

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC and by teleconference for their regular workshop session. All board was present.

1. Chair Orr called the meeting to order.
2. Chair Orr asks Ronnie Williams, Recreation Director to speak. Director Williams thanked the board for their time and presented a slide presentation for the Baseball & Softball Complex renovations/rescue. Director Williams stated that he received a Dogwood Trust Grant for these improvements at the baseball fields. Director Williams thanked the board for their work and stated that he appreciated what they do for our county. Director Williams also thanked Manager Garland and Clerk Crisp for having an open-door policy and never failing to help.
3. Director Williams stated that his mission is to provide recreational programs and natural spaces that promote healthy lifestyles and improve the quality of life of our citizens.
4. Director Williams stated that his purpose and immediate need was to do upgrades to the restrooms and concessions area at the P&J fields and for new equipment for the adjoining youth sports complex. Director Williams stated that minor upgrades and equipment replacement are continual needs, but the community needed a batting cage. Director Williams stated that he requested a total grant of \$24,395.00 and was awarded \$16,895.00.
5. Director Williams stated that they made the necessary upgrades and renovations to the concession stand and its bathrooms and constructed the much-needed batting cage. Director Williams stated that the county spent \$13,907.92 for the renovation costs which included changing out all the outdated plumbing fixtures, installing ADA Compliant bathroom stalls, tiled the walls with commercial grade tile, added new light fixtures and painted the bathrooms and the concession stand area and purchasing a new stainless-steel refrigerator and new shelving for the concession stand.
6. Director Williams stated that the county spent a total of \$2,557.21 to construct the batting cage.
7. Director Williams stated that his mission is to encourage a healthier lifestyle through team sports, helping to control obesity and diabetes, promote community pride, increase the community's physical and mental health, and increase community participation in our programs.
8. Director Williams showed before and after pictures of the renovations and the batting cage installation.
9. Director Williams stated that his future projects and ideas are:
 - a. Resurfacing the pool
 - b. Installing new lights at the baseball and softball fields
 - c. Remodel and repairs to the bathrooms and concession stand at the Stanley Field.
 - d. Erect a couple pavilions with grills for people to enjoy.
 - e. Install a walking trail at the P&J fields with bike riding available to young children with their parents.
 - f. Paint the exterior of the concession/storage building.
 - g. Repair the fencing at the Stanly Fields.
10. Director Williams thanked Assistant Recreation Director Tim Ledwell, Grounds Director Harold Millsaps and Grounds Assistant Amos Bollinger for their hard work in the renovations to date.
11. Chair Orr asks how much the netting cost for the batting cages. Director Williams stated that they run \$700.00 plus an installation kit of \$270.00.
12. Director Williams stated that the pool is a must fixed if we are going to be opened.
13. Director Williams thanked Weston Haney for his work on the grant submittal and Cliff Hall and crew for the renovation work.
14. The board thanked Director Williams for the presentation and for the information of the future needs. Director Williams stated that he hopes to see more interest by the kids. Commissioner Wiggins stated that Director Williams should continue to apply for the PARTF Grants for smaller projects. Director Williams stated that he would and thanked Dogwood Trust for this grant and stated that they are great partners with our county.
15. Chair Orr asks for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Eller made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

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Connie Orr, Chair

Keith Eller, Vice-Chairman

Lynn Cody, Member

Jacob Nelms, Member

Dale Wiggins, Member

ATTEST: _____
Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board