

Special Meeting – June 26, 2013

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for a special meeting. The meeting was called to adopt the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance. Commissioners present were: Robert M. Edwards; Billy Holder; Keith Eller and Raymond Williams. Commissioner Connie Orr was absent due to sickness.

1. Commissioner Edwards called the meeting to order.
2. Commissioner Edwards stated that the board would be adopting the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance and wanted Rebecca Garland, Finance Officer to explain how the shortfall was met.
3. Ms. Garland stated that she and Erma Phillips, Tax Assessor had gotten together and found more revenue based on the following factors:
  - a. The county had generated more revenue with the extra discoveries being made during the revaluation process;
  - b. The county will be receiving a one-time back payment of \$60,000.00 on DMV taxes. The DMV taxes are being transitioned into the NCDMV / Tag Office and the county will no longer bill out for these taxes; and,
  - c. Ms. Phillips stated that she did not need the entire \$75,000.00 for the revaluation fund now that her office is doing the revaluation in house.

Ms. Garland stated that these three factors allowed the county to stay with the first proposed budget.

4. Commissioner Edwards thanked the staff for finding the revenues which would allow the commissioners to keep the budget as first proposed. Ms. Garland stated that the budget changed on the revenue side only.
5. Commissioner Edwards stated that next year the county would be facing more unfunded mandates and cuts from the state and federal governments and wanted the county to stay in close contact with our delegates Senator Jim Davis and Representative Roger West.
6. Ms. Garland gave a big thank you to Erma Phillips on helping her find the extra revenue and likes the fact that this was a team approach. Commissioner Edwards stated that he was glad the revaluation was being done in house.
7. Commissioner Edwards stated that the board would now entertain the budget amendments and asks Ms. Garland to proceed. Ms. Garland stated that she had Budget Amendment #19 to amend to recognize additional expenditures and offsetting increases in revenue collected in General Fund FYE June 30, 2013. Ms. Garland stated that this amendment is a funds cleanup on the departments throughout the county. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve Budget Amendment #19. Commissioner Holder seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
8. Ms. Garland stated that Budget Amendment #20 is to amend to transfer fund balance from the old 911 system to General Fund under statutory requirements. Commissioner Holder made the motion to approve Budget Amendment #20. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
9. Ms. Garland stated that Budget Amendment #21 is to amend to recognize draws from Rural Center and pass through grant funds to Stanley Furniture. Commissioner Eller made the motion to approve Budget Amendment #21. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
10. Ms. Garland stated that Budget Amendment #22 is to amend to recognize revenues from Stanley and grants for training from the EDC Funds. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve Budget Amendment #22. Commissioner Holder seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. Ms. Garland stated that she has a Capital Project Ordinance for the new Transit Facility in the amount of \$745,000.00. Commissioner Eller made the motion to approve the Capital Project Ordinance for the new Transit Facility. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
12. Ms. Garland stated that the Local Government Commission was requesting an audit on the Rural Development Authority and she would need to contact those board members to gather the information for the upcoming audit.
13. Ms. Garland presented the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance for the board's approval. Commissioner Eller made the motion to approve the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
14. Commissioner Edwards asks for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Eller made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Holder seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

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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