

Regular Meeting – June 18, 2024

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for their regular monthly meeting. All board was present. Also, present Interim Manager/Clerk to the Board Kim Crisp, Project Manager Jason Marino and Attorney J.K. Coward.

1. Chairman Nelms called the meeting to order.
2. Chairman Nelms asks Commissioner Cody to give the Invocation.
3. Chairman Nelms asks Commissioner Orr to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Chairman Nelms asks for changes to the agenda. Clerk Crisp asks that we add Jason Marino as Item 5A. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the agenda with the stated change. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Chairman Nelms asks for approval of the May 16th Budget Meeting and May 16th Public Meeting. Commissioner Eller made the motion to approve as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. Chairman Nelms asks Project Manager Jason Marino to give the projects' update. PM Marino stated that the board was given a presentation on three additional sites for the Justice Center and asks for questions from the board.
7. PM Marino stated that construction is underway for the CDBG Senior Center Kitchen Expansion. PM Marino stated that he did go ahead and install wiring for the backup generator for the center and will be applying for a grant for the purchase. Commissioner Cody asks if the square footage will meet the certification needed. PM Marino stated that they are pouring concrete and extending the sidewalk to allow for more square footage.
8. PM Marino stated that the CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Grant is going well with both homes having good progress. PM Marino stated that these are stick built homes for those with low to moderate income.
9. PM Marino stated that he will be meeting with the design team on the school bleachers and the school board liked what was presented to them. PM Marino stated that the temporary bleachers were installed for graduation in the time frame requested.
10. PM Marino stated that based on the survey results report for the Jail Lead Paint abatement, the estimated cost is \$75,000.00-\$100,000.00 and with board approval he will move forward in acquiring bids for this project. The board gave PM Marino a directive to move forward.
11. PM Marino stated that the EMS Paving Project contract for engineering is ready and if the board was good with the contract Chairman Nelms would need to sign and he will move forward. The board agreed to the contract and gave a directive to move forward.
12. PM Marino stated that he is sending a request for bids on the Smith Howell Roof Replacement and the bids are due June 27th
13. PM Marino stated that the Azalea Hills Lots are ready to be sold and the Rural Development Authority will be working to sell the house seats. Commissioner Orr stated that the RHS Carpentry Class will be building a stick-built home, which gives training to the students and the sale price will be divided with the RDA Board and the School.
14. Chairman Nelms asks for discussion items.
 - a. Floodplain Mapping Stream Study – Manager Crisp stated that FEMA has proposed to study certain streams in the county and those are listed in the study for the board's review, and they are asked to submit questions (if needed).
 - b. Resolution to adopt Graham County 2024-2025 County Pay Plan. Chairman Nelms asks for a motion to adopt the pay plan as presented. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 - c. Appoint Lynn Cody to the SW Child Development Board. Commissioner Eller made the motion as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 - d. Notice of Division 14 Prioritization NDOT meeting July 15th.
 - e. Need motion to write off a sanitation bill due to bogus name and address for \$95.20. Commissioner Cody made the motion to write off the bill as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 - f. Approve poll to repair water lines at courthouse \$5800.00 Mountain Plumbing. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the unanimous poll. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 - g. Approve Integrated Phone System per IT \$15,984.60 plus set up fee/equipment \$3179.00. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the new phone system as presented. Commissioner Cody seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

- h. Notice of July 4th and July 5th Holiday Closure. Essential offices will remain open.
15. Chairman Nelms asks for a motion to go into closed session under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)(3)(6) for privileged or confidential information, attorney client privilege, personnel. Commissioner Orr made the motion to go into closed session as stated. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 16. Chairman Nelms asks for a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Orr made the motion as stated. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 17. Chairman Nelms asks for a motion to continue this meeting to Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Commissioner Cody made the motion to continue as stated. Commissioner Williams 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