

April 28, 2026
County of Greene, Virginia

THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MET ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026,
BEGINNING AT 5:30 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
Marie Durrer, Interim Member

Staff present: Cathy Schafrik, County Administrator
Terry Beigie, Deputy Clerk/Grant Writer
Kelley Kemp, County Attorney
Jim Frydl, Director of Planning and Zoning
Pon Yusuf, Interim Finance Director
Cooper Lane, Senior Financial Analyst

RE: CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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 or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where if made public initially, the financial interest of the government unit would be adversely affected.
- Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of that business' interest in locating in the County.
- Consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigation posture of the public body regarding cases pending in the Court of Appeals, Supreme Court, and Circuit Court.

WHEREAS, pursuant to: §2.2-3711(A)(5), (A)(6) 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 Tim Goolsby, second by Marie Durrer and unanimous roll call vote, the Board entered into Closed Meeting.

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

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: PROCLAMATION FOR OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

The Chair read the proclamation naming May Older American’s Month (Attachment “A”)

Upon motion by Davis Lamb, second by Marie Durrer and unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the proclamation as presented.

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

Motion carried.

RE: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

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

Motion carried.

RE: MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Terry Hale, of Midway District, thanked Mr. Frydl and Ms. Golon of the Planning Department for coming to speak to the Men’s Coffee group at Four Seasons recently to answer questions for residents.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED GREENE COUNTY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027, INCLUDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, SOLID WASTE SCALE MINIMUM, INSPECTION FEE SCHEDULE, AND THE RESOLUTION TO SET THE PERCENTAGE OF TAX RELIEF FOR 2026 AS AUTHORIZED BY THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ACT OF 1998 AS AMENDED BY THE 2005 APPROPRIATION ACT

Ms. Schafrik outlined the past several months’ budget process, presenting where funding comes from and how funds are spent to provide services from the County to the residents. She

highlighted the funded position requests, position requests that were denied, and that there are no capital projects scheduled for fiscal year 2027. Budgeted highlights include:

- Budget increases offset by \$381,061 in agency reductions
- Budget balances with a real estate tax rate increase of 3 cents and \$2,354,744 coming from the school system's former Capital Reserve Fund
- Increases of \$0 to the General Fund transfer to Greene County Public Schools
- 3% increase in compensation for County employees
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- Budget continues commitment to employees and ensures continuity of operations for all departments and schools

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent of Greene County Public Schools, spoke to the Board and emphasized the need for increased funding to meet growing student needs and address rising costs facing the school system.

Ms. Kelly Greer, chair of the Greene County School Board, highlighted the importance of supporting teachers and staff to ensure quality education for students. She invited the Board to work over the coming fiscal year to find long-term solutions to fund the schools and the many other important departments within the County. She said needs and demands continue to increase and many are outside the control of the school system or government, but it is the Boards' responsibility to find a way to manage through it.

Ms. Cherish Alberts, Ruckersville District School Board Member, discussed the challenges teachers face, including high expectations and the need for increased pay to retain staffing. Ms. Alberts also invited the Board to collaborate with the School Board so there are no surprises during the next budget season.

Mr. Michael Trabor urged the Board to find long-term revenue solutions to avoid using capital reserves for operational costs in the future.

Mr. Kennon Copeland asked whether the presentation Ms. Schafrik had would be added online and she said it would.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

Ms. Durrer said it was not an easy budget year and that no one wants to pay more in taxes, but it's going to come to that to have the same level of service expected by residents. She said she fully supports the three-cent real estate tax increase that was proposed.

Mr. Hartung thanked everyone who spoke and brought up the structural issues in the budget for the next fiscal year. He said he feels the budget is a reaction to bad news from the state in how

it funds the school system but hopes the Board will be moving toward more strategic planning for funding the government and the schools in the future.

Mr. Catalano said Greene is a working-class County and noted the County needs more commercial growth. He is concerned that next year there will be worse news on the state level for funding.

Due to state law requirements, the Board cannot approve the budget until the May 12, 2026, meeting.

Ms. Schafrik outlined the Virginia Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, as amended in 2005, for the Board.

Upon motion by Marie Durrer, second by Tim Goolsby and unanimous roll call vote, the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998 resolution was adopted as presented (Attachment "B").

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

Motion carried.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE GREENE COUNTY TAX RATES FOR 2026

The Chair opened the public hearing.

There were no speakers.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

Mr. Hartung said he heard from various Midway District voters who said they agreed with raising taxes to help fund the schools.

Mr. Goolsby said he felt raising it one cent instead of three cents will allow the County to have a bit left over for contingencies but not strain residents.

Ms. Durrer said she was concerned that lowering the proposed three cents increase could mean a larger increase all at once next year.

Mr. Catalano agreed with Mr. Goolsby that a one-cent real estate tax increase is needed.

Upon motion by Tim Goolsby, second by Davis Lamb and roll call vote, the tax rates for calendar year 2026 were passed, 3-2, as presented below (Attachment “C”).

Levies on \$100 Assessed Valuation:

Real Estate	\$0.70
Public Service Corp.	\$0.70
Personal Property	\$4.00
Except Farm Machinery & Livestock	\$0.00
Industrial Machinery & Tools	\$2.50

Recorded vote:	Steve Catalano	-	Yes
	Marie Durrer	-	No
	Tim Goolsby	-	Yes
	Matthew Hartung	-	No
	Davis Lamb	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of previous meeting
- b. Resolution to enact a local emergency burn ban (Attachment “D”)
- c. Resolution allowing the county administrator to execute the renewal of a lease with AT&T for a cell site (Attachment “E”)
- d. Notice of Intent to Award IFB 2026-005 Tipping Shed Flooring (Attachment “F”)
- e. Notice of Intent to Award IFB 2026-007 HVAC Replacement at Courthouse (Attachment “G”)
- f. Notice of Intent to Award IFB 2026-008 Combined Courts Renovation (Attachment “H”)
- g. Resolution to approve and appropriate the DCJS Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (Attachment “I”)

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

Motion carried.

RE: POLICY REGARDING GREENE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SURPLUS FUNDS

Ms. Schafrik presented a policy to replace the one from 2014 that put all surplus funds from the school division into a capital reserve fund. The new policy still takes funds that were already allocated to Greene County Public Schools and placing any surplus funds at the end of the fiscal year into a reserve fund that could be used for capital or operating expenses.

Mr. Catalano offered wording changes and the Board agreed to workshop the policy further and have a clear, legible version ready for the next meeting, on May 12, 2026.

RE: BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Lamb said he did not have any liaison reports but did want to let the public know that JABA has an open seat on its board. Mr. Hartung said he attended the Tourism Council meeting where the two new members were introduced. He said there is JABA meeting early next month. Mr. Goolsby said he has a Thomas Jefferson Planning Commission meeting in early May.

RE: MONTHLY REPORTS

There were no comments or questions regarding monthly reports from staff.

RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Ms. Schafrik highlighted the monthly Sunsets on Main concert series that began in late April. She outlined numerous positions on boards and commissions that need residents to volunteer to assist. She also wanted to answer a question that a resident brought up in April 14, 2026, meeting that a new law was taking effect on July 1, 2026, that did not allow water utilities to raise rates more than once every three years. Ms. Kemp told the Board that does not apply to municipal water utilities, only private companies. She highlighted the new local connector service and app that Jaunt had released for Greene County residents and the Black Bear Festival in June.

RE: OTHER ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Lamb asked about tax relief for elderly people. Ms. Schafrik discussed the policy the County currently has in place and Ms. Kemp discussed what the Commonwealth allows.

Mr. Hartung said he had spoken with Planning and Zoning staff after the comprehensive plan discussion at the April 12, 2026, meeting. He asked if the request for expansion of the growth area could be mitigated to include only the undeveloped land within the current growth area. Mr. Catalano said he wasn't suggesting the County prescriptively zone the area on Route 33 for business, but perhaps, expand the growth area to a certain depth through that area and include it further west on Route 33. Mr. Frydl said it's important to note that just become something is designated something in the Comprehensive Plan, it does not prevent a different thing from going there through a rezoning of the parcel. The only way to prevent something is through zoning.

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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
	Marie Durrer	-	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