

July 14, 2026  
County of Greene, Virginia

THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MET ON TUESDAY, JULY 14, 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, virtually from Houston  
Marie Durrer, Interim Member

Staff present: Cathy Schafrik, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board  
Terry Beigie, Deputy Clerk/Grant Writer  
Jim Frydl, Director of Planning and Zoning  
Melissa Meador, Director of Emergency Services  
Cooper Lane, Senior Accountant

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, consideration or interview 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 regarding the Water and Sewer Department, Economic Development, the Jefferson Area Board for Aging, JABA Advisory Council, and Region Ten.
- Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position of the public body.

WHEREAS, pursuant to: §2.2-3711(A)(1) and (A)(3) 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 4-0 roll call vote, the Board entered into Closed Meeting.

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| Recorded vote: | Steve Catalano  | - | Yes    |
|                | Marie Durrer    | - | 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 the open meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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| 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.

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

RE: APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT MURPHY TO THE JEFFERSON AREA BOARD FOR AGING

Upon motion by Marie Durrer, second by Tim Goolsby and unanimous roll call vote, the Board appointed Robert Murphy to the Jefferson Area Board for Aging for a term of two years, concluding July 31, 2028.

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

Motion carried.

RE: APPOINTMENT OF WENDY MITCHEM TO THE REGION TEN COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Upon motion by Marie Durrer, second by Tim Goolsby and unanimous roll call vote, the Board appointed Wendy Mitchem to the Region Ten Community Services Board for a three-year term, concluding July 1, 2029.

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

Motion carried.

RE: APPOINTMENT OF LINDA COPELAND TO THE JABA ADVISORY COUNCIL

Upon motion by Marie Durrer, second by Davis Lamb and unanimous roll call vote, the Board appointed Linda Copeland to the JABA Advisory Council for a term of two years, concluding August 31, 2028.

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| Recorded vote: | Steve Catalano  | - | Yes |
|                | Marie Durrer    | - | 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 Marie Durrer, second by Tim Goolsby and unanimous roll call vote, the agenda was adopted as presented.

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

Motion carried.

RE: PRESENTATION OF THE VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR THE GREENE COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

Mr. James Hutzler, with the Virginia Association of Counties, presented members of the Greene County Water and Sewer Department and the County of Greene with the Best Small County Achievement Award.

Ms. Schafrik discussed the winning program, highlighting that the County started the department in the summer of 2023, and in less than three years have addressed a host of repair and upgrade work on the system, hired and trained an entirely new staff, and won a Virginia Department of Health Award for water quality. The department undertook a cross-training program between the water treatment plant staff and wastewater treatment plant staff. This allowed employees the opportunity to earn licenses for the other plants, ensuring we have enough licensed and highly trained individuals to operate our system.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET TO ADJUST THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT TO BE APPROPRIATED DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FOR AN APPROPRIATION WHICH IS IN EXCESS OF ONE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL EXPENDITURES SHOWN ON THE ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET; SPECIFICALLY A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$3 MILLION IN FUNDING FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR 2026 WATER PROJECTS AND \$210,000.00 PAYMENT TO RUCKERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR TRUCK PAYMENT

Ms. Schafrik told the Board that the resolution allows for the appropriation of the \$3 million in funding set aside by the General Assembly in 2024 for the White Run Reservoir Project. As that alone is more than 1% of the county's annual expenditures, a public hearing is required. Additionally, the Board needed to allocate \$210,000.00 for Ruckersville Volunteer Fire Company for fiscal year 2026 since that is when the payment occurred.

The Chair opened the public hearing.

There were no speakers.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

Upon motion by Marie Durrer, second by Tim Goolsby and unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the budget supplement as written (Attachment "A").

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

Motion carried.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of Previous meeting
- b. Resolution directing the Greene County Planning Commission to review the Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Virginia Code §15.2-2230 (Attachment "B")
- c. Resolution of approval to advertise for bidding the Stanardsville Wastewater Treatment Plant Closure Project (Attachment "C")

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

Motion carried.

RE: REQUEST FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PETITION THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR A REFEREDUM ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT FOR A ONE PERCENT (1%) LOCAL SALES TAX DEDICATED EXCLUSIVELY TO PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Ms. Schafrik told the Board that the General Assembly voted earlier this summer for an amendment that would allow the Board of Supervisors to petition the Circuit Court to have a referendum placed on the November ballot for an additional 1% sales tax that would be used exclusively for public schools' construction and other capital projects.

Ms. Kelly Greer, Chair of the Greene County School Board, told the Board she was speaking as a partner, noting that steady growth is happening around us and the School Board needs to be proactive about planning for the future. She said there will be a need within the next several years for a new school. The new funding stream would allow funding for that without it being entirely on residents' shoulders as those who come from out of town would also pay this tax on purchased items. She noted that the School Board is not asking to raise anyone's taxes, they are asking to place it in front of the voters to make the final call.

Mr. David Mastervich, a member of the Greene County School Board, also spoke. He told the Supervisors that he feels that the residents of Greene County deserve the opportunity to decide whether this is the right path for the community. He said putting the question on the ballot does not approve a tax but gives people of Greene County the right to vote on it.

Mr. Catalano said it was a little difficult due to the short time frame from the General Assembly. He asked the Board members for any input.

Mr. Goolsby said he doesn't have a problem with putting it on the ballot as it puts the question into the hands of the voters directly. Ms. Durrer agreed. Mr. Hartung also agreed and thanked the School Board for bringing it to the Supervisors' attention. Mr. Lamb also agreed and said he liked that it was for capital projects.

Mr. Catalano said he did not have a problem with the referendum but asked the schools if they thought they had enough time to notify the public.

Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh, Greene County Public Schools Superintendent, said they are more than willing to try. She said there is no guarantee that it passes if they wait or put it on this November. She said the population is growing and the county will need a new school and this helps keep the full cost of that off the residents' back.

Upon motion by Marie Durrer, second by Tim Goolsby and unanimous roll call vote, the Board agreed to vote on a resolution at the July 28, 2026, meeting and petition the court to add it to the November 2026 ballot.

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

Motion carried.

RE: BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Goolsby reported that the Planning Commission considered a matter in June that will be coming before the Board in the near future. He also noted that the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission met in June but did not hold a meeting in July.

RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Ms. Schafrik had nothing to report at this meeting.

RE: OTHER ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Ms. Durrer said several community members had asked how much it cost the County to defend the lawsuit filed by former Board member Dr. McGuigan against the Board of Supervisors. She asked if those figures could be brought to the next meeting. Mr. Catalano asked if she'd also like the total cost of unsuccessful litigation against the County over the past year. Ms. Durrer said she believed the citizens have a right to know. Ms. Schafrik agreed to provide a breakdown at the July 28, 2026, meeting.

Mr. Lamb said he's heard complaints from people traveling on Moore Road that people are walking along the two-lane road in the mornings and evenings and it's a dangerous road. Mr. Catalano asked if he wanted the concern forwarded to Virginia Department of Transportation. Ms. Schafrik said she would forward the information.

RE: MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

A total of twenty-seven (27) people spoke during the public hearing. Twenty-six (26) speakers addressed the Greene County Sheriff's Office's 287(g) agreement with the Department of Homeland Security. Of those, eight (8) spoke in support of the sheriff and the agreement with Homeland Security, including two individuals who do not live within the County. Eighteen (18) speakers spoke against the sheriff and the agreement with Homeland Security, including seven (7) from outside the county.

Ms. Cynthia Ward, of Barboursville, discussed her Christian faith and the Biblical command to love our neighbors. She said the Sheriff's Office's cooperation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) targets people based on their skin color. She said people were detained without cause and without due process and taken to ICE detention centers. She requested

the Board of Supervisors audit the Greene County Sheriff's budget to disclose how much they were paid and how they are using the funds from the federal government.

Ms. Arianna Mosqueda, of Ruckersville, said she has lived in Greene her entire life and does not feel safe in Greene County because of the collaboration with ICE. She said she understands that the Board of Supervisors maintains budgetary and financial influence over the County and asked funds be redirected toward initiatives that allow all who reside in Greene County to thrive. She said she will continue to speak up until the 287(g) agreement is terminated.

Ms. Marilee Hawkins, of Stanardsville, said she has never felt so welcomed anywhere she has lived as she does in Greene County, but she is white. She said she doesn't worry about her Constitutional rights being challenged. She said when crimes happen, law enforcement and courts need to transport anyone that is in the country illegally to the federal government. She said pathway to citizenship is long, complex, and financially draining, but immigration reform is still possible despite the gridlock.

Ms. Abby Seiz, of Greene, said in her opinion what is happening now with the sheriff's department and ICE is not the Greene County she has come to know. She said a justification is that immigrants are stealing benefits from the government, but they cannot get those without a Social Security Number. The justification that immigrants are making us poor, but her grocery bills are not getting lower, she said. She said she isn't feeling safer with masked people patrolling our community. She wants to see the partnership end.

Rev. Bethany Cok, of Charlottesville, told the Board that her church has a number of congregants who are Greene County residents who do not feel safe speaking publicly about the ICE activity here. She said they have expressed grief and horror over the immigration enforcement in their community. She asked the Board of Supervisors for greater oversight of the Sheriff's Office and asked the sheriff to stop partnering with ICE.

Mr. Doug Ollivant, a Republican candidate for the 7<sup>th</sup> U.S. Congressional District, offered his support of Sheriff Steve Smith. He said we don't know how many illegal immigrants crossed the border in previous administrations, but that has broken down trust, as they have not become part of our society, do not have car insurance, and put law enforcement in a dangerous position. ICE is a federal law enforcement agency and that is part of the rule of law.

Mr. Buddy Barre, of Ruckersville, asked what country in the world does not have immigration laws. He said illegal immigrants cost the country money each year. He said America was founded to be sovereign and for freedom and that he believes we are seeing our culture eroding.

Rabbi Ezra Leventhal, of Congregation Beth Israel in Charlottesville, noted there are no synagogues in Greene, and therefore his congregation has members from all the surrounding counties, including Greene County. He told the story of his great-grandfather coming to this

country as an immigrant. He said as a citizen he wants government to treat people with dignity, kindness and compassion. He noted everything done to Jewish people during the Holocaust was sanctioned by law. He urged the Board of Supervisors to refuse federal funding from ICE.

Ms. Anna Mazo, of Charlottesville, discussed visiting a detainee facility in Louisiana and the conditions she found there. She talked about her great grandparents immigrating to the United States to escape poverty. She noted that in previous generations it was against the law for a black person to sit at the front of the bus in the south and to sit at the lunch counters, but people did it anyway because the law was not correct.

Mr. Scott Sissard, of Stanardsville, was present, asking the Board to fund a Hazardous Waste Day at the County Solid Waste Transfer Station for residents of Greene County.

Ms. Melanie Johnson, of Barboursville, reminded the Board about a neighbor who was detained in a previous roundup who was sent to the Farmville detention center but was now out after the family spent \$25,000.00 for an immigration attorney. He did not have a warrant. She noted that ICE had killed two people in the previous two weeks. She said 9% of Greene County residents are Hispanic. She said people are leaving Greene, local restaurants are struggling as people are afraid to go to work and development projects are at risk. She said it's not just a humanitarian crisis but an economic crisis, a workforce crisis, and a public safety crisis.

Mr. Stephen Fitch, of Ruckersville, said he walked in lands where tyranny was around. He said the rule of law is paramount in preventing tyranny. He said people are not being targeted by the sheriff but identified through surveillance from the federal government. He said the Board must allocate the funding to the Sheriff's Office or give it back to the federal government. He said this is a federal matter and not a local matter.

Ms. Mary Rike, of Charlottesville, said that the aiding and abetting ICE is terrorizing the Greene County community and friends and neighbors with brown skin. She said the traffic stops ignore the Fourth Amendment regarding unreasonable search and seizures and the Fourteenth Amendment of equal protection under the law.

Mr. Anthony D. Raffaele, of Greene County, read the preamble of the Declaration of Independence. He said the words are the basic tenets of the Republic and the foundation upon which the Constitution was written. He said the sheriff had assisted in destroying the lives of more than 49 individuals in the County. He also stated that the protections of the Constitution are not reserved exclusively for citizens but apply to all people residing within the country's borders.

Ms. Stephanie Hammer, of Barboursville, said the only original people that belong to the land we now call the United States are the American Indians and the rest come from immigrant families that took a risk to start a new life in a new world. She said immigrant children in the schools enrich the lives of American-born children because of the diverse perspectives and cultural

backgrounds. She asked what a child thinks when taught to be welcoming to a stranger to our country when they see adults in their world doing the opposite.

Mr. Elliott Knightly, of Ruckersville, said he worked for Social Services for more than 38 years. He said he can assure that of the thousands of people he worked with not a single one was an undocumented immigrant. He stated if a family includes an undocumented individual, that person was not eligible for benefits such as food stamps, Medicaid or Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

Mr. Jerry Schiller, of Dyke, said he was worked in tree service for many years, and he would get into his truck every morning and go to work and by the Grace of God he came home again that evening. He said that is what bothers him is that the people who were detained were working men like him with no due process, no acknowledgement of who they took or why. He asked the Board to find out who was detained and what happened to them.

Mr. Mark Heinecke, of Ruckersville, said he is stunned by the collaboration with the federal police force that it seems is unaccountable to the citizens of the county. He said people should be treated as individuals and not groups, but that ICE appears to be treating people as groups and taking them to facilities where we don't know what is happening to them.

Mr. Todd Sansom, of Stanardsville, said he offers his support to Sheriff Steve Smith. He pointed out several deputies were at the meeting, both inside and outside, and everyone appeared to be comfortable with them, despite what people are saying. He said that the sheriff is not selecting who ICE is going after or why. He said he would much rather have a sheriff that is willing to work with state and federal officials as opposed to the alternative.

Ms. Ellen Collier, of Stanardsville, said she supports the sheriff and ICE. She also supports immigrants and thinks that if someone has lived in the United States for 20 years, they should be a citizen already.

Rev. Sara Dorrien-Christians, of Charlottesville, told the Board that God is love. She said the coordinated effort to profile people with dark skin, detaining them without due process, and subjecting them to traumatic and material consequences is not acting in love.

Ms. CJ Jordan, of Lynchburg, noted that her ancestors came on a boat in chains with regards to the nation being built by immigrants. She said she has been coming to Greene for more than five years, and does a ministry here, and as a brown person she has never felt targeted and never been profiled. She said the sheriff is not doing anything illegal. He is doing his job.

Mr. Ken Copeland, of Stanardsville, said transparency is what is missing. He said the Board should request that the Sheriff provide information needed to provide more clarity, including the number of traffic stops made and the reasons for those stops, the locations of the stops, where

individuals are being held, and whether the Sheriff's Office and ICE knew the identities of the individuals involved before each stop was made.

Mr. John Ecneverri-Gent said he has been visiting individuals detained at the Farmville Detention Center and was moved to speak. He said he had spoken with two individuals who were detained in Greene County. He shared the story of a man whose wife is experiencing a high-risk pregnancy and who was unable to be with her during that time or for the birth of their son. He said the individual requested deportation in February so he could send money to support his family, but he remains detained at the Farmville Detention Center.

Mr. Steve Hollis, of Ruckersville, said he is the son of an illegal immigrant. He said he was three years old before his mother became a U.S. citizen. He said he joined the military after high school and served for 20 years and swore an oath to the Constitution of the United States to protect the country against all enemies, foreign and domestic. He said the oath includes the obligation to follow the laws of Congress and Congress has created laws on how to lawfully emigrate to the United States. He said he expects the sheriff and his deputies to work with federal officials to enforce the federal immigration laws.

Mr. Kevin Kelley, of Stanardsville, said he supports the sheriff's department's activities with ICE. He said it's important that laws be enforced. He said if the law is bad, to change the law, not ignore it. He said if someone comes here legally, welcome.

Mr. Andrew Wilder Young, of Charlottesville, said he was held at gunpoint by the sheriff and ICE when he showed up on scene June 23 during the traffic stops to offer legal services to those who were detained. He said he believes the sheriff is using race-based traffic stops as a pretext to deliver people into ICE custody. He said the partnership with ICE threatens the county's reputation and economy. He asked for a full accounting of ICE-received money and resources.

At the end of the Matters from the Public, Board Chairman Steve Catalano read an official board statement, beginning with thanking everyone who came to speak to the Board and for keeping cordial throughout. He also read the following official statement:

"In our form of government, which is very prevalent in counties throughout the Commonwealth, the Board of Supervisors appropriates funds to constitutional offices, the School Board, and to internal departments. Out of these funds, we only have operational control and fiscal control over our direct departments. We have very little authority over specific functions provided by our constitutional officers—the sheriff, treasurer, commissioner of revenue, commonwealth's attorney, clerk of the court, and the school board are all elected by the voters; the same voters that elect us. It puts us all on legal footing, and it also provides for a check and a balance within our system of how we actually govern as a community. The Board does have the power of appropriation. We appropriate lump sums, large lump sums, of money to the constitutionals to provide services that they see fit to satisfy their constituents. It becomes between the voters and the constitutionals. Having said this, Greene County is a very safe community. It is a community

of laws. The Board of Supervisors appropriates a significant percent of local tax dollars to maintain that law and order. Our citizens demand that we maintain that law and order. We are responsible for a lump sum appropriation to a constitutional officer. How law and order is maintained and what that means is not an operational decision we are qualified or constitutionally allowed to make. So, having said that, we appreciate all the dialog. We will make sure that everything we do is compliant, and we thank you for coming out tonight. And that will be our official word on the matter. Thank you all very much.”

RE: ADJOURN

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

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

Motion carried.

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Steve Catalano, Chair  
Greene County Board of Supervisors

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Cathy Schafrik, Clerk  
Greene County Board of Supervisors