

Workshop Session – October 20, 2014

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, October 20, 2014 in the Graham County Community building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC 28771. Commissioners present were: Keith Eller, Billy Holder, Connie Orr and Lynn Cody. Commissioner Williams was absent.

1. Chairman Eller called the workshop session to order.
2. Chairman Eller asks EDC Director Andy Cable to speak. Mr. Cable gave the board an update on two projects. One is a plan that is being designed by DJ Robinson which is bullet point system plan designed to jumpstart a business plan. Mr. Cable stated that Mr. Robertson is obtaining credit for this plan from his enrollment in college through Western so it is at no cost to the county and it will be a very valuable tool to use in development of new businesses. Commissioner Orr stated that Mr. Robinson was a very fine young man who has helped not only the EDC Board but the Travel and Tourism Board as well.
3. Mr. Cable stated that the last update was the Broadband Grant that GREAT would assist us with. This is a \$225,000.00 project and RFP's will be going out soon which will provide the last mile access of broadband connection and the first section will be Sweetwater and Beech Creek and the project is expected to begin the first part of next year. The board was pleased to hear this project being moved forward.
4. Chairman Eller asks for public comment. No public comment was given.
5. Manager Cable asks the board if they would like to discuss the applicants for the USDA and Scattered Site Housing Funds. Manager Cable welcomed the Town of Robbinsville's Aldermen Jacky Ayers, Jan Brooks, Bobby Smith and Mayor Steve Hooper. Discussion was held on the names and the amount of money available. The board's discussed the need of so many throughout the Town and the County. Alderman Ayers mentioned the possibility of using RDA funds to finish a home in the event the funds were depleted before the home was finished. Clerk Crisp stated that Joan Stillwell, CDBG Administrator would be attending the regular meeting and will inform the board of the exact amount of money the board's would have available to spend.
6. Chairman Eller asks for further comment. No further comment was given.
7. Chairman Eller closed the workshop session.

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