

Continued Meeting – September 29, 2020

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for a continued meeting to hold a public hearing for CDBG-CV North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Program and for new/old business. All board was present.

1. Chairman Wiggins called the meeting to order.
2. Chairman Wiggins asks Manager Garland for new or old business. Manager Garland stated that the Election Board had received a grant totaling \$5,000.00 from the Center for Tech and Civic Life on a COVID-19 Response Grant Application and needs approval to accept the grant. Commissioner Cody made the motion to accept the grant as stated. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Manager Garland asks if the board wanted to discuss the Stecoah Valley Center Lease Agreement as revised by Chairman Dale Wiggins. Chairman Wiggins asks that we table the decision to the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to give the board a chance to read the revised lease. The board all agreed.
4. Chairman Wiggins stated that he needed a motion to close the continued meeting and open the Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus Program Public Hearing. Commissioner Orr made the motion as stated. Commissioner Eller seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Chairman Wiggins asks Manager Garland to speak. Manager Garland stated that Graham County has the intention to apply for FY 2020 CDBG Funding under the Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act for CDBG Program Covid-19 Funds. Manager Garland stated that the County plans to apply for approximately \$900,000.00 in CDBG-CV funds for the following activities: Graham County Schools Pandemic Response Tech Equipment, Food Distribution, Economic Development Imagine Hub Business Incubator and Internet Center, EMS Workforce Training Equipment, and Senior Center, and Meals on Wheels Meal Distribution. Manager Garland stated that the total budget will be for Public Services \$752,650.00, Construction, or rehabilitation of commercial buildings \$57,350.00, for a total of \$810,000.00 with a 10% administration fee of the total grant award \$90,000.00 for a combined total of \$900,000.00. Manager Garland asks for questions or comments. Commissioner Orr asks if the administration fee comes to the county. Manager Garland stated that this fee will go to the person who writes and executes the grant and at this time we have engaged Withers Ravenel. Manager Garland stated that Withers Ravenel is the company that is executing the CDBG Scattered Site Housing Grant. Chairman Wiggins asks for public comment or questions. No further comment or questions.
6. Chairman Wiggins stated that he needed a motion to close the public hearing and reopen the continued meeting. Commissioner Eller made the motion as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
7. Manager Garland stated that if the board is willing to apply for the grant, they will need to pass a Resolution for the Graham County Application for Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Funding. Manager Garland read the resolution in its entirety. Commissioner Orr made the motion to pass the resolution as stated. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
8. Chairman Wiggins asks for a motion to submit the applications for the Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Funding in the amount of \$900,000.00. Commissioner Eller made the motion to submit the application as stated. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
9. Chairman Wiggins stated that the board would need to go into closed session for personnel and contracts and asks for a motion under G.S. 143.318.11(a)(1)(3)(5)(6) for privileged or confidential information, attorney-client privilege, contracts and personnel. Commissioner Eller made the motion to go into closed session as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
10. Commissioner Eller made the motion to go into open session. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. Chairman Wiggins asks for a motion to approve the Services Contract for the Dental Clinic for a part-time dental hygienist. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the contract as

presented by Health Director Beth Both and Dentist Dr. Rory Frederick. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

12. Chairman Wiggins asks for a motion to continue the meeting to October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Stecoah Rescue Squad Building to meet with NCDOT on Corridor K. Commissioner Orr made the motion as stated. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

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Dale Wiggins, Chairman

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Lynn Cody, Vice-Chairman

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Keith Eller, Member

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Jacob Nelms, Member

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Connie Orr, Member

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board