which would have to be updated with new plans and a funding source. He asked Mr. White how the process of taking water from the river would work. Mr. White said that it would be decided using a ratio of the flow of the river and how much we're allowed to take. Then, we would decide whether to send it to the reservoir of the water plant. Mr. White said that the operator may want to blend the water and take some from the river and some from the reservoir. Mr. Harrison said that the design gives a tremendous amount of flexibility to the operator as the control valves can be adjusted on the fly. Mr. Lamb and Mr. Bowman questioned whether this plant would have the latest computer controls that will help prevent cyber-attacks. Mr. White said it will be on an internal network with firewalls. Mr. Harrison said that we would adhere to AWA cybersecurity standards and that we anticipate

using a firm that understands SCADA systems and know how to program and protect them. Mr. Harrison said that there will be a security fence around the water plant and the reservoir will be protected by our ordinance. He said that the plant would also have alarms, cameras, motion detection, etc.

Mr. Herring clarified that the project must be completed by 2028 or we would have to go through the permitting process again. Mr. Harrison said that is correct and that would be a very long and very expensive process. Mr. Herring said that he understands that the debt service would not be able to be paid by the current users. Mr. Rogers said that is correct. He said that there is an unknown of what this project will actually cost in the end which is why we're thinking about breaking up the borrowing so it will decrease the amount of payments early on. Mr. Lamb asked if the rate would change if we got a bond rating. Mr. Rogers said that we are going to start the process to get a bond rating. Mr. Lamb said that he agrees with Mr. Rogers thought that we start small and not try to fund everything all at once. He said that he will try to put the least amount of pressure as possible on the county finances. Mr. Herring said that this is a 50-year project. Mr. White said that the reservoir will last at least 50 years and the water plant will last at least 30 years. Mr. Herring said that this project will take care of the existing stress on our water system and allow development such as big box stores.

RE: BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Bowman attended the Jaunt meeting on September 13th. He said that Jaunt employees want to unionize. The Jaunt audit was completed and there is a link on their website to view it. The facility master plan was discussed and there is also a link to view that. Mr. Bowman shared his concern about a Greene resident who called Jaunt to pick her up and take her to Walmart to pick up a prescription. She was told that they could pick her up and drop her off but would not be able to take her home because Greene County cut their funding. He said that this was an inappropriate response to our resident. He read an email response from Mr. Rieck in which he was questioned by county staff about this incident. Mr. Bowman said that he also feels this response was inappropriate. He may bring this up at the next Jaunt meeting. He also attended the School Board meeting on September 13th. Their focus was on chronic absenteeism and presentations about division priorities. Mr. Bowman said that he was impressed with their accountability and accreditation update. He said the division uses extensive data to drive their educational effort, and he's very impressed with what they're doing. Mr. Bowman also attended the Planning Commission meeting and said that he believes the Board will be seeing the recommendation from the PC on the strategic planning goals that we have asked them to set for the Board on October 24th. They also had a public hearing on the Alignment Shop on James Drive which passed five to zero.

Ms. Durrer attended the Central Virginia Regional Jail meeting last Thursday. Their revenues are looking good, and Mr. Durrer said that she hopes we will see a reflection of those at budget time. She said that the number of inmates has decreased.

Mr. Lamb said that he attended the Ruckersville Advisory Committee meeting and he will attend Culpeper Soil and Water on the 3rd.

Mr. Herring said that the Emergency Services Advisory Board met last Tuesday, and it was decided that the Board will be dissolved and made into a committee of the County Administrator which would allow the Chiefs to get together without having to call a public meeting. The Board can decide whether or not to appoint a member to that committee or not. He said the new committee will continue to follow the guidelines given to them by Mr. Jones. The regional transit governance study discussed how each locality would be represented whether it be decided based upon percentage of budget or if each locality would have the same number of representatives. The Rivanna River Basin Commission will hold its 8th annual conference Thursday from 9-12:30. All of the information is available on the TJPDC website. Mr. Bowman added that Ms. Schafrik has also gotten some information regarding a micro transit that the Board should look into.

RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Ms. Schafrik said that DMV Connect is coming back on October 16th. She also reminded everyone that we've started a newsletter, and the next one will be coming out at the beginning of October. The information to sign up is available on the website.

RE: OTHER ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Lamb said that he would like staff to look into the water level of the retention pond at Greenecroft subdivision.

Mr. Bowman asked that Ms. Schafrik work with the Water and Sewer Department regarding the issues that were brought up this evening under Matters from the Public and report back to the Board. He also brought up the EDA's letter to the Board requesting that they reconsider their decision on the recent rezone to PUD that failed. Lastly, he asked for an update, in the form of a workshop, with the Commissioner of Revenue regarding taxes.

RE: ADJOURN

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

Recorded vote:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes
	Steve Bowman	-	Yes
	Abbey Heflin	-	Absent
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.



Dale Herring, Chair
Greene County Board of Supervisors



Cathy Schafrik, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE ONE THOUSAND THIRTEEN DOLLARS FROM PRIVATE DONATIONS FOR CARRYOVER PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Animal Shelter Department of the County of Greene, Virginia has received private donations for the sterilization program; and,

WHEREAS, the following funds in the amount of one thousand thirteen dollars (\$1,013.00) need to be accepted and appropriated to the 2022-2023 Operating 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 thousand thirteen dollars (\$1,013.00) be received from the above programs and be accepted and appropriated to the appropriate line items in the 2022-2023 Operating 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 and to do all things necessary to give this resolution effect.

Adopted this 26th day of September, 2023.

Motion: Steve Bowman

Second: Davis Lamb

Recorded Vote:

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

Dale R. Herring
Dale R. Herring, Chair
Greene County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Cathy Schafrik
Cathy Schafrik, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AN INTENT TO REIMBURSE
(Vehicle and Equipment Lease)**

WHEREAS, the County of Greene, Virginia (the “County”), is a political subdivision duly created and validly existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it is essential to finance all or any portion of the costs to acquire and equip certain vehicles and equipment for the County and the School Board of the County, including but not limited to vehicles, school buses, and equipment for use by the School Board, Emergency Medical Services, Sheriff’s Office, Parks and Recreation, and the Maintenance Department, and (b) pay costs of issuance in connection with any financing(s) of such undertakings (collectively, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the County now desires to declare its intent to use all or any portion of the proceeds of one or more tax-exempt obligations to be issued, in one or more series, to reimburse certain expenditures in connection with the Project, as required by federal tax laws, including Treasury Regulations § 1.150-2 in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, all as further described below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY, as follows:

1. The Board of Supervisors of the County (the “Board”) hereby declares its intent and reasonable expectations for the County to reimburse itself for costs and expenses relating to the Project with a portion of the proceeds of one or more tax-exempt borrowings or leases (the “Obligations”). Accordingly, this Resolution shall constitute a declaration of “official intent” under Treasury Regulations § 1.150-2, and the County may be reimbursed, if and when any Obligations shall be issued by the County, to the extent permitted by law.

2. It is to be understood that such prior expenditures by the County in connection with the Project will constitute capital expenditures (or would do so with a proper election under general federal income tax principles) or will otherwise comply with the requirements of Treasury Regulations § 1.150-2(d)(3).

3. The County has paid or caused to be paid, beginning no earlier than sixty (60) days prior to adoption and effective date hereof, and will pay or cause to be paid, on and after such effective date hereof, certain expenditures (the “Expenditures”) in connection with the Project. Further, it has been determined that those moneys previously advanced no earlier than sixty (60) days prior to the date hereof and to be advanced on and after the date hereof to pay the Expenditures related to the Project are available only for a temporary period and it is necessary to reimburse the County for the Expenditures from the proceeds of one or more issues of Obligations. Accordingly, the Board hereby declares its intent to reimburse the County with the proceeds of the Obligations for the Expenditures with respect to the Project made no earlier than sixty (60) days prior to the adoption of this Resolution. The County reasonably expects on the date hereof that it will reimburse the Expenditures with the proceeds of the Obligations.

4. The County will make, or cause to be made, a reimbursement allocation, which is a written allocation that evidences the use of proceeds thereof to reimburse the Expenditures, no later than eighteen (18) months after the later of the date on which each Expenditure is paid or the equipment is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three years after the date on which each Expenditure is paid. This declaration of intent to reimburse, as required by federal tax laws, shall take effect immediately.

5. The maximum principal amount of Obligations expected to be issued or incurred by the County for the Project is reasonably anticipated to be approximately \$2,150,000.

6. It is to be understood that no Obligations shall be issued, sold, or awarded by the County unless and until the Board adopts an appropriate authorizing resolution and takes all other such further acts as may be required by law, in order for the County to issue any Obligations in connection with the Project.

ADOPTED: September 26, 2023

COUNTY OF GREENE, VIRGINIA



Chair, Board of Supervisors

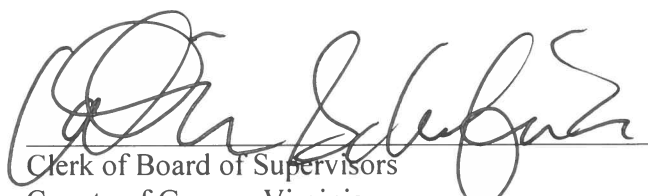
CERTIFICATE OF VOTES

The record of the roll-call vote by the members of the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, Virginia on the foregoing Resolution, duly adopted by the Board upon a roll-call vote at its regular public meeting held on September 26, 2023, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Dale R. Herring, Chair	X			
Marie C. Durrer, Vice Chair	X			
Davis Lamb	X			
Abbey Heflin				X
Steve Bowman	X			

Dated: September 26, 2023

By:


Clerk of Board of Supervisors
County of Greene, Virginia

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE CSA PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services for the County of Greene is requesting funding from the Office of Children's Services which shall be used to provide services to youth in the CSA Program; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) need to be appropriated to the appropriate line item in the 2022-2023 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 seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) be appropriated to the 2022-2023 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 things necessary to give this resolution effect.

Adopted this 26th day of September, 2023.

Motion: Steve Bowman

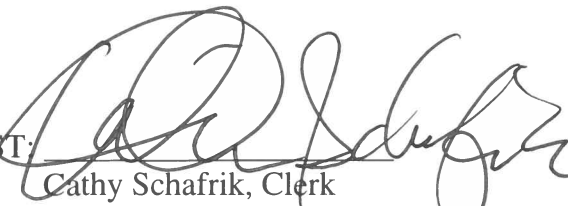
Second: Davis Lamb

Recorded Vote:

Steve Bowman	<u>Yes</u>
Marie C. Durrer	<u>Yes</u>
Abbey Heflin	<u>Absent</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

GREENE COUNTY DISASTER RELIEF RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the rainfall for the summer growing season has been extremely low across most of Greene County; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Cooperative Extension, working their damage assessment teams, and partner USDA agencies including the Virginia Farm Service Agency (FSA) to complete a damage assessment for Greene County; and

WHEREAS, the damage assessment estimates show this lack of rainfall has caused yield losses of 50% in hay loss and 25.96% in pasture loss; and yield losses will continue to escalate unless there is significant rainfall soon; and

WHEREAS, the combined effect of hay yield loss and pasture loss is resulting in a severe shortage of hay in the area; and

WHEREAS, producers are struggling to provide water to livestock due to lower levels in streams and springs; and

WHEREAS, US Geological Survey Groundwater data shows groundwater levels are at extremely low levels and there are reports of some wells under performing in the area it is incumbent upon the Greene County Board of Supervisors to act responsibly to help protect vital public interests including the economic viability of the County's agricultural economy and farmers that constitute the core of that economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Greene County Board of Supervisors that the County Administrator is directed to make a formal request of the Executive Director of the Virginia FSA, that Greene County be declared an agriculture disaster area and that all appropriate State and Federal disaster relief and assistance be made available to the farmers in Greene County.


Dale Herring, Chairman
Greene County Board of Supervisors

Attest:


Cathy Schafrik, County Administrator

ADOPTED BY THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2023.

Motion: Steve Bowman

Second: Marie Durrer

Votes:

Durrer: Yes

Lamb: Yes

Bowman: Yes

Heflin: Absent

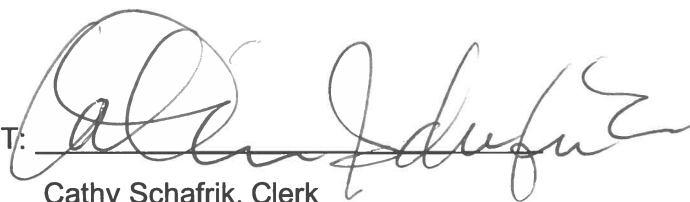
Herring: Yes



Dale Herring, Chair

Greene County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Cathy Schafrik, Clerk

Greene County Board of Supervisors