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The Honorable Greg Murphy
U.S. House of Representatives
407 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Murphy,

On behalf of Greene County, I respectfully submit this letter in support of the County's Community Project Funding request for the construction of a new animal shelter facility.

Greene County's current animal shelter was originally established for private use and was not designed to function as a public animal control facility. Over time, the responsibilities and intake volume associated with operating a county shelter have expanded well beyond the building's intended purpose. As a result, the facility faces ongoing challenges in meeting modern animal welfare standards, maintaining proper disease control, and providing adequate space for safe and humane operations.

A new, purpose-built shelter is essential to address these deficiencies. The proposed facility will be designed to meet regulatory requirements, improve sanitation and biosecurity measures, enhance staff and public safety, and ensure humane housing for animals in our care. It will also strengthen the County's ability to serve residents effectively, respond to animal control needs, and promote responsible pet ownership throughout the community.

This project represents a critical infrastructure investment that will support public health, animal welfare, and community well-being in Greene County. We respectfully request your favorable consideration of this funding request and appreciate your continued support of our County's priorities.

Thank you for your service to our district and for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Kyle J. DeHaven
Greene County Manager

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**RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF
A NEW GREENE COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER**

WHEREAS, the Greene County Board of County Commissioners is concerned for the health, safety, and humane treatment of animals within Greene County and is committed to promoting responsible pet ownership while protecting the welfare of both animals and citizens throughout the County; and,

WHEREAS, an appropriate and modern Animal Shelter facility is essential to this commitment, as it plays a critical role in providing safe housing, medical care, and adoption services for stray, abandoned, and surrendered animals, while also supporting animal control operations and safeguarding public health and safety within Greene County; and,

WHEREAS, the current Greene County Animal Shelter facility was originally constructed in the early 1980s as a private kennel used for training hunting dogs and was never designed or intended for commercial or public animal shelter operations; and the facility was subsequently donated to Greene County and has served as the County's Animal Shelter since 2001; and,

WHEREAS, the existing facility does not meet current animal welfare recommendations regarding space, layout, and design standards for modern sheltering operations, and it is inadequate to meet the growing needs of Greene County due to limitations in size, infrastructure, and functionality; and the facility presents challenges in providing appropriate separation of animals based on size, health status, and temperament; and,

WHEREAS, the construction of a new Animal Shelter would allow for improved standards of care, including proper ventilation and sanitation systems, designated quarantine and isolation areas, secure outdoor exercise spaces, and dedicated areas for adoptions, intake, and community education programs; and,

WHEREAS, a new facility would enhance the County's ability to collaborate with rescue organizations, veterinarians, volunteers, and community partners to increase adoption rates, reduce euthanasia, and promote spay and neuter initiatives and responsible pet ownership; and,

WHEREAS, Greene County is committed to investing in infrastructure that protects public health, strengthens community engagement, and reflects the values of compassion, responsibility, and stewardship embraced by its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Greene County Board of County Commissioners believes that constructing a new Animal Shelter at an appropriate County-owned location would better serve the needs of the

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community, provide a safe and humane environment for animals, and ensure that animal services operations are conducted in an efficient and effective manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Greene County Board of County Commissioners hereby expresses its formal support for the construction of a new Greene County Animal Shelter and commits to pursuing the planning, funding, and development necessary to provide a modern, safe, and humane facility for the care and adoption of animals within Greene County.

Adopted this the 2nd day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:


Clerk to the Board


Chairman



Steven W. Troxler
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North Carolina Department of Agriculture
and Consumer Services
Veterinary Division

Christina L. Waggett
Assistant Commissioner
for Consumer Protection

R. Michael Martin, DVM
State Veterinarian

March 4, 2026

To: Kyle DeHaven
County Manager for Greene County

From: Dr. Patricia Norris
Animal Welfare Section Director

RE: Support for the Building of a New Animal Shelter

I am writing in support of Greene County building a new animal shelter for the residents of its county. Greene County has made great use of its aged animal shelter, but the facility is well beyond its useful life. The staff work very hard to maintain and keep the shelter in compliance with the NC Animal Welfare Act, but the age and condition of the shelter make it almost impossible to sustain compliance.

A new shelter would most likely enhance the likelihood of reuniting lost animals with their owners, increasing adoptions, and encouraging more volunteer participation and community engagement.

Sincerely,

Patricia Norris, DVM
Director of Animal Welfare Section
Veterinary Division



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March 5, 2026

Congressman Greg Murphy
407 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Murphy,

I write in strong support of Greene County's Community Project Funding request for the construction of a new animal shelter.

The County's current shelter was originally established as a private facility and was never designed to function as a public animal control and intake operation. Because of these limitations, the building routinely falls out of compliance with current animal welfare standards for sheltering. The structure lacks the space, layout, and infrastructure necessary to consistently meet modern requirements for humane housing, disease control, and operational efficiency.

A new, purpose-built facility will ensure compliance with applicable standards, improve public health and safety, expand adoption capacity, and provide humane care that meets the expectations of our community. This project represents a necessary investment in critical local infrastructure.

I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if additional information would be helpful.

Sincerely,

Buck Newton North Carolina Senate NC District 4 Greene, Wayne, Wilson



North Carolina General Assembly
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Congressman Greg Murphy
407 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

March 10, 2026

Dear Congressman Murphy:

As a Member of the North Carolina General Assembly representing District Number 12, I respectfully submit this letter in support of Greene County's Community Project Funding request for the construction of a new animal shelter.

The County's current shelter facility was originally established for private use and was not constructed to serve as a public animal control operation. Over time, the scope of services and intake demands has outgrown the building's intended purpose. Because of these limitations, the facility regularly struggles to maintain compliance with current animal welfare standards for sheltering.

A new, properly designed facility will provide the infrastructure necessary to meet regulatory requirements, improve disease control and safety measures, and ensure humane conditions for animals in County care. It will also strengthen the County's ability to serve residents efficiently and responsibly.

This project addresses a clear and documented infrastructure deficiency, and I respectfully encourage your full consideration of this request.

Thank you for your service to our state and your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Representative Chris Humphrey
NC House District 12
Serving Lenoir, Greene, and Jones Counties





Office of the Rules Chairman
North Carolina House of Representatives

JOHN R. BELL, IV
10TH DISTRICT

March 4, 2026

Congressman Greg Murphy, MD
407 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Murphy,

As a Member of the North Carolina General Assembly representing District Number 10, I am writing to express my strong support for Greene County's Community Project Funding (CPF) request for the construction of a new county animal shelter.

Greene County's current animal shelter facility was originally established as a private shelter and was never designed or intended to operate as a full-scale public animal control and commercial intake facility. As a result, the building's layout, infrastructure, and capacity are fundamentally inadequate for the volume and scope of services now required.

Due to these structural and design limitations, the facility routinely falls out of compliance with current animal welfare standards for sheltering. Despite the dedicated efforts of staff and volunteers, the building itself cannot consistently meet modern requirements related to space allocation, ventilation, isolation areas, disease control, and humane housing conditions. These ongoing compliance challenges not only strain County resources but also create operational inefficiencies and limit the County's ability to provide the highest standard of care.

The proposed new shelter would be purpose-built to meet current regulatory and animal welfare standards. It would provide appropriate intake areas, quarantine and isolation space, proper ventilation systems, expanded adoption facilities, and sufficient capacity to serve the growing needs of the community. A modern facility will improve public health and safety, enhance adoption outcomes, reduce long-term operating costs, and ensure compliance with applicable state and federal guidelines.

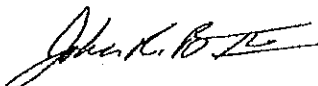
Greene County has undertaken careful planning to address these longstanding deficiencies in a fiscally responsible manner. Federal support through the Community Project Funding process is essential to making this critical infrastructure project a reality.

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I respectfully urge you to give this request your strongest consideration. Investment in a properly designed animal shelter is an investment in public health, community safety, and humane standards of care for our region.

Thank you for your continued service to North Carolina and for your thoughtful consideration of this important request. Please feel free to contact my office should you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Bell, IV". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

John R. Bell, IV