

## Regular Meeting – January 2, 2018

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, January 2, 2018 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.

1. Chairman Eller called the meeting to order.
2. Chairman Eller asks Commissioner Williams to give the Invocation.
3. Chairman Eller asks Commissioner Orr to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Chairman Eller asks for approval of the agenda. Manager Garland stated that she would be speaking for Misty Hembree, Item 6; and we need to add Item 6A Adoption of changes to the personnel policy. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the agenda with the stated changes. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Chairman Eller asks for approval of the minutes for the Workshop Session – December 19<sup>th</sup>; Regular Meeting – December 19<sup>th</sup>; and the Continued Meeting December 20<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Wiggins made the motion to approve the minutes as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. Chairman Eller asks Manager Garland to speak. Manager Garland stated that she would like to ask Lester Greene, Finance Officer for the school to speak to the board first concerning Public School Funds and Lottery Funds. Mr. Greene stated that he was here to request the Board of Commissioners approval to apply for ADM Funds in the amount of \$4,749.86 for security cameras and approval to apply for NC Lottery Funds in the amount of \$68,593.36 for the renovations at the elementary school entrance. Mr. Greene stated that the School Board had already approved these reimbursements but by law the Board of Commissioners must approve as well. Commissioner Orr asks what was done with the doors at the elementary school. Mr. Greene stated that this was done for safety reasons and someone will have to buzz visitors in to the office instead of their ability to enter at any time. Manager Garland stated that these are pass through funds that are required to flow through the county budget and further stated that she would need approval of a budget amendment to recognize the flow through of the funds. Commissioner Williams made the motion to accept the budget amendment for the school ADM and Lottery Funds. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
7. Commissioner Williams made the motion to allow the school to request ADM and Lottery Funds. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
8. Manager Garland stated that she would now give the manager's report. Manager Garland stated that the NCDOT meeting was moved to Monday, February 12, 2018 at the NCDOT office in Andrews.
9. Manager Garland stated that she has a contract for Chairman Eller to sign for CIC Technologies that board approved last month for the IT wiring in the new 911 Call Center. Manager Garland stated that several iterations had to be made to make sure the contract met 911 performance standards.
10. Manager Garland stated that she had spoken with Scott Donald over Christmas on the P&J Building and they have arranged to meet this Thursday with the changes the board determined week before last and will meet with him as well on the Administration Plans. Manager Garland stated that she is also working with Balsam West on the internet for the P&J and has the service contract which needs to be signed by Chairman Eller.
11. Manager Garland gave the annual report from the Adult Care and Nursing Home Advisory Committee and the weaknesses noted was the lack of available workforce for long term care needs with a remedial note that the State is working with community colleges in the area to do workforce training in this area. Commissioner Orr asks if contact had been made with Jimmy Holder and further stated that Johnny Brooms would like to serve on this board as well.
12. Manager Garland stated that the audit has been sent to the Local Government Commission for their final review and we should be good to go. Manager Garland stated that there is one form that the chairman needs to sign to finalize our contract for this year.
13. Manager Garland stated that the resolution to Duke Energy and Frontier are in your packets and she is researching a little more on the Resolution for the Homeowner's Insurance increase. Manager Garland stated that she has seen some disparity with the information and wants to be accurate before presenting to the board. Commissioner Orr stated that we needed to check the

rates with the NC Insurance Commissioner's office and further stated that Representative Kevin Corbin could possibly assist as well.

14. Chairman Eller asks for the discussion items. Manager Garland stated that there were Releases in the amount of \$671.05 and Discoveries in the amount of \$3204.20. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to approve the releases and discoveries. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
15. Manager Garland stated that she needed approval of the Duke Energy Resolution. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the Duke Energy Resolution. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
16. Manager Garland stated that she needed approval of the Frontier Resolution. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the Frontier Resolution. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
17. Manager Garland stated that the board needed to reappoint Connie Orr to the Road Naming Board. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to reappoint Connie Orr to the Road Naming Board. Commissioner Wiggins seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
18. The board discussed the possibility of using the Stecoah Valley Center for court instead of traveling to Murphy.
19. Manager Garland stated that she needed approval of the policy changes as noted in the special workshop session. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the policy changes as presented. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
20. Manager Garland gave Notice of Holiday for Martin Luther King Jr on Monday, January 15, 2018.
21. Chairman Eller asks for any new or old business. No new or old business was discussed.
22. Chairman Eller asks for public comment. No one was signed in for public comment.
23. Chairman Eller asks for a motion to go into closed session under G.S. 143-318.11(a) (1) (5) (6) for privileged or confidential information, personnel and contracts. Commissioner Orr made the motion to go into closed session as stated. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
24. Commissioner Williams made the motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
25. Chairman Eller gave a directive to Manager Garland to look into the issue discussed with the county employee.
26. Commissioner Wiggins made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wiggins seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

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Keith Eller, Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

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Connie Orr, Vice-Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

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Jacob Nelms, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Dale E. Wiggins, 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