

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, September 22, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville NC. Commissioners present were Keith Eller, Billy Holder and Lynn Cody. Commissioners Connie Orr and Raymond Williams were absent due to illness.

1. Chairman Eller called the meeting to order.
2. Chairman Eller asks for a motion to excuse Commissioners Orr and Williams due to their illness. Commissioner Cody made the motion to excuse. Commissioner Holder seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chairman Eller recessed the continued meeting and opened the public hearing for Fiscal Year 2015 ROAP Grant Funding.
4. Chairman Eller asks Juanita Colvard, Transit Director to speak. Ms. Colvard stated that she was here to ask the board permission to apply for the Fiscal Year 2015 ROAP Grant which is the Rural Operating Assistance Program funding from the State of North Carolina. Ms. Colvard stated that the funds are to expended on needs identified through public involvement and/or planning process and are expended on eligible activities only. ~~Ms. Colvard stated that no public was in attendance and three commissioners were present and the other two commissioners were excused due to illness. Ms. Colvard asks the board if she should request the maximum amount. The board was in agreement to requesting the maximum amount.~~
- 5.4. Chairman Eller asks for public comment. No public comment was given.
- 6.5. Commissioner Cody made the motion to close the public hearing and reopen the continued meeting. Commissioner Holder seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
- 7.6. Commissioner Holder made the motion to allow Juanita Colvard [Graham County Transit Director](#), to apply for the Fiscal Year 2015 ROAP Funding Grant ~~at the maximum amount to be allocated in its entirety to Graham County Transit~~. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
- 8.7. Ms. Colvard stated that she would need to hold another public hearing for the CT5310 [Mobility Manager](#) Grant in the near future which is a 90% state and a 10% county match. [She stated she would also apply for the 5310 EDTAP Operating grant which had a 50% match.](#) Ms. Colvard discussed the necessity to allow qualified trips only. Ms. Colvard stated [she had also received the application for that the FY16 CT5314 Grant which was 5311 monies. That grant is for administration and capital she stated we will be need to replace five vans and the county must always show proof of need in order to keep these vehicles and the cost is around \\$1840,000.00 per vehicle. Ms. Colvard stated that she will need to replace her computer and some hand held radios which will be roughly around \\$25,000.00 some other capital items and the total match to the county for the vans and other small capital items should not total over \\$25,000.00 She stated we must budget the matches in the FY16 budget.](#) Ms. Colvard requested that the board surplus the vans [at a fair market value that will come out of the rotation need to be replaced](#) and deposit those funds into Transit ~~and requested they be sold at a fair market value.~~
- 9.8. Ms. Colvard discussed the option of charging Fares and presented a list to the board for their review. Ms. Colvard stated that ~~with good judgment~~ the fares would provide some of the money for the county match. Chairman Eller stated that he did not have a problem with fares. Ms. Colvard stated that the fares are for shopping trips or one way trips to the airport or for doctor appointments ~~not of a medical necessity that is considered General Public~~. The board was in favor of charging a fare for pleasure trips. Chairman Eller asks that we table this until the next meeting. Clerk Crisp suggested that we table this until the November meeting. The board agreed to table this until the November meeting.
- 10.9. Chairman Eller asks for new or old business. Clerk Crisp stated that Erma Phillips, Tax Assessor had reassessed the Wehr Property and the value was now \$1,191,080.00 and asks the board if this value is acceptable. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve this value. Commissioner Holder seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
- 11.10. Commissioner Cody made the motion to go into closed session under G.S, 143-318(a) (6) for personnel. Commissioner Holder seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
- 12.11. The board gave a directive to Clerk Crisp to make a schedule to adjust the tax office hours so that the office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 13.12. The board gave a directive to write a respectful letter to the Sheriff requesting that all cars be turned off when they are parked.

Keith Eller, Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

Billy Holder, Vice-Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

Lynn Cody, Member, Graham County Commissioner

Connie Orr, Member, Graham County Commissioner

Raymond Williams, Member, Graham County Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board