

Regular Meeting – April 5, 2016

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. for their regular monthly meeting in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC. All board was present.

1. Chairman Nelms called the meeting to order.
2. Chairman Nelms asks Commissioner Williams to give the Invocation.
3. Chairman Nelms asks Commissioner Orr to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Chairman Nelms asks for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Chairman Nelms asks for approval of the Workshop and Regular Minutes of March 22, 2016. Commissioner Eller made the motion to approve the minutes as stated. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. Chairman Nelms asks Commissioner Orr to give an update on the NCACC Director's meeting that she attended. Commissioner Orr stated that NCACC is still using the same 45 goals that was presented last year but the main focus was on providing broadband. Commissioner Orr stated that there has been a lot of confusion of House Bill 2 in regards to bathrooms mainly in schools, local areas and locker rooms. Commissioner Orr stated that all 100 counties are having discussions on mental health facilities and Ronnie Beale gave invaluable information. Commissioner Orr stated that a new drug has hit the streets and it is 48% stronger than heroin and has already contributed to 19 deaths. Commissioner Orr stated that our county will be having six (6) bridges repaired in our county and the second entrance into the high school is scheduled to begin in 2019. Manager Edwards stated that this date may be moved up. Commissioner Orr stated that Graham County was at 100% level in the Food Stamps Program and congratulated DSS for their hard work.
7. Chairman Nelms asks for public comment. No one had signed in for public comment.
8. Chairman Nelms asks Manager Edwards to present the discussion items. Manager Edwards stated that he had releases and discoveries. Commissioner Williams made the motion to pull out the JR Rodgers property and approve the rest until further information could be given. Commissioner Eller seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
9. Manager Edwards stated that EM Director Larry Hembree had presented a Mutual Aid Agreement with Swain County on EM Management. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the Mutual Aid agreement with Swain County. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
10. Manager Edwards stated that NCDOT will be hosting a meeting on April 14th on the location of the road into the school.
11. Manager Edwards discussed the various projects in the county. Manager Edwards stated that the DSS Curbs had been finished and this should assist with parking. Manager Edwards stated that he had spoken with Andy Lynn on the shell casings from his firearms class and he would take care of this issue. Manager Edwards stated that the tile was completed at the Senior Building and encouraged the board to go look at the finished product. Manager Edwards stated that Betterbuilt Contracting did an excellent job. Manager Edwards stated that a donor had been located for the replacement of the library doors and he would give further information as we go along. Manager Edwards stated that the fiber on Fort Hill has been installed and this will give our buildings better access to broadband. Manager Edwards stated that there was one snag which was the line was cut in two and the repair cost is \$2773.00 to which we are contesting that we do not owe because Balsam West came to the property and flagged the line. Manager Edwards stated that David Hyatt had kept all the documents with signatures showing the lines was clearly marked. Manager Edwards stated that he has spoken with Miranda Buchanan on working on our website to make it more user friendly.
12. Manager Edwards stated that he did not have any new or old business. Rebecca Garland stated that she had received notice that it is time to have the old landfill water tested and the cost is \$4000.00. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve this cost. Commissioner Eller seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
13. Ms. Garland stated that she had received the first bill from Pageant and Freeman on the 911 Call Center and the cost is \$9735.00 which will be reimbursed through the 911 Grant. Commissioner

- Orr made the motion to approve the first billing. Commissioner Eller seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
14. Ms. Garland stated that the Sheriff wanted to donate \$1000.00 of his NC Drug Account monies to the school for a RHS Digital Media that will have information on drugs. Commissioner Eller made the motion to approve the donation. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 15. Ms. Garland stated that the Senior Citizens Director Wanda Hill is requesting a wall unit to be built at the Senior Center and she had obtained quotes from three contractors. The board wanted this bid out. Commissioner Orr stated that she would like to speak with the carpentry class at the school. The board tabled this request for review.
 16. Ms. Garland stated that she received a request from the Health Department regarding Smart Start monitoring which is over her spending limit. The quote cover projectors and technology for a total price of \$1770.00. The board tabled this request for further information.
 17. Ms. Garland stated that she has received a bill from McGill and Associates for the Stanley Park Design for \$3725.00 that will be reimbursed with the PARTIF Grant. Commissioner Eller made the motion to approve. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 18. Commissioner Williams stated that he had some old business. He stated that he wanted us to stay on top of the islands in the middle of the by-pass and suggested that we send the resolution to the governor's office. Commissioner Williams stated that our ambulances are having a hard time getting down the by-pass during emergencies.
 19. Manager Edwards asks the board for approval to send a letter of support to Heath Ammons in regards to the bicycle trails at Tsali. Commissioner Eller made the motion to write the letter of support. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Commissioner Williams stated that the Forest Service needed to mark their lines clearly, they are writing tickets to people who get over on their property and this is not right.
 20. Chairman Nelms asks for a motion to go into closed session under G.S. 143-318.11(a) (1) (6) for privileged or confidential information and personnel. Commissioner Eller made the motion to go into closed session as stated. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 21. Commissioner Williams made the motion to go into open session. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 22. Commissioner Williams made the motion to hire Ronald Williams as the Interim Recreation Director. Commissioner Eller seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 23. Commissioner Eller made the motion to hire Arlus Orr to assist in the recreation department this summer. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 24. Commissioner Eller made the motion to hire Rex Allen Sellers in the grounds/maintenance department for the summer. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 25. Commissioner Orr made the motion to transfer Shaun Garrison to the mapping department where he will also do the 911 Mapping. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 26. Commissioner Eller made the motion to rescind the motion to scrap out the junked Jeep motor and dispose of it at our Sanitation Department in the metal scrap collection. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Commissioner Williams abstained from the vote. Vote unanimous.
 27. Commissioner Eller stated that the ambulance repair with labor and parts will be \$17,000.00 or more and suggests that the board trade this ambulance in on the next new purchase. The board was in agreement to this suggestion and gave a directive to trade this one in.
 28. Commissioner Eller stated that our sanitation truck that hauls our garbage to Ballground Georgia was in a wreck and felt that the truck may be totaled.
 29. Commissioner Orr made the motion to bill the Special Projects (such as RDA, Travel and Tourism) for the finance officer's time when she is assisting with these projects. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 30. Commissioner Orr made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

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Jacob Nelms, Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

Keith Eller, 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