

February 3, 2026
County of Greene, Virginia

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

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

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

RE: BUDGET PRIORITIES WORKSHOP

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

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

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

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

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

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

RE: CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Kemp read the proposed resolution for Closed Meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion carried.

RE: OPEN MEETING

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

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

Motion carried.

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

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

RE: WRIT OF SPECIAL ELECTION

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

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

Motion carried.

RE: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

RE: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

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

Motion carried.

RE: MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no speakers for Matters From the Public.

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

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

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

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

The Chair closed the public hearing.

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

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

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

Motion carried.

RE: WATER PROJECT MONTHLY UPDATE

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

RE: SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK UPDATE

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

RE: FY 2025 AUDIT

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

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

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

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

Motion carried.

RE: BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

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

RE: MONTHLY REPORTS

No one had questions regarding monthly reports.

RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

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

RE: ADJOURN

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

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

Motion carried.

Steve Catalano, Chair
Greene County Board of Supervisors

Cathy Schafrik, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors