

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for their regular monthly meeting. All board was present.

1. Chairman Wiggins called the meeting to order.
2. Chairman Wiggins asks Commissioner Nelms to give the Invocation.
3. Chairman Wiggins led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Chairman Wiggins asks for approval or changes to the agenda. Manager Garland stated that we need to add Health Director Beth Booth to Item 5A and add the approval of the 2019-2020 Holiday Schedule. Commissioner Eller made the motion to amend the agenda with the stated changes. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Chairman Wiggins asks for Beth Booth, Health Director to speak. Director Booth stated that the animal issues have been revisited several times but something has to change. Director Booth stated that we have dangerous dogs running loose, chasing kids and the agency is receiving calls at all hours of the night. Director Booth stated that they received a call Monday night on a dangerous dog. Director Booth stated that the county does not have a nuisance or leash law and we are gaining an influx of people who are not used to tolerating other animals being on their property. Director Booth stated that 50% of the calls are for dangerous dogs and the other 50% are for nuisance dogs. Director Booth recommended that the county hire someone to respond to these calls, remove these nuisance animals, and be paid for it. Director Booth stated that our staff is going to be bitten and when they do this will be a workers comp claim. Director Booth stated that the Sheriff's Department is trying to help them but one of the deputies was bitten. Chairman Wiggins stated that we have \$6,000.00 that we could use to pay this person. The board wanted Valley River contacted. Director Booth stated that our staff takes the dogs to the shelter and they have to house them and feed them and give them their shots while in our custody but after the required number of days is over the owner can simply go pick the dog back up without payment of any kind and this is not right. Director Booth stated that we needed to impose some type of fine to repay for the vaccinations, food and spaying. Director Booth stated that there should be repercussions for their dog's bad behavior. Director Booth stated that our dangerous dog ordinance is not specific with fines. Chairman Wiggins stated that he wanted a total of the number of calls in the last 12 months to give us an idea what a cost may be to hire someone to deal with these type issues. The board wanted a committee put together for alternatives that can be presented to the board and Chairman Wiggins volunteered to sit on this board. The board was agreeable to this suggestion.
6. Chairman Wiggins asks for the Manager's Report. Manager Garland stated that one of the state reviewers for the Health Department requested as part of their audit checklists that we clarify our Conflict of Interest policy to include that there is an officer of the county reviewing vendors for conflicts of interest before we accept them. Manager Garland presented an amendment for the board's review. Manager Garland stated that because she is over the procurements, she is the deputy and Machelle Crisp, Deputy Finance Officer will review vendors for conflicts before they are accepted as approved vendors. Commissioner Eller made the motion to approve the Amendment to Procurement and Conflict of Interest Policy over Procurements. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
7. Manager Garland stated that the county received word that the EPA grant for the brownfield assessment has been sent from the Atlanta office to the DC office for further review and the final decision should be received within the next few weeks.
8. Manager Garland stated that we are in the process of applying for the Duke Endowment Grant for the Para-medicine Program. Manager Garland stated that the grant is due June 15th and thanked the commissioners for supporting a new venture in healthcare that will strengthen our entire healthcare model. Manager Garland thanked the Office of Rural Health for seeing our desire to increase our healthcare capacity in the County and being supportive of the effort. Manager Garland stated that they are collaborating hand in hand with us to write the grant and providing technical support.
9. Manager Garland stated that the Building Re-use Grant for NC Commerce to American Timber Group needs to be released by the board. Manager Garland stated that the American Timber

Group drew down no funds and no money is owed to NC Commerce. Manager Garland stated that she would need board action. Commissioner Eller made the motion to release the funds as stated. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

10. Manager Garland stated that the 911 Call Center Grant is completed and she will be doing the final accounting by June 30. Manager Garland stated that 911 Director Misty Hembree is working with the landscaper to do some final adjustments to the landscaping and then we will be ready to schedule open house in the next several weeks. Manager Garland stated that she would contact the board once final word is received to schedule the open house.
11. Manager Garland stated that the library received a \$14,070.00 grant from the State Library of NC and congratulated them on receiving this grant.
12. Manager Garland stated that she received a letter from NCDHHS, which stated that the Office of the State Auditor will begin to send subject matter experts to come and audit local DSS agencies to audit Medicaid and TANF and the local auditors will still audit eligibility for these programs. Manager Garland stated that this underscores the reason that we have had to make the hard changes that were necessary to make in our agency.
13. Manager Garland stated that Vaya Health has scheduled a local stakeholders's meeting for Cherokee, Clay and Graham County for June 5th about the new IVC regulations. Manager Garland stated that she will be attending as well as the Sheriff and she hopes to weigh in on our challenges and learn more about what we are facing.
14. Manager Garland stated that the engineers of DOT Corridor K released their FAQ that was prepared based on public comment and the follow-up to that process. Manager Garland stated that she drafted a Freedom of Information Act request and included it for the board to review. The board agreed with the request. Manager Garland stated that she wanted a full accounting of how the money has been spent that belonged to Corridor K.
15. Manager Garland stated that she needed one more budget workshop with the board. The board agreed to meet Friday, June 7, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Transit Facility.
16. Manager Garland stated that the Urgent Care renovations are underway for the CT Scan and MAMMO. Manager Garland stated that we had a slight change in the doorway configuration that will cause the total cost to go down.
17. Manager Garland gave the board a list of dates to remember.
18. Chairman Wiggins asks for public comment. No public comment was given.
19. Chairman Wiggins asks for approval of the Releases for \$1,723.63. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to approve the releases as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
20. Chairman Wiggins asks Manager Garland about the possible donation of unused servers to Four Square. Manager Garland stated that Four Square had asked if we had any unused servers that could be donated to them. The board all stated that the hard drives needed to be removed and replaced by Four Square. Commissioner Orr made the motion to surplus the used server and donate to Four Square after the hard drives has been removed. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
21. Chairman Wiggins asks about the storage building for the Sheriff. Manager Garland stated that another one had been found that the Sheriff could use for storage of the Inmate Work Program's inventory.
22. Chairman Wiggins stated that under new business the board needed to discuss and accept the 2019-2020 Holiday Schedule. The board discussed the July 4th Holiday with the Heritage Festival being held on July 5th instead of July 4th. Commissioner Orr suggested that we give two days off in July due to the Heritage Festival. Commissioner Cody made the motion to accept the 2019-2020 Holiday Schedule with the addition of Friday, July 5th with the understanding that all essential services will remain open. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
23. 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 Eller seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
24. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
25. Commissioner Cody made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Dale Wiggins, Chairman, Graham County Board of Commissioners

Lynn Cody, Vice-Chairman, Graham County Board of Commissioners

Keith Eller, Member, Graham County Board of Commissioners

Jacob Nelms, Member, Graham County Board of Commissioners

Connie Orr, Member, Graham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board