

**CITY OF MONROE - GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
300 W. CROWELL STREET, MONROE, NC 28112
Thursday, April 15, 2021 - 4:00 PM**

**AGENDA
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1. Minutes of General Services Committee Meeting of February 18, 2021
2. Naming Skyway Drive Bridge in Honor of Sergeant Jeffrey Greene
3. Historical Marker to Honor Dr. Christine Mann Darden

Other Items



**CITY OF MONROE
GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

City Hall Conference Room
300 W. Crowell Street
Monroe, NC 28112
February 18, 2021 4:00 PM

MINUTES

Present: Committee Member Lynn Keziah (Chairman), Committee Member Mayor Pro Tem Marion Holloway, Committee Member Franco McGee, Committee Member Gary Anderson

Absent: Committee Member Hayden Munn

Staff: Larry Faison, City Manager; Lisa Strickland, Finance Director; Brian Borne, Assistant City Manager; Ron Mahle, Assistant Director of Economic Development; S. Mujeeb Shah-Khan, City Attorney; Ashley Ivey, Accounting Manager

Visitor(s): None

The General Services Committee met in the City Hall Conference Room at 4:00 p.m. on February 18, 2021. A quorum was present. Chairman Keziah presided.

Item 1. General Services Committee Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to approve the Minutes of the General Services Committee Meeting of January 21, 2021.

Committee Member Anderson seconded the motion, which unanimously passed with the following votes:

AYES: Chairman Keziah, Mayor Pro Tem Holloway, Committee Member McGee, Committee Member Anderson

NAYS: None

Item 2. One North Carolina Grant Award for MBP Acquisition, LLC d/b/a Hamilton Drywall Products.

Assistant Director of Economic Development, Ron Mahle presented a request to accept funds in the amount of \$50,000 received from the State of North Carolina's One NC Fund Grant for MBP Acquisition, LLC d/b/a Hamilton Drywall Products as part of the incentive package developed in the recruitment of this company to our community in 2020.

In 2020, as part of a comprehensive economic development incentive package developed by Monroe-Union County Economic Development, MBP Acquisition, LLC d/b/a Hamilton Drywall Products was awarded \$50,000 in grant funds from the State of North Carolina One NC Fund Grant Program. MBP Acquisition, LLC d/b/a Hamilton Drywall Products has committed to create 31 jobs by December, 2022, and a targeted new investment of \$4,500,000.

Staff requests that the General Service Committee recommend to Council at the March 9, 2021, Regular meeting to approve the acceptance of these funds, to authorize City Manager Faison to execute the Local Government and Company Performance Agreements and to adopt a Budget Amendment appropriating the funds.

Committee Member Anderson made a motion to recommend the acceptance of the funds, to authorize the City Manager to execute the documents and to adopt the budget amendment.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway seconded the motion, which unanimously passed with the following votes:

AYES: Chairman Keziah, Mayor Pro Tem Holloway, Committee Member McGee, Committee Member Anderson

NAYS: None

Item 3. Disposal by Auction Sale of 1999 Volvo Dump Truck.

Finance Director, Lisa Strickland presented a request for approval of a resolution to authorize disposal of a 1999 Volvo Tandem WG64 Dump truck that is no longer in service in the Water & Sewer Construction Department.

Staff is requesting City Council authorization to dispose of a 1999 Volvo Tandem WG64 Dump truck as defined by G.S. 160A-266 Methods of Sale. Pursuant to G.S. 160A-270 and Title III, Chapter 34 of the City of Monroe Code of Ordinances, staff is required to seek City Council approval when the fair market value of surplus personal property is believed to exceed \$30,000. Staff will be listing this vehicle on GovDeals with a reserve amount (base bid) of 20,000. The potential proceeds of this apparatus may be in excess of \$30,000 which will require adoption of a Resolution giving authority to dispose of the vehicle. The dump truck has been evaluated by management and the City Garage and met the requirements for replacement due to the age.

Staff recommends City Council authorization of the disposal of the 1999 Volvo Tandem WG64 Dump truck as defined by G.S. 160A-266 Methods of Sale by approving Resolution R-2021-16.

Committee Member McGee made a motion to recommend the authorization of the disposal and approval of the Resolution.

Committee Member Anderson seconded the motion, which unanimously passed with the following votes:

AYES: Chairman Keziah, Mayor Pro Tem Holloway, Committee Member McGee, Committee Member Anderson

NAYS: None

Item 4. Fiscal Year 2021 Audit Contract for City of Monroe.

Accounting Manager, Ashley Ivey presented information regarding the contract for audit services for the City of Monroe to Martin Starnes & Associates, CPA's, P.A. for the year ending June 30, 2021.

A Request for Proposals was done in February 2014 and Martin Starnes & Associates, CPA's P.A. was the firm selected by the Finance Committee's audit selection team. The City first contracted with Martin Starnes & Associates, CPA's P.A. for the fiscal year 2014 audit. A new five-year service agreement was approved by City Council in fiscal year 2018 that will last through fiscal year 2023. If approved, this will be the eighth year with this audit firm. The cost estimates given by the firm for the next 3 years are as follows:

\$78,800	Fiscal Year 2021
\$81,150	Fiscal Year 2022
\$81,150	Fiscal Year 2023

There were no disputes or conflicts with the audit firm in the prior year and the City received the audit report and financial statements in a timely manner in order to meet the Local Government Commission's submission deadline of October 31st.

The proposed contract for audit services for the City for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 is \$78,800. This fee reflects maintaining the current level of audit services. This includes testing of internal controls to ensure that the City's financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, preparation of the annual financial statements and an audit to maintain compliance with single audit act requirements.

Staff recommends and requests approval by the General Services Committee of the audit contract with Martin Starnes & Associates, CPA's, P.A. for \$78,800.

Committee Member McGee made a motion to recommend the approval of the audit contract to City Council.

Committee Member Anderson seconded the motion, which unanimously passed with the following votes:

AYES: Chairman Keziah, Mayor Pro Tem Holloway, Committee Member McGee, Committee Member Anderson

NAYS: None

Item 5. Outside Agency Funding Requests for Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

Finance Director, Lisa Strickland presented a request to consider outside agency funding requests for the fiscal year 2022 budget. Committee Members were provided with a detailed listing of agencies that had submitted applications along with amounts requested and information on what the funds were requested to be used for.

Chairman Keziah stated that he felt like, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there should be no increases to funding, but no decreases either. The Committee members stated that funding should be kept the same as fiscal year 2021 and if an organization did not apply for fiscal year 2022, they do not get funding in fiscal year 2022.

Committee Members asked to go down the list and review any new organizations that had not applied or been funded in past years. Finance Director Strickland went over each of those requests with the Committee.

Committee Member McGee made a motion that the applicant Volunteer2ServeNGive Inc. have their \$12,850 request be funded.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway seconded the motion, which unanimously passed with the following votes:

AYES: Chairman Keziah, Mayor Pro Tem Holloway, Committee Member McGee, Committee Member Anderson

NAYS: None

Committee Member McGee made a motion that the applicant Caraway Foundation have their \$3,000 request be funded.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway seconded the motion, which unanimously passed with the following votes:

AYES: Chairman Keziah, Mayor Pro Tem Holloway, Committee Member McGee, Committee Member Anderson

NAYS: None

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway made a motion that the applicant Ground 40 Ministries have their \$10,000 request be funded. City Attorney Shah-Khan informed the Committee that in order to fund this request the applicant must resubmit their application with the use of funds to be secular. Finance Director Strickland added that the organization also needed to submit a copy of their financial statements.

Committee Member Anderson seconded the motion pending that Ground 40 resubmits their application and includes a secular use of funds and submits their financial statements, which unanimously passed with the following votes:

AYES: Chairman Keziah, Mayor Pro Tem Holloway, Committee Member McGee, Committee Member Anderson

NAYS: None

The Committee was informed by the Finance Director that Excel Enrichment Program, HELP Center Inc and Alliance for Children must submit updated financial statements in order to meet the current requirements. Committee Members agreed this should be received prior to them being funded for fiscal year 2022.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway made a motion to recommend the funding of outside agency requests at the same level as fiscal year 2021 with the following exceptions:

- If an agency that was funded in fiscal year 2021 did not apply for fiscal year 2022, they will not be granted any funding in fiscal year 2022
- Ground 40 Ministries must resubmit application to list a secular use of funds and provide financial statements
- Excel Enrichment Program, HELP Center Inc. and Alliance for Children must submit updated financial statements in order to be funded in fiscal year 2022

Committee Member McGee seconded the motion, which unanimously passed with the following votes:

AYES: Chairman Keziah, Mayor Pro Tem Holloway, Committee Member McGee, Committee Member Anderson

NAYS: None

Other:

Assistant City Manager, Brian Borne notified the Committee that he had been in talks with the owner of the Monroe Hardware building on Franklin Street and there is an opportunity for the City to purchase the property. There was interest by an institution to purchase it, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, that is on pause. Tax value of the property is around \$672,400 and they are interested in selling to the City for \$400,000. He requested feedback from the Committee on if there is interest for him to pursue an agreement to purchase. The Committee was supportive of this opportunity and asked Assistant City Manager Borne to proceed with working on an agreement to purchase to be presented to Council in the future.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Committee Chairman, Lynn Keziah



STAFF REPORT

TO: General Services Committee

VIA: E.L. Faison, City Manager

DATE: April 15, 2021

FROM: Sarah McAllister P.E., Interim Engineering Director

PREPARED BY: Sarah McAllister, P.E., Interim Engineering Director

SUBJECT: Naming Skyway Drive Bridge in Honor of Sergeant Jeffrey Greene

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The General Services Committee is requested to consider a request to name the Skyway Drive bridge over US 74 in honor of Sergeant Jeffrey W. Greene.

REVIEW

Ms. Pauline Sherron, on behalf of the Union County Women of Law Enforcement, has requested to name the Skyway Drive bridge over US 74 in honor of Sergeant Jeffrey W. Greene, who was killed while on duty as a Union County Deputy Sheriff in a traffic accident on November 19, 2014 at the intersection of Sutherland Avenue and US 74. The bridge is maintained by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and Ms. Sherron has begun NCDOT's application process. A resolution of support is required by City Council as part of the application process.

The following is provided by Ms. Sherron on the application regarding Sergeant Greene's contributions and/or significant accomplishments:

Sgt. Jeff Greene was a family man. He was a loving and dedicated husband of 29 years, father of two girls and grandfather to five children. He served honorably in the United States Air Force and in the United States Marines for a total of 10 years. His service to others continued when he joined the Union County Sheriff's Office in 2004. He loved his career and spoke often of being in his "dream job." He supervised in the Jail Bureau, attained the rank of sergeant, and was

supervisor of the Support Services Bureau at the time of his passing. Greene was respected for his leadership, work ethic, professionalism and sincerity. He was always there to help anyone in need. He served as a Sunday School teacher and with the NC Baptist Men's Association on numerous mission trips. Some of those included to Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina, NY City in the aftermath of 911, numerous trips to the NC coast after hurricanes, and many more. Greene was just a good guy, dedicated to the service of others.

A copy of the bridge naming application is attached for reference. There is a \$2,000 administrative fee associated with the bridge naming request which the Union County Women of Law Enforcement have raised through community donations. The requesting party is also required to provide three recommendation letters. Six letters have been received to date and are attached. If additional letters are received prior to the April 15th meeting, Staff will provide those as well. Attached is Resolution 2021-24 endorsing the bridge naming.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the attached Resolution 2021-24 endorsing the naming of the Skyway Drive bridge over US 74 in honor of Sergeant Jeffrey W. Greene. If the General Services Committee is in agreement, Staff will place this item on the May 11, 2021 City Council consent agenda for approval by Council.

Attachments:

NCDOT Road Naming Application
Resolution 2021-24
Letter from Brian Funderburk
Letter from Eddie Cathey
Letter from Trinity Baptist Church
Letter from Monroe Motor Company
Letter from Phyllis Kaylor
Letter from April Greene



Road, Bridge, Ferry Naming or Designation Application

Date: 3/10/2021

Information about Yourself	
Your Name: <i>Pauline Sherron</i>	Phone Number: <i>704-320-3806</i>
Mailing Address: <i>PO Box 2673 Monroe, NC 28111</i>	Alternate Phone Number: <i>N/A</i>
Relationship to Honoree: <i>Friend/ Co-worker</i>	Email Address: <i>luvacop@ymail.com</i>

Information about What You Want to Have Named	
Do You Wish to Name/Designate a Road, Bridge or Ferry? <i>Bridge</i>	
If a road or bridge, is it currently under construction? <i>In order for a road or bridge to be named in honor of an individual, that road or bridge must be already constructed, or within 3 months of its expected construction completion date. (See Section III. B. in the Honorary Designations of State Transportation Assets Policy)</i>	<i>No</i>
County: <i>Union</i>	Route: <i>US 601/ Concord Hwy</i>
Description: <i>If a road request, please include preferred section (Point A to Point B), and if a bridge request, please include what the bridge crosses. For road requests, the distance of the proposed dedication should be 5 miles or less. Law enforcement officers will be honored with bridge dedications in lieu of highways. Also indicate if you would like to name (changes addresses) or designate (honorary title) the facility – designations are most common (See Section II and III. in Policy)</i> <i>Request that the bridge on US 601/ Concord Hwy that crosses US 74 in the city of Monroe, NC be designated in honor of Sergeant Jeffrey W. Greene. Sgt. Greene was on duty as a Union County Deputy Sheriff on November 19, 2014 when he was tragically killed in a traffic crash.</i>	



Road, Bridge, Ferry Naming or Designation Application

Information about the Honoree (Person for whom the Road, Bridge or Ferry Naming or Designation Request is being made)

Honoree's Name: *Jeffrey Wayne Greene*

1. If approved, what is the preferred name you would like to have on the sign?

Names can include one title, one given name and initial, a surname, and a suffix. (See Section II. B. in Policy) "Memorial" is no longer included on signs.

Sgt. Jeffrey W. Greene

2. Is the honoree living or deceased?

If deceased, please provide date of death: To qualify for a road, bridge, or ferry naming or designation, an honoree must be either living, or be deceased longer than one year but less than 75 years. (See Section II. A. in Policy)

deceased

11/19/2014

3. Is the honoree currently serving or seeking a term as an elected official?

If so, please indicate what kind of office.

To qualify for a road, bridge, or ferry naming or designation, an honoree must not be currently seeking or serving a term as a federal, state, or local elected official. (See Section II. A. of Policy)

not currently serving or seeking a term as an elected official

Select the office.

4. Is the honoree currently a North Carolina resident?

If no, please provide dates when the honoree was a North Carolina resident.

To qualify for a road, bridge, or ferry naming or designation, an honoree must be or have been a North Carolina resident. (See Section II. A. in Policy)

Yes

Click here to enter dates when honoree was a North Carolina resident.

5. Has the honoree made notable local, state, and/or national contributions and/or had significant accomplishments?

Yes



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(See Section II. A. in Policy) Later, you will be required to list these.

6. Does the honoree already have a state-owned road, bridge, or ferry named or designated for him or her?

To qualify for a road, bridge, or ferry designation, an honoree must not already have a state-owned road, bridge, or ferry designated for him or her. (See Section II. E. in Policy)

No

7. Is the honoree a law enforcement officer or first responder killed in the line of duty?

Municipal officials, employees, and law enforcement officers (including those killed in the line of duty) should be recognized with a municipally owned bridge, if available and/or feasible (See Section II. B. in Policy)

If you are requesting a state-owned bridge be named for a local law enforcement officer or first responder, please describe what the circumstances that justify the exception.

Yes

There are no suitable municipally owned bridges in Monroe.

8. Is the honorary designation being requested on the basis of the individual's military service?

If yes, which valorous combat decoration has the honoree received?

Verification of the award will be required at the time the resolution is submitted. Only recipients of the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Navy Cross, or Air Force Cross are eligible for a road or bridge naming / designation based on military combat service (See Section II. A. of Policy). (Other military personnel are honored by the 1300+ mile Blue Star Memorial Highway Network across North Carolina, See Section V. of Policy.)

No

Choose an item.

Description: Please describe the background information of the honoree, and list his/her credentials that justify the road, bridge, or ferry naming. These must include notable local, state, and/or national



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contributions and/or significant accomplishments. (See Sections II. D. and IV. A. in Policy)

Sgt. Jeff Greene was a family man. He was a loving and dedicated husband of 29 years, father of two girls and grandfather to five children. He served honorably in the United States Air Force and in the United States Marines for a total of 10 years. His service to others continued when he joined the Union County Sheriff's Office in 2004. He loved his career and spoke often of being in his "dream job." He supervised in the Jail Bureau, attained the rank of sergeant, and was supervisor of the Support Services Bureau at the time of his passing. Greene was respected for his leadership, work ethic, professionalism and sincerity. He was always there to help anyone in need. He served as a Sunday School teacher and with the NC Baptist Men's Association on numerous mission trips. Some of those included to Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina, NY City in the aftermath of 911, numerous trips to the NC coast after hurricanes, and many more. Greene was just a good guy, dedicated to the service of others.

Support for Proposed Road/Bridge/Ferry Naming

1. Does the proposed naming / designation have strong local support?
Requested naming must have strong local support. Unanimous resolutions from the local governments with jurisdiction, passed in a public forum, will be required. (See Section II. A. in Policy) At a later stage of the review process, you will need to provide at least three letters of recommendation from civic, service, or business organizations that demonstrate this support. (See Section IV. B. in Policy)

Yes

2. Does the family of the honoree support the proposed naming / designation?
The family must support the proposed naming. (See Section II. A. & Section IV. E. in Policy)

Yes



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3. **Has a source of the \$2000 administrative fee for the sign been identified?**
The requesting party or local government is responsible for \$2000 towards the cost of the signs. *The local government or designee must participate by paying an administrative fee of \$2000. (See Section IV. G. in Policy)*

Yes

When complete, this form should be emailed to the Road, Bridge or Ferry Naming Committee Service account at roadnaming@ncdot.gov. After reviewing your form, NCDOT staff will contact you to discuss next steps.

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING A BRIDGE NAMING
IN HONOR OF SERGEANT JEFFREY W. GREENE
R-2021-24**

WHEREAS, the Union County Women of Law Enforcement (UCWLF) via Ms. Pauline Sherron has requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to name the Skyway Drive bridge over US Highway 74 in honor of Sergeant Jeffrey W. Greene; and,

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jeffrey W. Greene was killed while on duty as a Union County Deputy Sheriff in a traffic accident on November 19, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jeffrey W. Greene served honorably in the United States Air Force and the United States Marines for a total of 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jeffrey W. Greene had worked with the Union County Sheriff's Office since 2004, was a loving family man, and served on numerous mission trips to areas of natural disasters and New York in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorists attacks; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT requires a resolution of support from the Monroe City Council and the Union County Board of Commissioners to consider the bridge naming request for the Skyway Drive bridge; and

WHEREAS, the matter was considered by the General Services Committee on April 15, 2021 and recommended to move forward to City Council with a positive recommendation; and,

WHEREAS, the naming of the Skyway Drive bridge over US Highway 74 in honor of Sergeant Jeffrey W. Greene was considered by the City Council at their meeting on May 11, 2021; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City endorses the naming of the Skyway Drive bridge over US Highway 74 in honor of Sergeant Jeffrey W. Greene.

Adopted this 11th day of May, 2021.

Attest:

Mayor Bobby Kilgore

Bridgette Robinson, City Clerk

April 6, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

I wanted to take a moment of your time to tell you about Union County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Jeffrey Greene, who died in the line of duty on November 19th, 2014 in Monroe, North Carolina. This letter is in reference to the recent request from the Union County Women of Law Enforcement to rename the Skyway Bridge in Monroe to honor Sgt. Greene.

I first met Sgt. Greene in December 2006 when he became my Sergeant in the Union County Jail while I was a Detention Officer. Sgt. Greene was unlike any leader I have ever worked for and it was very obvious that he loved serving others. Sgt. Greene set the standard for members of his Squad to follow and he held us accountable. This ensured that those under Sgt. Greene's leadership grew and became future leaders of the Union County Sheriff's Office.

Outside of working for Sgt. Greene, I had the pleasure of becoming his friend, and he in turn became much like a second father to me. Sgt. Greene was very instrumental in setting the example of what a husband, father, friend, and Deputy Sheriff should be. I have held myself to that example since knowing Sgt. Greene. I remember vividly speaking with Sgt. Greene when I planned on asking my bride to marry me. I remember how happy Sgt. Greene was to be at our wedding and the advice that he gave us, "always communicate with each other and never go to bed angry". My bride and I have centered our marriage on this advice and we will be celebrating thirteen years this coming October.

One of the happiest moments I had with Sgt. Greene was when he shouted to the rooftops about my bride being pregnant with my first daughter. Sgt. Greene emailed the entire Sheriff's Office bragging about the upcoming birth of my daughter. My daughter was born on August 31, 2010 around 8:55pm. I remember waking up on September 1, 2010 and seeing Sgt. Greene in full uniform holding my daughter and smiling ear to ear. Sgt. Greene treated us like family.

Sgt. Greene knew the true meaning of family. Sgt. Greene would always check on anyone at the Sheriff's Office during a difficult time in their lives and would pray with them. Sgt. Greene did the same for me when my father passed away in October of 2014. Sgt. Greene made sure that my family was taken care of, all while helping another family of a co-worker who passed away at the same time. My family was very grateful for the love shown by Sgt. Greene and how he made us a priority in his life.

On November 19, 2014, Sgt. Greene was called home to be with his Lord and Savior. Sgt. Greene still looks over the Union County Sheriff's Office and his loved ones today. I truly believe he has been my guardian angel and continues to hold me accountable as a husband, father, and leader.

I know for a fact that changing the name of the Skyway Bridge will be just another opportunity for Sgt. Greene to watch over others and make sure they are safe. The motorists that travel that road will forever have a guardian angel watching over them.

This letter just skims the surface of how great Sgt. Greene was. I know that I could write a book about all the great things he did during his life. I won't take up anymore of your time because I know you have a lot to do regarding the changing of the name on Skyway Bridge. Thank you for taking the time to let me brag about my friend who I miss very much.

Sgt. Brian Funderburke

Union County Sheriff's Office

704-441-5570

brianfunderburke@unioncountync.gov

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March 31, 2021

To Whom it May Concern:

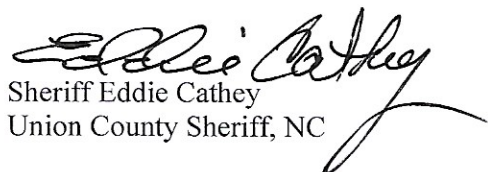
It has been brought to my attention that the Union County Women of Law Enforcement (UCWLE) is progressing towards naming the Skyway Bridge in Union County, NC after fallen Deputy, Sgt. Jeffrey W. Greene. I would like to express my complete support for this project.

Sgt. Greene began his employment with the Union County Sheriff's Office on December 13, 2004 as a Detention Officer. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal in November, 2005. In September 2006, he was promoted to rank of Sergeant and was sworn as a Deputy Sheriff in December 2006. In 2012 he was assigned to Support Services where he continued to serve until his tragic death.

On November 19, 2014, Sgt. Greene was operating a marked UCSO vehicle and sitting at a traffic light in Monroe on US 74, waiting to turn on to Sutherland Avenue. While there, an approaching tractor and trailer truck failed to stop in time and jackknifed, causing the truck to flip over on top of Sgt. Greene's patrol car, killing him instantly. Sgt. Greene's death marked the first line of duty death of a UCSO employee.

By naming the Skyway Drive Bridge after Sgt. Jeffrey W. Greene, Union County residents will remember the ultimate sacrifice he gave in the line of duty. The family continues to reside in Union County and I know this will be a great honor for them.

Again, this project has my complete support and I look forward to the day it is dedicated. If you need any further assistance, feel free to contact me.


Sheriff Eddie Cathey
Union County Sheriff, NC

/th



To Whom it may concern:

We, at Trinity Baptist Church, believe that it would be a wonderful idea and give our full support to the local Law Enforcement to redesignating Skyway Drive Bridge over US 74 in memory of Sgt. Jeff Greene.

What a wonderful way to honor someone who sacrificed so much for our community.

We hope that you will approve.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Servants of Christ,

Trinity Baptist Church

120 Maple Hill Rd
Monroe, NC 28110
704.289.4194

Monroe Motor Company

901 W Roosevelt Blvd
Monroe, N. C. 28110
Phone: 704-289-5578
Fax: 704-283-0455

April 2, 2021

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We here at Monroe Motor Company believe in fully supporting our local Law Enforcement agencies. We can't think of a better way to honor Sgt. Jeffrey W. Greene than to name the Skyway Drive Bridge in Monroe, North Carolina after Sgt. Greene. We are grateful for his service to the residents of Union County and would appreciate your consideration in honoring him in this manner.

Sincerely,

The Mills Family and Monroe Motor Co.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am excited to hear that there will be the opportunity to have a memorial to remember Sgt. Jeff Greene. I knew him for thirty years.

He was tall in stature, but the reason you knew he was in the room was his joyful laugh and smile. He strived to make a person feel that they were important. Jeff truly loved the Lord and he proclaimed his faith by living and singing God's praises. Oh, and he could sing!

His loved family, he welcomed His wife's mother, his mother and his stepdaughter and her three boys to live with him and April. Not at the same time but if there was a need, there was a place in Jeff's home and his heart.

His moral character was obvious in the way he treated people, even the ones he met in jail. We need more Jeffs in this world.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Kaylor, President
Phroja Corp.

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is April Greene. I am the widow of Sgt. Jeff Greene who was tragically killed in the line of duty on November 19, 2014. Our family is overwhelmed and honored by the possibility of having a bridge named in his honor. We have two children and five surviving grandchildren. Our 16-year-old granddaughter was killed in a horrible car wreck in 2018. All of the other grandchildren reside in Union County. How proud they would be seeing their Grandpa's name on a bridge. They all remember him and we talk daily about him in one way or another. The youngest is four and never met Jeff, but he knows of him and says he lives where all the pretty flowers are, "Heaven".

Jeff worked at the Sheriff's Office for 10 years and was a dedicated and loyal employee. He was proud to be a deputy and honored to serve the residents of Union County, which eventually he died for. Jeff served in the USAF and the USMC. He taught Sunday school class for the elderly at Lakeview Baptist Church; his class loved him dearly even though he was young enough to be their son. One couple actually purchased plots next to him at Lakeland Cemetery so they could be buried next to him. He also served with the North Carolina Baptist Men and went on multiple mission trips all over the southeast United States, along with going to New York City to help in the clean up after 911.

Jeff loved to serve people, and people loved Jeff- his presence filled a room. People still remember that horrible day he was killed, but they remember more the living Jeff that they miss so very much. It was not how Jeff died that made him a hero, but rather the way he lived his life. Thank you for taking your time to consider the proposed bridge naming. Our family is very grateful.

April Greene



STAFF REPORT

TO: General Services Committee

VIA: E.L. Faison, City Manager

DATE: April 15, 2021

FROM: Sarah McAllister P.E., Interim Engineering Director

PREPARED BY: Sarah McAllister, P.E., Interim Engineering Director

SUBJECT: Historical Marker to Honor Dr. Christine Mann Darden

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The General Services Committee is requested to consider information pertaining to a historic marker to honor Dr. Christine Mann Darden and to provide Staff direction regarding the sign wording and location.

REVIEW

Council Member Surluta Anthony requested to have the placement of a historic marker in honor of Dr. Christine Mann Darden placed on the agenda. Dr. Darden was born in Monroe in 1942 and attended Winchester Avenue School. She obtained her Ph.D in engineering from George Washington University in 1983. In 1989, Dr. Darden was appointed as the leader of the Sonic Boom Team, a subsidiary of the High Speed Research Program. She was the first African American woman at NASA's Langley Research Center to be promoted into the Senior Executive Service in 2004, the top rank in the federal civil service. Dr. Darden has been the recipient of many awards with the latest being the Congressional Gold Medal in 2019.

Staff has recently ordered a historic marker for Dr. John S. Massey and would recommend the same style marker by Sewah Studios for Dr. Christine Mann Darden. Depending on the preferred wording, the approximate cost of the marker would be \$1,800. Staff recommends for the marker to be a black plate with white letters. An example of the marker is attached for reference.

A map is attached identifying three parcels that were owned by the Mann family. Based on interviews, Dr. Darden stated that she grew up in one house and her parents built a new house across the street when she was in college. Based on the deeds, this would suggest she grew up at 905 Fairley Avenue. A new home has since been built on that parcel.

The General Services Committee is requested to provide Staff direction regarding the wording and placement for the proposed historic marker honoring Dr. Christine Mann Darden. The attached Budget Amendment BA-2021-09 is provided to appropriate the necessary funds from an administrative account.

RECOMMENDATION

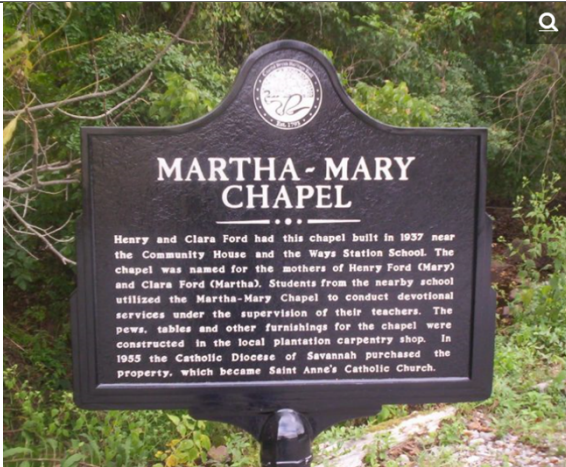
Staff recommends approval of Budget Amendment BA-2021-09. Staff will be available at the General Services Committee meeting on April 15, 2021 to discuss the details of the proposed historic marker. Once acceptable to the General Services Committee, a recommendation is requested to City Council regarding the wording and placement. Upon City Council approval, Staff will order the marker and coordinate the installation once received.

Attachments:
Sample Marker – Sewah Studios
Map of Family Owned Parcels
BA-2021-09

Dr. Christine Mann Darden

(Born in 1942)

Proposed wording?



24"x 30 " Georgia pattern

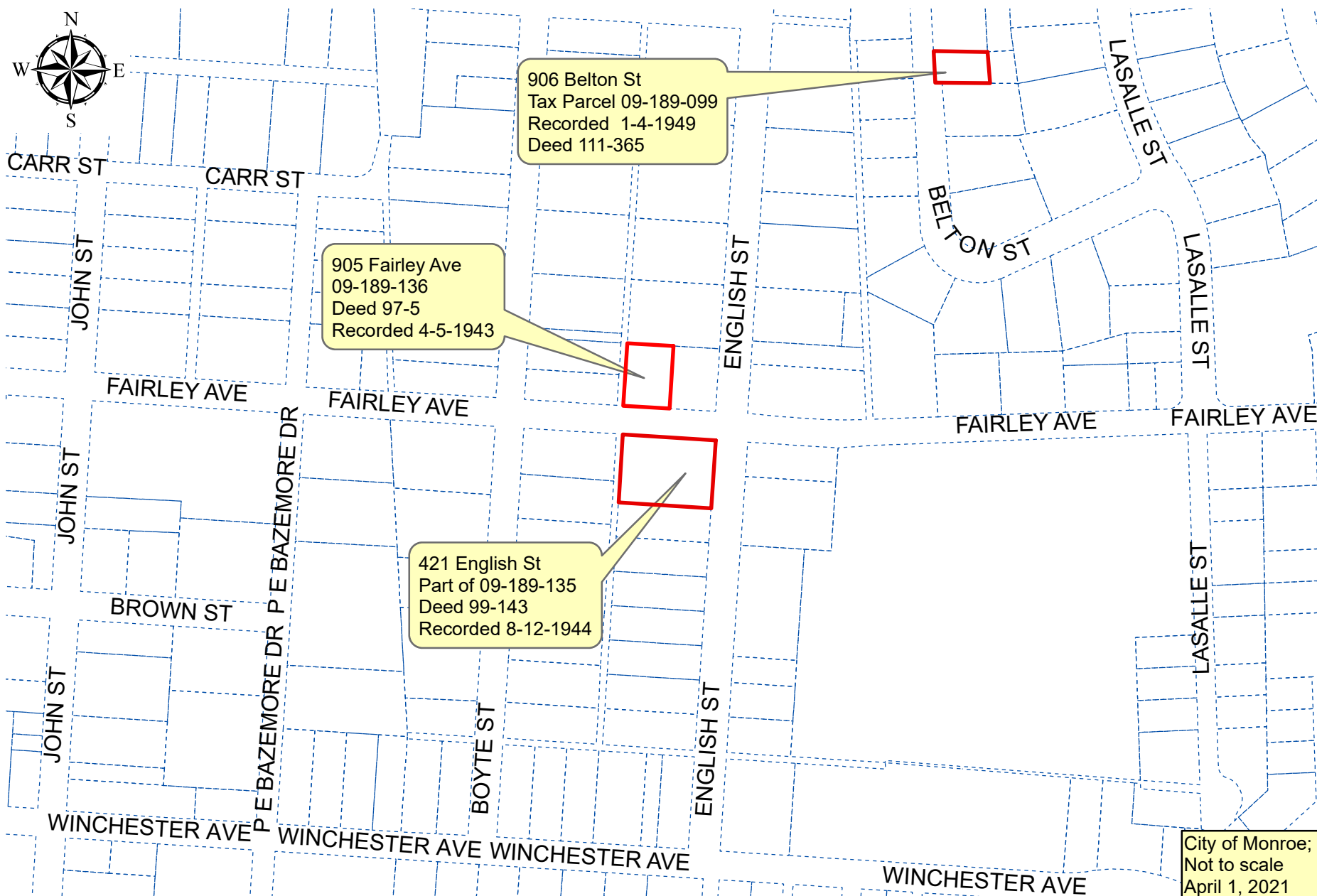
24"x30" Georgia pattern marker
1" letter size; title 1 ½" – 2"
Same information both sides
\$125 added production of emblem
7' post for mounting
Approximately \$1,800...price includes shipping

Includes emblem.



Black plate with white letters.

Parcels Owned by the Family of Dr. Christine Mann Darden



**BUDGET AMENDMENT
BA-2021-09**

1. Amendment to appropriate funds for a historic marker for Dr. Christine Mann Darden, born in Monroe in 1942, who was the first African American woman at NASA's Langley Research Center to be promoted into the Senior Executive Service in 2004, the top rank in the federal civil service.

General Fund:

Revenues:

Appropriation from Fund Balance	\$1,800
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Expenditures:

Administrative	\$1,800
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Adopted this 11th day of May, 2021.

Bobby G. Kilgore, Mayor

Attest:

Bridgette H. Robinson, City Clerk