

Continued Meeting - August 27, 2024

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. for a continued meeting in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC. All board members were present. Also present, Kim Crisp, Interim County Manager and Finance Director Stacy Carpenter.

1. Chairman Nelms called the meeting to order.
2. Chairman Nelms asks for changes to the agenda. Manager Crisp asks that we allow Finance Director Stacy Carpenter to speak prior to closed session. Chairman Nelms granted the request and asks Director Carpenter to speak. Director Carpenter stated that we had met with the School Superintendent Robert Moody, Vice-Superintendent David Matheson and Finance Officer Nikki Gibbs regarding their sales tax distributions and explained how the system is working for the school. Director Carpenter stated that after the middle school expansion and the football stadium, the school is in the deficit of \$111,000.00. Director Carpenter stated that the school has a need for activity buses and were trying to find revenue sources. Director Carpenter stated that the school did find that they can purchase property with the lottery funds, but they cannot purchase the activity buses. Director Carpenter stated that the buses can be financed and gave the difference for a ten-year period versus a five-year period. The board had discussion on the purchase of the activity buses. The board had discussion on the football stadium and the proposed elementary school. Director Carpenter stated that lottery funds can only be used for permanent fixtures at the school. Commissioner Orr stated that the interest rate on the financing was agreeable and wanted to make sure that it was a fixed rate. Director Carpenter stated that the better deal is for the school to make the transaction, and the county would make the payments. Commissioner Orr made the motion to allow the school to finance the buses with the county making the payment using the schools sales tax distribution. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chairman Nelms asks for a motion to go into closed session under G.S.143-318.11(a)(1)(3)(5) for privileged or confidential information, attorney client privilege and contracts. Commissioner Williams made the motion to go into closed session as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
4. Chairman Nelms asks for a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Williams made the motion as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Chairman Nelms ask for a motion to approve the GE Precision Healthcare LLC, Service Contract for the X-Ray Equipment located at Urgent Care. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the service contract as presented. Commissioner Eller seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. Chairman Nelms asks for a motion to surplus two Trail Cams at cost plus tax. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the surplus as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
7. Chairman Nelms asks for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Eller made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Jacob Nelms, Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

Natasha Williams, Vice-Chair, Graham County Commissioner

Lynn Cody, Member, Graham County Commissioner

Connie Orr, Member, Graham County Commissioner

Keith Eller Member, Graham County Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board