

Continued Meeting – June 28, 2022

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for a continued meeting. All board was present. Also, present Manager Jason Marino, Finance Director Becky Garland, Jail Captain Marlon Jackson and Clerk Kim Crisp.

1. Chair Orr called the meeting to order.
2. Chair Orr asks for approval or changes to the agenda. Manager Marino asks that the board add Marlon Jackson, Jail Captain for Inmate Contract and to add Juanita Colvard to closed session under contracts and privileged or confidential information. Commissioner Eller made the motion to approve the agenda with the stated change. Commissioner Wiggins seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chair Orr asks Manager Marino to proceed with the meeting. Manager Marino stated that Finance Director Becky Garland had some year end budget amendments for the boards approval so she can close out FY 2021-2022.
4. Director Garland stated that she had five budget amendments for consideration.
 - a. Budget Amendment #25 – Final Amendment for FY End 6-30-2022 for Capital and Special Projects Transfers and Special Appropriations for a decrease of \$145,800.00 and an increase of \$1,338,312.00. Commissioner Eller made the motion to approve. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 - b. Budget Amendment #26 – Final Amendment for FY End 6-30-2022 for Capital and Special Projects Transfers and Special Appropriations for a decrease of \$262,000.00 and an increase of \$262,000.00. Commissioner Eller made the motion to approve. Commissioner Wiggins seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 - c. Budget Amendment #1 -Recognize Lottery Distribution to Schools for \$105,000.00. Commissioner Eller made the motion to approve. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 - d. Budget Amendment #1 – Recognize Deed of Trust Fees under Agency Funds for \$50,000.00. Commissioner Eller made the motion to approve. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 - e. Budget Amendment \$1 – Amendments for additional contracted services for appeals and consultant fees for \$45,000.00. Commissioner Wiggins made the motion to approve. Commissioner Eller seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Director Garland stated that she was closing out the USDA Grant/Loan for the garbage truck and trailer and will need approval to allow Chair Orr to finalize the paperwork. Commissioner Eller made the motion to approve as stated. Commissioner Wiggins seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. Manager Marino stated that there had been some confusion on the inmate housing and meal contracts and had asked that Captain Jackson come by and speak with the board. Captain Jackson thanked the board for their time and stated that he did reach out to get proposals on jail meals due to some major issues involving special diets. Captain Jackson stated that for several months' complaints are being sent to Raleigh concerning the inmate population currently in the jail. Captain Jackson stated that he had spoken with Chris Wood, Head Inspector with the State over the number of inmates at our jail and we have been told that we are to reduce our inmates to (8) and no more than (10) and we needed to contract with another facility. Captain Jackson stated that he has been on the phone and has a proposal from Cherokee County with the numbers coming in at \$145,600.00 per year for (20) guaranteed beds for our use. Captain Jackson stated that currently we have inmates throughout the State, and we are spending time and money driving back and forth and we are required to pay for all medical, etc. Captain Jackson stated that their overtime is tremendous and the food alone for our facility is \$102,000.00 per year. The board had discussion and had some questions with the proposed contract. Commissioner Cody stated that the way the contract read to him, we pay for twenty beds regardless of if we need them or not. Captain Jackson stated that adjustments could be made. The board had questions on verbiage concerning medical as well. Director Garland stated that the termination of the contract was very one-sided, and Graham County needed the same termination clause. Captain Jackson stated that he was just trying to keep the jail from being shut down and the money that the county would save in transports will pay the difference in the costs. The board wanted time to review the contract in detail.
7. Chair Orr asks for a motion to go into closed session under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)(5) for privileged or confidential information and contracts. Commissioner Eller made the motion to approve as stated. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

8. Chair Orr asks for a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Wiggins made the motion as stated. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
9. Chair Orr asks for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wiggins made the motion as stated. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Connie Orr, Chairman

Keith Eller, Vice-Chairman

Lynn Cody, Member

Jacob Nelms, Member

Dale Wiggins, Member

ATTEST: _____
Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board