

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, November 17, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville NC 28771 for their regular monthly meeting. All commissioners was present.

1. Chairman Eller called the meeting to order.
2. Chairman Eller asks Commissioner Williams to give the Invocation.
3. Chairman Eller asks Commissioner Orr to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Chairman Eller asks for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Chairman Eller asks for approval of the Regular and Workshop minutes of October 20th and the Public Hearing minutes of November 10th. Commissioner Holder made the motion to approve the minutes as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. Chairman Eller stated that the board would need a motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing for the 5311 2016 Grant for Transit. Commissioner Williams made the motion as stated. Commissioner Holder seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
7. Chairman Eller asks Juanita Colvard, Transit Director, to speak. Ms. Colvard stated that she was here to present the Fiscal Year 2016 Community Transportation Program Grant which is the administrative grant in the amount of \$148,742.00 this grant pays the salary for the director and assistant director, travel, training, electrical bills, water bills, office supplies, etc. Ms. Colvard asks for public comment. No public comment was given. Ms. Colvard stated that the second portion of the grant is for Capital expenses and this is for five replacement vehicles, lettering and a replacement computer in the amount of \$228,729.00. Ms. Colvard asks for public comment. No public comment was given. Chairman Eller stated that Ms. Colvard does a good job. No further comment was given. Commissioner Orr made the motion to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
8. Chairman Eller stated that the board would need a motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing for the 5310 2016 Grant. Commissioner Orr made the motion as stated. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
9. Chairman Eller asks Juanita Colvard, Transit Director, to speak. Ms. Colvard stated that this grant is the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program and the amount she wanted to apply for was \$42,847.00 for a mobility manager to co-ordinate services and \$61,260.00 for operating funds. She also stated that the \$42,487.00 has a 10% match and the \$61,216.00 has a 50% match. Ms. Colvard asks for public comment. No public comment was given.
10. Commissioner Orr made the motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Holder seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. Commissioner Orr made the motion to reopen the regular the meeting. Commissioner Holder seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
12. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the 5311 and the 5310 grant applications. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
13. Chairman Eller asks Juanita Colvard about the Public Fares for Transit. Ms. Colvard stated that the Transit Board had approved the fare schedule for the general public and she was bringing this to the board of commissioners for their consideration. The board had discussion previously and felt that these fares are needed for the general public. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the fare schedule as presented. Commissioner Holder seconded this motion. Chairman Eller calls for a vote. Commissioners Eller, Holder, Orr and Cody voted yes. Commissioner Williams voted no. Motion carried four to one.
14. Chairman Eller asks for the finance report. Rebecca Garland, Finance Officer, stated that the board was holding their own at \$5,956,969.00 which is a little over one million dollars from this time last year. Ms. Garland stated that our tax collections had dropped a little last month as well as the DMV collections and felt our tax base had dropped due to the conservation easements. Ms. Garland stated that it will be time for the tax office to get started on the tax garnishments and foreclosures and we need to keep working hard on the back tax collections. Ms. Garland stated that the sales tax had a 4% growth which was a positive that the citizens are spending locally. Ms. Garland stated that our overall budget is doing well and we are within budget.
15. Ms. Garland stated that she has two budget amendments for the board's approval. Budget Amendment #7: To Recognize increase in reimbursement rates for Medicaid conversion to NCFASST and anticipated overtime to be paid for the conversion according to Darrell Renfroe and Dana Sisk from NCDHHS and Budget Amendment #8: To Amend to correct HCCBG grant to final approved budget per the HCCBG final county funding plan.
16. Chairman Eller asks for public comment. Manager Cable stated that John Powell was signed in for public comment. Chairman Eller asks John Powell to speak.
17. Mr. Powell stated that he would like to speak to the board in closed about a Travel and Tourism personnel matter. The board agreed to this request.

18. Chairman Eller asks Manager Cable to present the discussion items. Manager Cable asks the board to approve the releases and discoveries. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the releases and discoveries. Commissioner Holder seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
19. Manager Cable gave the board a brief update on the jail inspection report. Manager Cable stated that two items was being repaired and the work should be completed this week.
20. Manager Cable stated that the county had received two bids for the roof repair at the DSS Building and asks the board to open those sealed bids. Chairman Eller opened the bids and they are as follows: 1) Better Built General Contracting Inc. \$29,900.00; 2) Robbinsville Custom Moulding \$27,900.00 Commissioner Williams made the motion to take the lowest bid which is Robbinsville Custom Moulding. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
21. Manager Cable asks the board to extend the inside repair work at the DSS Building to give contractors a little more time to get a bid together and to remove the microphones from the bid work due to our finding another company that can install the equipment for a cheaper price. The board gave a directive to the administrative staff to extend this ad until the next commissioners meeting with the requests as stated.
22. Manager Cable stated that he needed approval of the poll that was taken on the staff at the Health Department. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the poll. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
23. Manager Cable reminded the board of the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday.
24. Manager Cable stated that he did have one item of old business that needed action. Manager Cable stated that the Town of Robbinsville had requested the County assist them with financing with some festivities and needed a decision tonight if possible on the funding. Commissioner Orr made the motion to give the Town of Robbinsville \$15,000.00. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
25. Chairman Eller asks for further business. No further business was discussed.
26. Chairman Eller stated that the board would now go into closed session under G. S. 143.318.11(a) (6) for personnel. Commissioner Orr made the motion to go into closed session as stated. Commissioner Eller seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
27. Commissioner Williams made the motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
28. Commissioner Orr made the motion to hire Mr. Saffron to represent Graham County. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
29. Commissioner Orr made the motion to hire Andrea Duncan as the DSS Attorney. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
30. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the DSS Medicaid Transportation Contract with Crown Food Mart. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
31. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve Budget Amendment #7 and #8. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
32. Commissioner Williams made the motion to appoint Billy Brown to the Travel and Tourism Board. Commissioner Holder seconded this motion. Vote unanimous
33. Commissioner Holder made the motion to appoint Raymond Williams to the Board of Health in the Public Seat. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
34. Commissioner Orr made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Holder seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

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