

Workshop Session – September 20, 2016

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for their regular monthly workshop session. All board was present.

1. Chairman Nelms called the workshop session to order.
2. Chairman Nelms asks Manager Edwards to speak on the capital projects. Manager Edwards stated that things are moving forward on the renovations of the P&J Building and conversation was established on the transfer of the Health Department and DSS. Manager Edwards stated that renovations needed to be done keeping the expense manageable. Manager Edwards stated that the board needed to study the plans once they were received and the board of commissioners needed to have the final approval. Manager Edwards stated that there needs to be discussion on the administration offices, election board and recreation offices. Manager Edwards stated that we have to move the board of elections somewhere with adequate space. Manager Edwards stated that the recreation department would need adequate space as well. Manager Edwards stated that we know that DSS and the Health Department would move to the P&J building but needed direction on the other offices.
3. Manager Edwards stated that dialysis is starting and we should have our certificate of need in early 2017. Manager Edwards stated that a lot of hard work had gone into this. Manager Edwards stated that the dialysis center would outfit (5) beds.
4. Commissioner Eller stated that the dental clinic would stay where it is at because there is no reason for them to move. Manager Edwards stated that the new submission on the building had come in on Friday and the board needed to sit down and pick it apart. Manager Edwards stated that there are certain restrictions that govern the Health Department and DSS but he knows that it can be done because Haywood County did theirs in on old Wal-Mart building.
5. Manager Edwards stated that the board would need discussion on the courthouse. The termites have eaten the woodwork and he knows that this building needs to be preserved. Manager Edwards stated that we have to keep in mind that the building is also designated as a historical site and restrictions will apply. Manager Edwards stated that this needs to be discussed as soon as possible.
6. Manager Edwards stated that we are having a ¼ cent sales tax referendum in the fall and with Becky's calculations this would net about \$225,000.00 to \$250,000.00 per year and this is not a lot of money when you are paying on a 30 year debt. Manager Edwards stated that the board needed to move forward.
7. Chairman Nelms asks for further comment. No further comments was made.
8. Chairman Nelms adjourned the workshop session.

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Jacob Nelms, Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

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Keith Eller, Vice-Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

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Lynn Cody, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Connie Orr, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Raymond Williams, Member, Graham County Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board