

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, October 22, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. for a continued meeting in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC. All board was present.

1. Chairman Eller called the meeting to order.
2. Chairman Eller asks for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Wiggins made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Commissioner Eller asks for a motion to close the continued meeting and open the public hearing for the 2018 Community Development Block Grant – Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Commissioner Wiggins made the motion to close the continued meeting and open the public hearing. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
4. Chairman Eller asks Joan Stillwell, Grants Administrator to speak. Ms. Stillwell explained the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comments for consideration for the 2018 Community Development Block Grant - Neighborhood Revitalization Program for housing. North Carolina has received approximately \$10.0 million for NC Neighborhood Revitalization Program to serve low and moderate income residents with housing needs. Graham County is applying for a \$750,000 Grant - Neighborhood Revitalization Program for housing needs. Activities for consideration are rehabilitation, acquisition, clearance, relocation, substantial rehabilitation, replacement housing and emergency repairs. All homes/households must be owner occupied, single-family and low to moderate income in order to qualify. Ms. Stillwell explained that all of the site visits had been made on the original list and has been presented to the Selection Committee along with additional names and information for consideration. She also explained, that some were already ineligible due to mobile homes without permanent foundations. Ms. Stillwell said if anyone needs additional information contact the County Manager at 12 North Main Street, Robbinsville, NC or at (828) 479-7961. Written comments concerning the application process may be submitted to the County following the public hearing. Persons with disabilities or need assistance should contact the County Manager, at 12 North Main Street, Robbinsville, NC or by phone (828) 479-7961 or Becky.Garland@grahamcounty.org TDD # 1-800-735-2962 or Relay North Carolina 7-1-1 The Public Hearing information will be available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact the County Manager at (828) 479-7961, or at 12 North Main Street, Robbinsville, NC for accommodations for that request.
5. Ms. Stillwell stated that if Graham County is awarded the grant that we will do (1) emergency repair; (5) clearance and reconstructions and (2) rehabilitation projects. Ms. Stillwell stated that the County is going to put in \$48,000.00 as match money for leverage and it will make our project more competitive since we are now completing statewide. Ms. Stillwell stated that the administration costs will be 10%. Ms. Stillwell stated that if anyone has questions to please get the information to Manager Garland or Clerk Crisp and they can relay the message on to her.
6. Ms. Stillwell asks for any questions. Commissioner Orr asks why we prioritize the money into the categories. Ms. Stillwell stated that the committee needs to identify the projects and based on the severity of the housing needs, we can determine which activities will be needed for each of the homes. However, rehabilitation projects may actually turn into substantial rehabilitation and even can actually turn into a re-construction project after further home inspections and risk assessments are completed. Ms. Stillwell stated that Graham County has completed several CDBG grants in the past and all were successful without concerns or findings.
7. A member from the audience, George Poerner asks how you get on the list and further stated that he did not know about this program. Ms. Stillwell stated that this has been advertised in the Graham Star. Ms. Stillwell stated that the list is pretty much closed for this grant cycle but we can take your information to use for this type grants that the County may apply for in the future. Commissioner Orr stated that we can add his name and if someone doesn't qualify then his home could be considered. Commissioner Wiggins stated that USDA Rural Development has loan awards available at 1% interest for up to 30 years if they are needing immediate repairs to their home. Mr. Poerner asks where they are located. Commissioner Wiggins stated that they have an office in Asheville and further stated that the repayment would be based on income and it takes 45 days to complete an application. Mr. Poerner thanked the board for the information.
8. Chairman Eller asks for further comment. No further comment was given.
9. Chairman Eller asks for a motion to close the public hearing and reopen the continued meeting. Commissioner Williams made the motion to close the public hearing and reopen the continued meeting. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

10. Chairman Eller stated that the board needed to vote on the following items: a) Selection Committee By-Laws; b) Neighborhood Revitalization Financial Design Model for Graham County and Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan and Certification. Commissioner Eller asks for a motion to accept the Selection Committee By-Laws. Commissioner Orr made the motion to accept the by-laws as stated. Commissioner Wiggins seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. Chairman Eller asks for a motion to approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Financial Design Model for Graham County. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the design model as stated. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
12. Chairman Eller asks for a motion to approve the Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan and Certification. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to approve the plan and certification as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
13. Chairman Eller asks for new or old business. Clerk Crisp stated that the board needed to adopt the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). Manager Garland stated that the plan needed updated and had not been since 2009. Commissioner Orr made the motion to adopt the updated Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). Commissioner Wiggins seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
14. Clerk Crisp stated that it was time for the Veteran's Day Dinner for the Veterans and their families and stated that the board had donated \$500.00 to this event last year and asks if they would like to donate this year. Commissioner Orr stated that the dinner will be held on November 11th at the school and the parade that already has 53 cars signed in will begin at 2:00 p.m. and the dinner will follow after the parade. Commissioner Williams asks if they would need more than the stated amount. Commissioner Orr stated that they could use \$1000.00 and made the motion to give \$1000.00 to the Veteran's Day Dinner. Commissioner Wiggins seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Commissioner Williams asks Manager Garland to check and see if the Travel and Tourism had budgeted money for this as well. Manager Garland was positive that they did and would check.
15. Manager Garland stated that Health Director Beth Booth's father passed away over the weekend and she will be away from the department until next week. Manager Garland stated that she was doing the audit and would be at the Transit Facility if the commissioners needed her.
16. Chairman Eller 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 Williams made the motion to go into closed session as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
17. Commissioner Orr made the motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Wiggins seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
18. Chairman Eller asks that Clerk Crisp read the addresses chosen by the Selection Committee for the 2018 Community Development Block Grant – Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Clerk Crisp called out the numbers and Manager Garland supplied the addresses.
19. Reconstruction
 - a. #2 1392 Cody Branch Road Robbinsville
 - b. #4 243 Orr Branch Road Robbinsville
 - c. #9 297 Cottontail Lane Robbinsville
 - d. #26 1437 Lower Stecoah Road Robbinsville
20. Emergency Repair
 - a. #1 1361 Old Highway 129 Robbinsville
21. Rehabilitation
 - a. #13 66 Atoah Road Robbinsville
 - b. #23 364 Squirrel Cove Road Robbinsville
22. Alternates
 - a. #8 241 Stecoah Road Robbinsville
 - b. #25 708 Mountain Creek Road Robbinsville
 - c. #28 39 Willard Duvall Robbinsville
 - d. #39 106 Jimmy Davis Road Robbinsville

Chairman Eller asks for a motion to approve the selection as stated. Commissioner Orr made the motion to accept the addresses as read. Commissioner Wiggins seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
23. Chairman Eller asks for further business. No further business was discussed.
24. Chairman Eller asks for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wiggins made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

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Keith Eller, Chairman, Graham County Board of Commissioners

Connie Orr, Vice-Chairman, Graham County Board of Commissioners

Jacob Nelms, Member, Graham County Board of Commissioners

Dale Wiggins, Member, Graham County Board of Commissioners

Raymond Williams, Member, Graham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board