

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 2025**

AUGUST 12, 2025 MEETING:

Chairman Usry led the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation.

Call to Order: Chairman Usry called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Commissioners Deering, Smith, Lindsey, Blanton, and Chairman Usry were present. Also present was County Manager David Crawley.

Communications & Petitions: Linda Kimbell shared information regarding the AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey initiative.

Minutes: The Chairman inquired with the Commissioners to determine if any corrections were necessary for the minutes under consideration for approval. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the Minutes from the July 8, 2025 Regular Monthly Meeting, the June 3, 2025 Executive Session, the June 4, 2025 Executive Session, the June 10, 2025 Executive Session, and the July 8, 2025 Executive Session. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning & Subdivision Items:

Consideration of a Request to Amend Land Use Regulations, Appendix B, The Zoning Code, Section 3.1 and 9.18: The Commissioners received background information regarding the need to make a few Zoning Ordinance changes. Ray Brindley spoke during public comment.. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the amendment of Sections 3.1 and 9.18, Appendix B, Zoning Code of the Official Code of Ordinances for Greene County, as presented. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Public Hearing to begin the kick-off process for revising the Greene County Comprehensive Plan in the West Greene Character Area: Building Official Chuck Wooley conducted a public hearing regarding changes to the Comprehensive Plan and Future Development Map. Various members of the audience spoke, including Steve Lawler, Rick McAllister, Joanne King, James Craig, Annette Obanion, Heather Stoakes, David Monford, Chris McKnight, Dykes Loggin, Linda Kimbell, and Ted Baker.

Business Items:

Consideration Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Services – City of Woodville: The Commissioners received background information that Woodville City Council has approved a modified IGA regarding fire protection services that achieves the Board's objective of unified fire service delivery. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Protection Services with the City of Woodville. Commissioner Blanton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Design & Build of the Building & Zoning/Tax Assessor/Tax Commissioner Facility: The Commissioners received background information that the project to construct another facility to house the Building & Zoning, Tax Assessor, and Tax Commissioners offices was designed and put out to bid. It was recommended by staff to amend the identified funding source of the project to SPLOST VII, and it was recommended to award the project to ICB. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to amend Resolution Number 2024.7.9(b) in support of the Project to develop the new facility to house the Building & Zoning Office, the Tax Assessors' Office, and the Tax Commissioner's Office, to waive the reading of the Resolution, and name ICB as the

contractor to construct the Project. Commissioner Deering seconded. It was noted the construction timeline is 336 days. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the Selection of Third-Party Operator – Greene County Transit:

The Commissioners received background information that the County advertised a request for proposals for a Third Party Operator to administer Greene County Transit. It was recommended that the Board select Rural Georgia Transit as the subcontractor to provide demand-response transit services in connection with the 5311 Rural Transportation Program and related transit programs. Commissioner Deering motioned to select Rural Georgia Transit as the County’s subcontractor providing transit services, pending GDOT approval, and to authorize County staff to prepare and execute a contract with Rural Georgia Transit to serve as Greene County’s Third Party Operator of the Section 5311 Rural Transportation Program. Commissioner Blanton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Appointing Members to the Greene County Public Facilities Authority:

The Commissioners received background information that the Greene County Public Facilities Authority was established by Local Act and that the Board could now make the initial appointment of the members of the Authority. There was general discussion about the Authority, concerns expressed during public comment, consensus to impose some contingencies to accompany the nominated slate of candidates. Various citizens offered public comment, including Ray Brindley, Ernie Filice, Steve Lawler, and Steve Broadbent. Commissioner Deering motioned to appoint Angela Walker Deering, Jeffery L Smith, Dee Lindsey, Mike McClure and Byron Lombard, and that the Authority maintain a publicly-accessible website with meeting schedules, agendas, and minutes, publishing meeting notices online and via email to subscribed residents at least one week in advance, providing recorded access to meetings when feasible, providing an annual report detailing the Authority’s activities, financial statement, and project updates on the website, providing opportunities for public comment at meetings for issues relevant to the Authority, and establishing procedures for residents to provide feedback electronically or in writing. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Tax Commissioner to Conduct Judicial in Rem Tax Foreclosures:

The Commissioners received background information that the Tax Commissioner has requested the authorization to conduct “in rem” tax foreclosures. This is tax foreclosure process that goes directly to Superior Court and is often used for properties of significantly higher value. Commissioner Lindsey motioned to approve Resolution 2025.08.12 Authorizing the Tax Commissioner to Conduct Judicial In Rem Tax Foreclosures, and waive the reading of the resolution. Commissioner Blanton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner’s Reports:

District Two Commissioner Smith thanked Linda Kimbell for her efforts undertaking the Age-Friendly Community Survey initiative.

District Three Commissioner Lindsey announced the upcoming Reddy Drill Yard dedication event.

Executive Session: Commissioner Smith motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation at 6:15 p.m. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Commissioner Deering motioned to leave Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. Commissioner Blanton seconded.

Attorney Molly Esswein presented information concerning a settlement between the County and the developer D.J. Greenway regarding some land being annexed into the City of Greensboro. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the settlement as presented. Commissioner Lindsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Chairman Usry adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvia V. Hill, County Clerk

The above minutes were adopted and approved this day 9th day of September 2025.

Gary Usry, Chairman

Jeffery L. Smith, Vice-Chairman

Angela Walker Deering, Commissioner

Dee Lindsey, Commissioner

Mark Blanton, Commissioner