

Regular Meeting – October 6, 2015

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 12 North Main Street Robbinsville, NC 28771. Board members present was: Keith Eller, Jacob Nelms, Connie Orr and Lynn Cody. Commissioner Williams was absent due to sickness.

1. Chairman Eller called the meeting to order.
2. Chairman Eller asks Commissioner Cody 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. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Chairman Eller asks for approval of the minutes for the Special Meeting – September 21st and the Special Joint Meeting – September 29th. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the minutes as stated. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. Chairman Eller asks if Andy Cable was present. Clerk Crisp stated that Mr. Cable was absent due to sickness and was unable to attend.
7. Chairman Eller asks for public comment. Rebecca Garland, Finance Officer stated that Mr. Jack Gross had signed in for public comment. Chairman Eller asks Mr. Gross to speak. Mr. Gross stated that he was a resident of the Town of Santeetlah and last month he presented the list of fees for permits to the county that the Town charges their homeowners. Mr. Gross stated that he sent a packet to the Department of Insurance on the legality on collecting those fees. Mr. Gross asks that the board wait until he gets a response from them before moving forward. Mr. Gross stated that Malibu Boats would still continue to do business in the county.
8. Chairman Eller asks for discussion items. Clerk Crisp stated that she had releases and discoveries for approval. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
9. Clerk Crisp stated that she needed a motion to reappoint Karen Anderson to the Health Board. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
10. Clerk Crisp stated that she needed to update the county's Conflict of Interest Policy and asks the board to approve. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the policy. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. Clerk Crisp stated that she needed a replacement on the Transportation Advisory Board and further stated that Howard Wilson would like to serve. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to approve. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
12. Clerk Crisp stated that there were various boards that Greg Cable sat on that needed to be filled. The board discussed these boards and agreed to table this until a new county manager was hired.
13. Clerk Crisp stated that she needed approval for herself and Gavin Colvard to be on the Safety Committee in the place of Kim Smith and Rebecca Garland. Clerk Crisp stated that Machelle Crisp was a member that represented the finance office at the meetings. Commissioner Orr made the motion that Clerk Crisp and Gavin Colvard be on the safety committee.
14. Clerk Crisp stated that a request had been made to repair the sidewalk in front of the library and further stated that she received quotes but did not send out for bid. Clerk Crisp asked that the board to wait on this repair until the roof replacement is complete.
15. Clerk Crisp stated that the next items are the surplus items that were taken by sealed bid. Clerk Crisp stated that there was a miscommunication on the Cherry Picker and the Drill Press and requested that these items be removed from the sale. The board was in agreement to this request. Chairman Eller stated that we did have a bid on the soccer goals and the Yeti Microphone and also stated that no bids came in for the diving blocks. Chairman Eller opened the one bid for the Yeti Microphone from Lisa Russo for \$25.00 and opened the bid for the soccer goals by Cherokee County Soccer league for \$3,800.00. Commissioner Orr made the motion to accept the bids for the microphone and the soccer goals. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
16. Clerk Crisp stated that someone needed to be appointed to the A-0009 Committee who will represent the county. Clerk Crisp stated that Chairman Eller is attending these meetings as well. Commissioner Orr made the motion to appoint Commissioner Nelms to this committee. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to appoint EDC Director Andy Cable to this committee as well. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

17. Clerk Crisp stated that the concession stand at the P and J Ballfields needed a new roof. Clerk Crisp stated that she reached out to Rick Parham at the school and he stated that his class would be glad to do this work. The board directed Clerk Crisp to handle this repair.
18. Clerk Crisp stated that she would like for Rebecca Garland to speak about Tri-County. Ms. Garland stated that she and Clerk Crisp had spoken with Dr. Donna Tipton-Rogers and will process a formula on the funding for Tri-County. Ms. Garland stated that she was working on a percentage funding increase with a five year plan or a ten year plan. The board was agreeable to this formula being presented.
19. Clerk Crisp stated that the company who will be repairing the tennis courts asks if they could wait until spring due to the last season. The board was in agreement in waiting until spring.
20. Clerk Crisp stated that the carpet in the Election Board needed replaced due to tears in the old carpet and she had requested that Teresa Garland obtain quotes for the replacement. The lowest quote was from Smith's Carpet for \$3,197.00. Commissioner Orr made the motion to go with the lowest quote. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
21. Rebecca Garland stated that the monitors have arrived and we can finance those for (4) years at 2.1% interest for a total of \$90,565.00 with the first payment of \$23,790.41 due in October 2016.
22. Ms. Garland stated that the sheriff department cars have been ordered.
23. Ms. Garland stated that the Extension Office needed to surplus some items for donation. Commissioner Orr made the motion to surplus the items for donation. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
24. Ms. Garland stated that a new requirement had been made on the 5311 Grants and it is to insure our transit vehicles which sit more than 16 riders with a five million dollar umbrella policy at the cost of an extra \$15,000.00 Ms. Juanita Colvard stated that this is mandated and the county has one vehicle that falls into this category. Commissioner Orr stated that this is another one of those government mandates without funding. Commissioner Orr made the motion to acquire the necessary coverage of insurance on our fleet as mandated. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
25. Chairman Eller asks that the board now go into closed session under G.S. 143-318.11(a) (1) (3) (6) for privileged or confidential information, attorney-client privilege, personnel and contracts. Commissioner Orr made the motion to go into closed session as stated. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
26. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
27. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the North Carolina 911 Agreement. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
28. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the contract for professional services with Mission Critical Partners, Inc. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
29. Commissioner Orr made the motion to override the finance officer concerning the pre-audit for the Upper Plant on Fort Hill. Commissioner Eller seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
30. The board agreed to advertise and begin taking applications for a county manager.
31. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Keith Eller, Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

Jacob Nelms, 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