

Budget Meeting – May 23, 2017

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for a budget meeting. All board was present.

1. Chairman Eller called the meeting to order.
2. The board discussed meetings that they will need to attend concerning NCDOT District 14.
3. Manager Garland stated that she had a request from Christie Edwards to use her (5) days of unpaid leave for medical necessity. Commissioner Orr made the motion to grant the (5) days of unpaid leave to Christie Edwards. Commissioner Wiggins seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
4. Manager Garland and Clerk Crisp presented the renewals for the liability and workman's comp insurance to the board. Commissioner Orr made the motion to go with the lowest bid which is the best policy which offered higher coverage on Cyber Risk. Commissioner Wiggins seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. The board discussed the Hilltop Clinic.
6. The board discussed the Sheriff's budget and will have Attorney Coward present when speaking with the Sheriff.
7. The board discussed the sanitation budget and ways to save money on the cost. The board discussed manning the sites again and which sites could be closed, if any.
8. The board discussed the plan that was sent to DENR on the Bear Creek Site.
9. The board discussed the election board and the need for new voting machines. The board discussed putting the sales tax referendum back on the ballot during the primary. Teresa Garland, Election Director stated that a decision needed to be made by October of this year to get this on the spring primary ballot.
10. The board discussed advertising for the position that is vacant in the tax office.
11. The board discussed the Tax Collector and EMS Billing departments.
12. The board discussed the Mapping department.
13. The board discussed the Economic Development Director budget and discussed the need to redo the job description for this position. The board did recommend that this office be trained to handle CDBG Grants. The board asks that we obtain the job descriptions from Swain, Clay and Jackson Counties.
14. The board discussed the Register of Deeds.
15. The board discussed the Building Inspections budget.
16. The board discussed the Public Buildings budget.
17. The board discussed a possible change in hours at the Communication Center. The board discussed the extra cost to the budget for this change.
18. Commissioner Eller made the motion to remove the armed guard from the courthouse and install panic buttons to secure the courthouse. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
19. The board discussed the vehicle maintenance budget.
20. The board discussed Emergency Preparedness.
21. The board discussed the ambulance budget. The board discussed hiring a medic to do home welfare visits to repeat callers as a way to save wear and tear to the vehicles.
22. The board discussed cross training of county employees in various departments.
23. The board discussed the Transportation budget.
24. The board discussed the 4-H budget.
25. The board discussed the Extension office budget.
26. The board discussed the Soil and Water budget.
27. The board discussed the Veteran's budget.
28. The board discussed the Senior Center budget and it was noted that their budget was amended due to the Snowbird Center participating at our center until their new one could be built.
29. The board discussed the Recreation budget.
30. The board discussed the Pool budget.
31. The board discussed the Computer Support / IT department. Manager Garland stated that things are improving on the IT side.
32. The board discussed the 5310 Transit Grant.

33. The board discussed the Grounds budget. The board discussed purchasing an office trailer for building / grounds and sanitation.
34. The board discussed the cemetery budget.
35. The board discussed Special Appropriations.
36. The board will discuss DHHS, Sheriff and Jail budget at the next budget meeting. The board will be meeting on June 5th at 3:00 p.m. for a budget meeting and at 6:00 p.m. at the Health Department for a joint meeting with the Health Board.
37. Commissioner Williams made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Keith Eller, Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

Connie Orr, Vice-Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

Jacob Nelms, Member, Graham County Commissioner

Dale E. Wiggins, Member, Graham County Commissioner

Raymond Williams, Member, Graham County Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board