

Continued Meeting – June 9, 2014

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, June 9, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville NC. Commissioners present were: Robert M. Edwards, Billy Holder, Connie Orr and Raymond Williams. Commissioner Keith Eller was absent.

1. Chairman Edwards called the meeting to order.
2. Chairman Edwards asks for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Holder made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chairman Edwards asks Rebecca Garland, Finance Officer to speak. Ms. Garland stated that the mil rate remained the same as last year at forty-six cents per one hundred and stated that the total budget is \$14,211,333.00 which includes our special revenue funds for Revaluation, 911 Fund, Economic Development Fund and the CDBG-Scattered Site Housing. Ms. Garland stated that the General Fund is the general operating fund of the county and it is used to account for all of the financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The primary revenue sources are ad valorem taxes, sales taxes, federal and state grants, and various other taxes and user fees. The primary expenditures are for general government services, public safety, human services, and education.
4. Ms. Garland stated that the Special Revenue Funds are used to account for specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes and the county will maintain four special revenue funds which are Revaluation, 911 Fund, Economic Development Fund and CDBG Scattered Site Housing Funds
5. Ms. Garland stated the Capital Projects Funds are used to account for the financial resources to be used for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities and further stated that these funds have a project budget as opposed to an annual budget. Ms. Garland stated that there are no budgeted capital projects for fiscal year 2014-2015.
6. Ms. Garland presented the proposed budget to Clerk Crisp and noted that the budget will lay for ten days and the public is welcome to come by the office and get a copy.
7. Commissioner Edwards asks how many years we have on the QZAB. Ms. Garland stated that we have around 15 years on the loan.
8. Commissioner Edwards welcomed Ella Kliger, MANNA Representative and thanked her for her hard work. Ms. Kliger thanked the board for their support to the Food Bank and stated that the need is growing daily.
9. The board discussed the closing of Stanley Furniture and how this will affect our county. The board did not give raises due to this unknown factor. Ms. Garland stated that our health insurance rates went up and we should consider this as our raise.
10. Clerk Crisp stated that the public hearing to adopt the budget would be held on Monday, June 23, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
11. Chairman Edwards asks for new or old business. Manager Cable asks if the board would be okay giving Appalachian Community Service a discount for the pool. Manager Cable stated that in the past the board gave \$1.00 off discount. Commissioner Williams made the motion to allow the discount. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
12. Manager Cable stated that the county was looking at a new computer system which will eliminate the stand alone computers which are becoming outdated and allow us to use thin clients which work from a large server. Manager Cable stated that this system would save the county money. Commissioner Orr made the motion to purchase the VDI System. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
13. Manager Cable stated that a request had been made by 911 Director Misty Hembree for a full time 911 addressor. Commissioner Williams stated that we need to go into closed session.
14. Commissioner Williams made the motion to go into closed session under G.S. 143-318.11(A) (6) for personnel. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

15. Commissioner Williams made the motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

16. Commissioner Orr made the motion to hire Josh Turner as a part-time dispatcher. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

17. Commissioner Williams made the motion to allow Jacob Nelms to work three fourths of his time to clean up the 911 address system and the other fourth to fire inspections for a temporary period with the understanding that he works under the direction of Manager Cable and can be flexible to help in Environmental Health if needed. Commissioner Holder seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

18. Commissioner Williams made the motion to hire Randy Lynn as a part time paramedic. Commissioner Holder seconded this motion. Commissioner Edwards called for a vote. Commissioner Holder and Williams voted yes. Commissioner Orr and Edwards voted no. Motion

failed due to a tie. Commissioner Orr stated that she was not against Randy Lynn being hired but wanted the recommendation to come from the EMS Director.

19. Clerk Crisp asks Commissioner Orr to meet with her this week to discuss the hiring at the Senior Center.

20. Commissioner Orr made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Holder seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Robert M. (Mike) Edwards, Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

Billy Holder, Vice-Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

Keith Eller, Member, Graham County Commissioner

Connie Orr, Member, Graham County Commissioner

Raymond Williams, Member, Graham County Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board