

Regular Meeting – November 3, 2015

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for their regular monthly meeting. All board members 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 Williams made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Chairman Eller asks for approval of the Regular and Workshop Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2015. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. Chairman Eller stated that the board would need to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing for the ADTAP Grant FY 2017; 5311 CT Grant FY 2017; 5310 Grant FY 2017; 5310 Operating Grant Senior Center FY 2017. Commissioner Williams made the motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearings as stated. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
7. Chairman Eller asks Juanita Colvard to speak. Ms. Colvard stated that she was presenting the FY2017 Community Transportation 5311 Administration Grant in the amount of \$148,741.00 with a federal match of \$118,993.00; a state match of \$7,437.00 and a county match of \$22,312.00. The capital budget for the 5311 in the amount of \$61,171.00 with a federal match of \$48,936.00; a state match of \$6,117.00 and a county match of \$6,118.00 to replace the bus and purchase a computer and a laptop for the office.
8. Ms. Colvard asks for public comment. No public comment was given.
9. Ms. Colvard stated that she also wants to apply for the FY2017 Appalachian Development Capital Grant (ADTAP) in the amount of \$93,770.00 with a federal match of \$75,016.00; a state match of \$9,377.00 and a county match of \$9,377.00. The ADTAP Grant will be for the procurement of scheduling software and notebooks to be installed on all the vans. This grant will enable Graham County Transit to link up with the surrounding counties and coordinate their services.
10. Ms. Colvard asks for public comment. No public comment was given.
11. Ms. Colvard stated that the third grant application is for the FY2017 5310 grant for operating and a Mobility Manager. The Mobility Manager Grant is for a position to be shared with Swain County. This position for Mobility Manager will coordinate available transportation to ensure passengers have their transportation needs met. The total amount for the 5310 MM grant is \$60,113.00, the federal share is \$48,090, and the state share is \$6,011 and the local share of \$6,012 which will be split between Swain and Graham. The 5310 Operating grant is for transportation services for 65 years and older and the disabled. The total grant amount is \$41,860.00 this grant requires a 50% local match the county portion will be \$20,930.00 and the Federal share will be the same. Ms. Colvard asks the audience if there were any questions or comments on the grant application.
12. Ms. Colvard asks for public comment. No public comment was given.
13. Wanda Hill presented a FY2017 5310 Grant for \$24,998.00 with a Federal share of \$19,998.00, state share \$2,499.00 and a local match of \$2,501.00. Ms. Hill stated this was a new opportunity for Human Service agencies and the grant monies could be used for those 65 years and older and/or disabled, she also stated the grant can be used for nutrition, recreational outing and field trips.
14. Ms. Hill asks for public comment. No public comment was given.
15. Wanda Hill, Senior Director presented the Title VI Plan for the Graham County Senior Center. Ms. Hill stated that she also had some Title VI surveys in the back for volunteers to fill out. Ms. Hill asks for comments. No public comment was given.
16. Commissioner Williams made the motion to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
17. Commissioner Williams made the motion for the Transit Director to apply for all the grants presented by the Transit Director in the public hearing. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
18. Commissioner Williams made the motion to apply for the Senior Center Grant and to approve the Title VI plan. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
19. Chairman Eller asks Tom Murray to speak. Mr. Murray stated that he owns apartments on North Main Street and he wanted to know why his taxes went up \$62,000.00 from last year. Mr. Murray stated that this county is low income and he could not understand why the taxes were that high. Mr. Murray stated that the building is old and there are cables running over the top of the building and the building next door to his is much lower than his. Commissioner Cody stated

that we needed to speak with the tax assessor on this value. Chairman Eller stated that the board would give him an answer within 30 days.

20. Chairman Eller asks for public comment. Clerk Crisp stated that no one had signed in for public comment.
21. Chairman Eller asks for the discussion items. Clerk Crisp asks the board to approve the releases and discoveries. Commissioner Cody made the motion to accept the releases and discoveries. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
22. Clerk Crisp stated that the board needed to approve the poll for the Wilson vs. Graham County Soil and Water Lawsuit. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Chairman Eller calls for a vote. Commissioner Orr requested that the board make a motion on the settlement itself and not the poll. Motion carried four to one.
23. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve Budget Amendment 8: to amend for payment of legal settlement with Wilson vs. Graham County Soil and Water. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Chairman Eller asks for approval. Motion carried four to one.
24. Clerk Crisp asks for approval on the travel of Misty Hembree, Larry Hembree and Tabi Phillips to attend the 911 PSAP Manager Meeting in Raleigh. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the travel. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
25. Clerk Crisp stated that she needed approval for the travel of Larry Hembree, Brian Johnson and Brian Stevens to attend the Quarterly EM Meeting on December 9th in Marion. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the travel as stated. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
26. Clerk Crisp stated that one of the antennae's at Wachacha Bald had gone bad and needed replaced and the quote from Western Carolina Communications Systems is \$1,750.85. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
27. Clerk Crisp stated that Harvey Bollinger, Assistant at the Sanitation Department had ask if the board would consider hiring a part time worker. The board tabled this request until the Director Donnie Orr was back at work.
28. Commissioner Williams stated that the fences are still not repaired at the dumpster sites and he wanted this started and wanted the dumpsters moved back to the fence.
29. Clerk Crisp stated that she had an update on the firing range. Andy Cable, EDC Director was in contract with NRA and they had reached out to the Forest Service for their input. Commissioner Williams stated that we did not have to have input from the forest service.
30. Clerk Crisp stated that the demolition at the Upper Plant Site was complete and the bill had been paid for.
31. Rebecca Garland stated that the A/C units in the EMS Building that keep the equipment cool had gone bad and this needed to be repaired or replaced as soon as possible. Ms. Garland stated that this happened today and the old units were not commercial grade and the board needed to make sure the new ones were commercial grade. The board all agreed and told the staff to get this fixed.
32. Rebecca Garland stated that she received the preliminary quote on the computer software and was checking references at this time and would give the board a report later.
33. Rebecca Garland stated that she received a maintenance agreement on the KIP and stated that the agreement was \$200.00 per year. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the maintenance agreement. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
34. Rebecca Garland stated that she had good news in that the county received an extra \$22,748.00 of PILT money.
35. Rebecca Garland stated that she had a letter from Tammy Holloway, Clerk of Superior Court and read the statement to the board. The letter concerned security for her and the staff. Commissioner Williams made the motion to allow extra security and any needed overtime by the sheriff and his staff. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
36. Chairman Eller stated that the board needed to 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 Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
37. Commissioner Orr made the motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
38. Commissioner Orr made the motion to allow for an Assistant to the Tax Collector. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Chairman Eller asks for a vote. Commissioners Eller, Cody, Lynn and Nelms voted yes. Commissioner Williams voted no. Motion carried four to one.
39. Commissioner Orr made the motion to accept the settlement agreement on the Wilson vs. Graham County Soil and Water lawsuit. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
40. Commissioner Orr made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

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Keith Eller, Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

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Jacob Nelms, Vice-Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

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Lynn Cody, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Connie Orr, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Raymond Williams, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board