

March 3, 2026
County of Greene, Virginia

THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MET ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026, BEGINNING AT 4:30 P.M. IN PERSON IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MEETING ROOM FOR A SPECIAL MEETING AND BUDGET WORKSESSION

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
Daniel Chipman, Director of Finance
Cooper Lane, Senior Financial Analyst

RE: CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETING

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

RE: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

RE: APPROVE RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE BI-DIRECTIONAL ANNTENNA PROJECT FOR COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING FOR FY2027

Ms. Beigie presented the resolution regarding the submittal for grant funds for a bi-directional amplifier project on the schools in Greene County. Due to the construction of the buildings themselves, emergency radio and cell phone coverage within the buildings hovers around 70% which is not to the 95% standard throughout the County with the newly finished emergency radio project. These structures would boost signal strength in the buildings, ensuring safety of the students, staff, community, and first responders.

There were no questions from the Board.

Upon motion by Matthew Hartung, second by Marie Durrer, and unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

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

Motion carried.

RE: APPROVE RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING FOR FY2027

Ms. Beigie presented the resolution regarding water main improvements through western Greene County and the Town of Stanardsville. The mains are woefully undersized for the needs, resulting in loss of pressure and some are more than 80 years old, leading to frequent breaks and loss of water for residents and four public schools.

There were no questions.

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

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

Motion carried

RE: APPROVE RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE PURCHASE OF A HEAVY DUTY LIFT FOR THE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FACILITY TO COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING FOR FY2027

Ms. Beigie presented the resolution regarding the purchase of a heavy-duty lift for the vehicle maintenance facility, allowing for the safe repairs of the school buses and larger vehicles within the County's fleet.

There were no questions.

Upon motion by Matthew Hartung, second by Marie Durrer and unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

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

Motion carried

RE: APPROVE RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE RENOVATION OF THE OLD EMS BUILDING FOR COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING FOR FY2027

Ms. Beigie presented the resolution regarding reconstruction of the old Rescue Squad Building for a grant. The building has numerous structural deficiencies before it can be inhabited. The ability to use the building would allow the moving of the Emergency Operations Center, which is too small in the new EMS building making it easier to handle any large-scale emergencies that take place in Greene County.

There were no questions.

Upon motion by Matthew Hartung, second by Davis Lamb and unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

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

Motion carried

RE: ADJORN SPECIAL MEETING

Upon motion by Tim Goolsby, second by Matthew Hartung 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.

RE: OPEN BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Chair opened the budget workshop.

RE: BUDGET PRESENTATION WITH COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Schafrik provided a detailed overview of the proposed budget. She said the budget is the completion of all the requests received with staff review of them. The theme of the budget is “managing through austerity.” Ms. Schafrik noted that the County is not permitted to seek additional revenue streams that are not already granted by the state. She also noted there are regulatory responsibilities whether the state funds them or not. She outlined the guiding principle that one-time sources of funds should be used for one-time expenditures. The contingency line was cut back to balance the budget, but it can be used in an emergency. A big driver of the budget presented is that state support for schools has decreased due to the calculations that the Commonwealth uses—the LCI, which is the Local Composite Index. This formula shows that Greene County can pay more for students, so the cost share has been raised. The Children’s Services Act calculations are also changing, raising the cost share for Greene, as well. Ms. Schafrik discussed the staffing breakdown in the offices of the constitutional officers. She discussed the need for additional commercial development to offset the tax burden on the residents for services. The presented budget was balanced on a 9-cent tax increase for real estate, raising an additional \$2.8 million, with it fully dedicated to the schools, which are requesting more than \$4 million in new funding. The proposed budget includes a 4% tax increase for county staff, with 3% for inflation and 1% for movement along the pay scale. She discussed proposed fee changes to take effect July 1, 2026. Ms. Schafrik highlighted much of the budget is going to schools and public safety. She discussed potential new positions and the funding of those positions in the County government. She discussed the antiquated financial software used by the County for accounting and for payroll, telling the Board that the technology is likely to not continue to be supported much longer and needs to change. There will be a Budget Town Hall on March 26 and the public hearing for the budget will be April 28.

RE: DISCUSSION OF BUDGET WITH COMMONWEALTH’S ATTORNEY WIN CONSOLVO

Mr. Consolvo said all he is asking for this year is an increase in salaries. The operating costs have gone down a little. He discussed what the state Compensation Board is and how it funds his office.

RE: DISCUSSION OF BUDGET WITH COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE KIM TATE

Ms. Tate said her proposed budget remains relatively consistent with the current fiscal year with only minor increases due to health insurance increases. She also highlighted a program in Roanoke County to offer a financial incentive for volunteer firefighters that might be more equitable than the current program with \$500 off the personal property of a volunteer. She said she needs to know by April 1 whether the County would like to continue forward on the current program or would be switching to this one. Mr. Catalano asked that County Attorney Kelley Kemp be given the program to review.

RE: SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET PRESENTATION

Ms. Kelly Greer, the At-Large member of the School Board, thanked the Board for the opportunity to present the budget request from the School Board. She said students are arriving at each school year with needs that are more complex than ever. She then introduced Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent, to present the detailed budget proposal. Dr. Whitmarsh said in the 13 years she has been in the role of Superintendent, she has never asked for this much funding. The school division is the County's largest employer with many of the staff living in the County. Dr. Whitmarsh discussed the breakdown of the staff's education and the types of degrees offered by the school division. Enrollment has gone up in the school division, as has the English learner population. The division also has a high percentage of economically disadvantaged students. The Local Composite Index, or Locality's ability to pay, is the way the state's funding formula. The state thinks Greene County can afford more, so Greene County is going to get less state funding by more than Dr. Whitmarsh has ever seen. Dr. Whitmarsh discussed the budgeting process for the School Board, which began in the Fall. She discussed the teacher shortage and its impact on the school division. Dr. Whitmarsh discussed the desire for the division to complete a compensation study as there is compression through the range and to remain competitive with surrounding localities. The schools budget includes a more than 20% increase in health insurance costs and a 5% pay increase. Dr. Whitmarsh said even with the proposed budget by the County Administrator, there is a gap of more than a million dollars. She said she is a taxpayer in Greene and understands there are tough decisions needing to be made but said it's important to take care of the children and the educators.

RE: DISCUSSION OF BUDGET WITH SHERIFF STEVE SMITH AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Major Josh White told the Board that the original request was for six new positions-four deputies, one FOIA officer and one front receptionist. After discussions with the County Administrator, Major White said they are now asking for four positions for night shift. Sheriff Smith requested the funds be allocated for the renovation of the building so that work can begin. The costs have risen since the original ask for the funding in the fall.

RE: DISCUSSION OF BUDGET WITH TREASURER DAWN LOTT'S MARSHALL

Ms. Lotts Marshall was present to discuss the revenue system needed for the Treasurer's Office and Commissioner of Revenue's Office. She requested funds be put into their budgets for the changes needed for the antiquated system. She detailed how a new system would be a benefit for residents.

RE: GENERAL BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Catalano said he felt the Board needed to go line-by-line in the budget at the next meeting. He said the change in the LCI is the most draconian he's seen in his time on the Board. He said he doesn't know how the County is going to be able to absorb that.

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RE: ADJOURN

Upon motion by Matthew Hartung, second by Tim Goolsby 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