

Continued Meeting – June 25, 2020

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Graham County Community Building and by teleconference in Robbinsville, NC for a continued meeting. All board was present. Also, present Manager Garland, Attorney Coward and Graham Star Editor Kevin Hensley.

1. Chairman Wiggins called the meeting to order.
2. Chairman Wiggins asks for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Eller made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chairman Wiggins asks Manager Garland to present the budget amendments. Manager Garland stated that:
 - a. Budget Amendment #23 is the final year amendments to bring in lease transactions recognize COVID19 expenditures and cover additional public safety expenditures. Manager Garland stated that the county did bring in additional revenue of \$289,360.00 and an additional \$10,000.00 from the CARESACT for the Senior Center, which will help cover the costs where our Transit Department assisted with the delivery of the senior meals. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve budget amendment #23 as stated. Commissioner Eller seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 - b. Budget Amendment #1 911 Fund – to amend for disallowed phone expenditures per 911 Board for \$5000.00. Commissioner Eller made the motion to approve budget amendment #1 for the 911 Fund. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 - c. Budget Amendment #1 Reval Fund – to amend for additional expenses due to Brookfield appeal for \$5000.00. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to approve budget amendment #1 for the Reval Fund. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 - d. Budget Amendment #1 School Capital Fund – to record pass thru funds from School Capital Funds for \$83765.00. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve budget amendment #1 School Capital Fund. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
4. Manager Garland stated that she would like permission to shift the funds that were previously in CD's to the NC Management Trust Fund due to receiving a higher interest rate. Commissioner Orr made the motion to shift the funds as stated to the NC Management Trust Fund. Commissioner Eller seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Manager Garland stated that she had received an email concerning our ROAP funding for Transit, which was cut from the budget statewide and stated that this amounts to \$115,000.00 in the Transit Budget. Manager Garland stated that these funds help the elderly and disabled that do not qualify for EDTAP funds. Manager Garland stated that she did reach out to Representative Corbin requesting that he help us get these funds reinstated and asks the board to please reach out to him as well.
6. Manager Garland stated that Sheriff Jones was requesting \$7,500.00 to purchase a used Expedition with funds from the NC Drug Tax Fund and she needed board approval for this expenditure. Commissioner Orr made the motion to allow this purchase. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
7. Chairman Wiggins asks for a motion to move Items 4 (a) Urgent Care (b) Stecoah Valley Center to closed session due to contracts. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve moving these items to closed session. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
8. Chairman Wiggins asks for a motion to accept the letter to the USFS in regards to the Forest Revision Plan. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the letter. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
9. Chairman Wiggins asks Sheriff Jones to speak. Sheriff Jones stated that his department is in need of body cameras now. Sheriff Jones stated that two weeks ago they had an incident in which an officer could have shot an individual who was attempting to take his gun and had this incident turned bad, for either the officer or the individual the first thing that the SBI will request is to view the officers body camera footage. Sheriff Jones stated that cameras will give us the opportunity to look into allegations of excessive force, allegations of wrong-doings, thus reducing the likelihood of settling civil issues “out of court” when allegations are discovered to

be false. Sheriff Jones stated that they were originally requested in the upcoming budget at \$80,000.00. Sheriff Jones stated that they have been looking for grants and the best grant option is the NC Governor's Crime Commission Grant that will not open until October 2020. Sheriff Jones stated that the grant is for \$24,000.00 and is non-matching and can only be applied to systems acquired after the grants are awarded. Sheriff Jones stated that we are not guaranteed of being awarded the funding. Sheriff Jones stated that he met with Kustom Signals for a demonstration and later received a quote for \$15,364.50 for (21) cameras with chargers (one for each officer, each investigator and each of the command staff including courthouse security and bailiff). Sheriff Jones stated that this did not include a data storage system and installation of the equipment and software. Sheriff Jones stated that if the school wished to participate and purchase cameras for their two resource officers, their cost would be \$694.50 per unit. Sheriff Jones stated that the costs are \$13,889.00 for the Data Storage System; \$1,500.00 for professional services, Field Application Engineer to install and configure for a total price (without an extended warranty) of \$30,753.00. Sheriff Jones stated that if the board chose a 2 year extended warranty to include battery replacement the cost is \$34,953.00. Sheriff Jones stated that Kustom Signals has offered to provide the body cameras required with a 12-month delayed payment with terms of the quoted price plus a 2nd year warranty plus the current prime lending rate at the day of the agreement plus 2% towards the total due at the end of the 12-month period. Sheriff Jones presented a price sheet to the board for their review.

10. Chairman Wiggins asks for a motion to go into closed session under G.S. 143-318.11(a) (1) (3) (5) (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 Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. Commissioner Eller made the motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
12. Chairman Wiggins asks for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Orr made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Dale Wiggins, Chairman

Lynn Cody, Vice-Chairman

Keith Eller, Member

Jacob Nelms, Member

Connie Orr, Member

ATTEST: _____
Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board