

Workshop Session – August 19, 2013

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, August 19, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for their regular workshop session. All board was present.

1. Commissioner Edwards called the workshop session to order.
2. Commissioner Edwards stated that the commissioners would be recessing at 5:15 p.m. to attend the Governor's meeting being held at the Graham County High School. Commissioner Edwards stated that he was asked to make the introductions for Governor McCrory.
3. Commissioner Edwards asks Chuck Stewart, Chief Jailor to speak. Mr. Stewart stated that his fingerprint machine was down and he needed the machine to be repaired or have a new one purchased. Mr. Stewart stated that the cost to repair the machine is \$8964.00 and the cost for a new purchase is \$17,787.00 which includes the software. Mr. Stewart stated that the machine is automated and has live scan which will allow the officers to know if warrants are out for the person being fingerprinted. Mr. Stewart stated that the office charges a fee for concealed permits and healthcare workers. Mr. Stewart stated that he had called Swain County and Clay County on the fee charge and felt the current charge of \$10.00 was fair and reasonable. Commissioner Edwards asks if this machine was mandated by law. Mr. Stewart stated that it is mandated by state law and he is sending all fingerprints to Swain County at this time.
4. Commissioner Edwards asks Kristin Shuler and Mandy Adams to speak on the DHHS Updates. Ms. Shuler stated that we have been trying to improve our healthcare since 2004 and our Hilltop Clinic was the first step. Ms. Shuler stated that we are currently working with four (4) providers to use space in our Health Department. Those providers are: Smoky Mountain Urgent Care – Dr. Castor and Harvey Crate; Smoky Mountain OBGYN – Dr. Keever; Sylva Pediatrics – Dr. Toledo and a VA Clinic for our local veterans. Commissioner Edwards asks the projected start date. Ms. Adams stated that September 4, 2013 was the expected start date. Ms. Adams stated that Dr. Castor would like to install an x-ray room and asks that the board re-panel the walls with metal and he would supply the equipment. Ms. Adams stated that the projected cost was three to five thousand. Commissioner Orr stated that she was very excited about this news. All the board agreed that this is a service that is needed in our county. Clerk Crisp stated that Alicia Parham, Health Director was absent from the meeting due to a death in her immediate family.
5. Commissioner Edwards asks if anyone from the public would like to speak. Larry Hembree, EMS Director asks that the board consider moving the excess dirt from the Senior Center Site to the EMS Base to fill in the hole that is directly below the driveway entrance. Mr. Hembree stated that this is a hazard for our ambulances due to the overgrown brush and this would save the county money by being able to mow instead of bush hogging that area. Mr. Hembree stated that a culvert pipe extension may have to be purchased but the silt fencing was already in place. Commissioner Eller stated that this site has existing plans already in place for two sites. Commissioner Edwards asks about the branch that runs on this property. David Hyatt, Building Inspector stated that the dirt would not go to the branch. Mr. Hyatt also stated that there was indeed plans for two proposed sites through McGill & Associates but the plans were not finalized due to lack of payment by the county to McGill. Commissioner Orr stated that she would like to know how much money has been spent on this project in the past and if the county still had permits then we needed to look into pursuing this for future use. Commissioner Williams stated that we needed to put the dirt in at the EMS Base. Commissioner Holder stated that this is the cheapest and closest way to relocate the dirt. Commissioner Edwards wanted the site plans looked into and have the paperwork by the next commissioners meeting for the board to review.
6. Commissioner Edwards asks Carissa Williams, Assistant Chief Jailor to speak. Ms. Williams asks that she and two other jailors be allowed to attend the NCJAA Conference in Greensboro in September. Ms. Williams stated that no one has attended the conference since the previous chief jailor left and she felt that county needed to be recognized by the state for attending. Ms. Williams stated that the vendors supply donations free of charge at the conference that could last our jail for one year. Ms. Williams stated that the conference would be counted as in-service hours that are required. Ms. Williams stated that Graham County needed to be at the table networking so that we can be recognized. The board all agreed that this conference would be a good way of networking and asks Clerk Crisp to add this to the Action Items in Regular Meeting.
7. Commissioner Edwards stated again that Governor McCrory was in Graham County to give out laptops to our students from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades and Commissioner Edwards was asked to make the introductions, so he would be recessing the regular meeting and would re-adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Commissioner Edwards asks for further comment. No further comment was given.

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Robert M. (Mike) Edwards, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Keith Eller, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Billy Holder, 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