Be It Remembered that the Greene County

Council met on August 26, 27, and 28, 2025, in the Commissioners’ Room on the third floor of the Courthouse in order to hold hearings regarding the budgets for 2026.

Thursday, August 28, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Council President Kelly Zimmerly.

Those present in person were Kelly Zimmerly, Karen Abrams, Ronald Lehman, Randall Brown, Jerry Frye, and Bryan Woodall. Brent Murray was absent.

**Re: Veterans’ Service Officer Budget**

Karen Abrams moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the budget as presented minus raises. Motion passed 6-0. The published amount was $165,180.00. Initially approved amount was $159,706.00.

**Re: Convention, Visitor & Tourism Budget**

Karen Abrams moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to approve the budget as presented. Motion passed 6-0. The published amount was $120,000.00. Initially approved amount was $120,000.00.

**Re: Prosecutor- General Fund Budget**

Ron Lehman moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the budget as presented minus raises. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was $632,933.00. Initially approved amount was $609,944.00.

**Re: Prosecutor- Drug Task Force Budget**

Karen Abrams moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was $25,000.00. Initially approved amount was $25,000.00.

**Re: Prosecutor- Title IV-D- General Fund Budget**

Karen Abrams moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the new job description when the new hire is in place. Motion passed 6-0.

Bryan Woodall moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to approve the budget as presented minus raises and amend the updated base rate when the position changes. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was $241,241.00. Initially approved amount was $233,621.00.

**Re: Prosecutor- Pretrial Diversion Budget**

Jerry Frye moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to approve the budget as presented minus raises. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was $44,119.00. Initially approved amount was $43,399.00.

**Re: Prosecutor- Infraction Deferral Budget**

Bryan Woodall moved, and Ron Lehman seconded, to approve the budget as presented minus raises. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was $112,119.00. Initially approved amount was $110,399.00.

**Re: Prosecutor- IV-D Incentive Fund Budget**

Randall Brown moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the budget as presented minus raises. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was $46,878.00. Initially approved amount was $45,921.00.

**Re: Public Defender Budget**

Karen Abrams moved, and Ron Lehman seconded, to approve the budget as presented minus raises. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was $705,351.00. Initially approved amount was $684,910.00.

**Re: Brent Murray arrived at 10:40 a.m.**

**Re: Probation- General Fund Budget**

Karen Abrams moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the budget as presented minus raises and including the correction of the tiers for Office Administrator. The motion passed 6-0-1. Brent Murray abstained. The published amount was $442,327.00. Initially approved amount was $402,732.00.

**Re: Probation- Adult Probation Budget**

Ron Lehman moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed 7-0. The published amount was $76,340.00. Initially approved amount was $76,340.00.

**Re: Probation- Adult Administrative Fees Budget**

Karen Abrams moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed 7-0. The published amount was $21,530.00. Initially approved amount was $21,530.00.

**Re: Probation- Juvenile Supplemental Budget**

Ron Lehman moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed 5-0. The published amount was $4,306.00. Initially approved amount was $4,306.00.

**Re: Greene County Solid Waste Budget**

The Council was presented with the Solid Waste Budget for 2026. They reviewed and acknowledged the budget accordingly. Ron Lehman moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the review of the budget. Motion passed 6-0-1. Brent Murray abstained.

**Re: Heath Department- Shari Lewis**

Shari Lewis came before the Council to better explain her payroll regarding questions that had been raised earlier in the day. Shari explained how her pay is paid from two different funds to equal her salary. The Council thanked Shari for the clarification.

**Re: Recover Overpayment of Tiers**

Randall Brown moved, and Ron Lehman seconded, to approve the recovery of tier funds that were paid out early, upon legal advice. A roll call vote was taken. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Jerry Frye voted nay. Randall Brown voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Motion passed 6-1.

**Re: Prosecutor- Tier**

Last year, Amanda Lewellyn received the wrong amount of tier for office administrator. She received $900.00 instead of $1,500.00. Jarrod Holtsclaw requested adding the additional $600.00 in 2026.

Ron Lehman moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to approve the $600.00 tier increase. Motion passed 7-0.

**Re: After Cuts**

Auditor Heather Perry presented the Council with the amounts cut from Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday’s meetings. There was $1,654,128.00 cut from the General Fund, not counting the 4% raises that were provided.

The 4% raise amount would have been $13,639,000.00.

For a 2.5% raise the amount would be $12,970,964.00. That would be $262,014.00 more than the 2025 budget.

The 2.7% raise amount would be $13,064,403.00. That would be $356,353.00 more than the 2025 budget.

The 3.5% raise amount would be $13,096,309.00. That would be $388,259.00 more than the 2025 budget.

The amount for the additional new tiers for 2026 will be $30,000.00.

After discussion, Brent Murray moved, and Ron Lehman seconded, to approve a 2.7% raise across the board on top of tiers. A roll call vote was taken. Bryan Woodall voted nay. Jerry Frye voted aye. Randall Brown voted aye. Ron Lehamn voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted nay. Motion passed 5-2.

**Re: Call Backs**

* Sheriff Dallaire requested parity with his Courthouse Security and front office staff at the Sheriff’s Department, a new transport officer out of the County Corrections budget, two new jailers out of the jail budget, and two new jailers out of PST LIT. A total for all requests would be $258,857.28.

Randall Brown moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve parity between the records clerks and the two security officers in the Courthouse Security budget. Motion passed 7-0.

Ron Lehman moved, and Brent Murray seconded, to approve the new transport officer position in the County Corrections Budget. Motion passed 7-0.

Bryan Woodall moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to approve the two new jailer positions to be paid out of the general fund jail budget. A roll call vote was taken. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Randall Brown voted aye. Ron Lehman voted nay. Brent Murray voted nay. Karen Abrams voted nay. Kelly Zimmerly voted nay. Motion failed 3-4.

Randall Brown moved, and Ron Lehman seconded, to approve two new jailers out of PST LIT. A roll call vote was taken. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Randall Brown voted aye. Ron Lehamn voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Motion passed 7-0.

* EMA is requesting a raise in the base pay for the new EMA Director at $50,000.00.

Brent Murray moved, and Ron Lehman seconded, to approve the base pay of the EMA Director at $50,000.00 Motion passed 7-0.

* EMA is requesting a new full-time EMA Assistant.

Bryan Woodall moved, and Karen Abrams seconded, to approve the new full-time position for the EMA Administrative Assistant to be paid an annual salary of $38,818.00 in 2025 and $39,866.00 in 2026 which reflects a 2.7% raise. A roll call vote was taken. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Randall Brown voted aye. Ron Lehman voted nay. Brent Murray voted nay. Karen Abrams voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted nay. Motion passed 4-3.

* Eliminating extra-hire position at EMA

Randall Brown moved, and Ron Lehman seconded, to approve the elimination of the extra hire account line. Motion passed 7-0.

* EMS is requesting full funding of the Community Paramedic position with a raise of 2.7% making the total pay $45,196.00 out of fund 1151. It has been funded by a grant in previous years. The grant goes away after 2025.

Bryan Woodall moved, and Brent Murray seconded, to approve the position to be funded out of EMS 1151 in the amount of $45,196.00. A roll call vote was taken. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Randall Brown voted nay. Ron abstained. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted nay. Motion passed 4-2-1.

* Early Tier Pay- There were seven employees who were paid tiers out a year early. County Attorney Marvin Abshire stated that no recourse can be done because of the 2025 Salary Ordinance.

As all scheduled budgets were presented this day, Karen Abrams moved, and Brent Murray seconded, to adjourn the meeting for Thursday, August 29, 2025. This concludes the Budget Hearings for 2026.

Jerry R. Frye Ronald Lehman

Kelly Zimmerly Brent Murray

Karen Abrams Bryan Woodall

Randall Brown

Attest:

Heather Perry, Auditor