

March 14, 2024

County of Greene, Virginia

THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MET ON THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024, BEGINNING AT 4:30 P.M. IN PERSON IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MEETING ROOM AND BY ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATION

Present were: Marie Durrer, Chair
Davis Lamb, Vice Chair
Steve Catalano, Member
Tim Goolsby, Member
Francis McGuigan, Member

Staff present: Cathy Schafrik, County Administrator
Kim Morris, Deputy Clerk
Jim Frydl, Director of Planning and Zoning
Melissa Meador, Director of Emergency Services
Dan Chipman, Finance Director

RE: BUDGET WORKSHOP

Ms. Schafrik shared with the Board how she balanced the budget with the tax cuts proposed at the last meeting. She shared the cuts that were made which included \$190,000 from the Reassessment budget, cuts to the fuel line item despite rising fuel prices, cuts of additional subscriptions and resources requested by the Commonwealth's Attorney, \$30,000 from the E911 budget, nearly \$100,000 from the EMS budget, \$25,000 from the Animal Control department, \$80,000 from general property maintenance funds, the contingency budget was cut by \$184,000 which leaves \$125,000 and the school transfer was cut by \$200,000. Ms. Schafrik also said that she took out the funding for one new position each in the Sheriff's Office and EMS, leaving both with two new positions. She said that she left the salary increases in place as they are very important so that we don't get back to the place we were in before the pay study was implemented just a few months ago. She said that it is also important because we are not funding new positions and if current employees feel appreciated, they are more likely to do the extra stuff. Ms. Schafrik said that by increasing the transient occupancy tax by 3 cents, we would add approximately \$369,000 in additional revenue. She highlighted the success of securing almost \$19 million in grants to support projects and infrastructure needs. She briefed the Board on answers to their questions from the last budget workshop.

The incoming Treasurer, Dawn Lotts, answered several questions that the Board had regarding the increase in their budget due to moving to two billings per year. They also discussed the increased workload in the office due to the water and sewer billing collection and the need for

an online ACH payment option. They discussed the delinquent collections process and the new attorney they have engaged with to help with the process.

RE: RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISING OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

Upon motion by Steve Catalano, second by Davis Lamb and unanimous roll call vote, the Board adopted the resolution to authorize the advertisement of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025.

Recorded vote:	Marie Durrer	-	Yes
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes
	Tim Goolsby	-	Yes
	Francis McGuigan	-	Yes
	Steve Catalano	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.



Marie Durrer, Chair
Greene County Board of Supervisors



Cathy Schafrik, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors