

March 12, 2026
County of Greene, Virginia

THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MET ON THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 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
Melissa Meador, Director of Emergency Services
Jim Frydl, Director of Planning and Zoning
James Howard, Director of Social Services
Daniel Chipman, Director of Finance
Cooper Lane, Senior Financial Analyst

RE: CALL TO ORDER

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

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: GENERAL BUDGET DISCUSSION

Ms. Schafrik presented information regarding budget changes to the Board from throughout the workshops. Ms. Schafrik and Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent of Schools, worked together to get the request from the school system lower. Ms. Schafrik said a six-cent tax increase would cover the new request. Ms. Schafrik said the three buses requested for the school system should come out of the capital reserve line item as they are capital expenses. A new vehicle for stormwater and erosion control and a new deputy in the budget are necessary.

Mr. Catalano asked the Board for its consensus on meeting the School Board's new request of \$1.9 million—whether to raise taxes to fund it or take it out of the school's capital reserve. Mr. Goolsby said his main goal is to not put the burden on the taxpayers and if there needs to be a sacrifice it not be such a big jump on the tax rate.

Mr. Hartung thanked Ms. Schafrik and Dr. Whitmarsh for working to get that number down from the original \$4 million request. The six-cent increase covers the entire ask from the school, Mr. Hartung noted.

The Board discussed proposed new state taxes as well as the personal property tax decrease

made over the past two years. He said the Board has funded the Schools well in previous years and the Schools have done a good job not spending the full distribution and putting away the excess into the capital reserve fund at the end of the year. He said the Board has the option to use that reserve this year to stabilize the budget and fund the changes made by the state in the Local Composite Index, but that doesn't mean it will use that in future years.

The Board discussed the benefit to advertising a three-cent real estate tax increase this year in case the County faces any additional unexpected financial requirements from the state.

Mr. Hartung suggested a tax workshop for the County residents that could highlight ways that they could sign up for some of the programs that the County already offers to offset taxes. He said he felt using the reserve to pay for the buses made sense because those are capital purchases but for salary increases and to offset the change in the Local Composite Index, he wasn't sure. Mr. Goolsby said all departments need to start analyzing the most important this for next year now in case we get hit with unexpected costs during fiscal year 2028. He said everyone needs to tighten up.

RE: ADJOURN WORKSHOP

Upon motion by Marie Durrer, second by Tim Goolsby and unanimous roll call vote, the Board adjourned the budget workshop at 6:21 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

RE: CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETING

The Chair called the Special Meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

RE: RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX RATES FOR 2026

Upon motion by Davis Lamb, second by Marie Durrer and unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the resolution to authorize the tax rates as the following per \$100:

Real Estate	\$0.72
Public Services Corporation	\$0.72
Personal Property	\$4.00
Except Farm Machinery & Livestock	\$0.00
Industrial Machinery & Tools	\$2.50

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

Motion carried.

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