

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 5:00 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 Interim County Manager Kim Crisp, Transit Director Juanita Colvard, Senior Center Director Wanda Hill and Senior Center Deputy Director Melissa Crisp.

1. Chairman Nelms called the meeting to order.
2. Chairman Nelms asks for a motion to close the continued meeting and open the public hearing for the 5310 Senior Grant and the 5311 CT and Capital Grant for Transit. Commissioner Cody made the motion as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chairman Nelms asks Juanita Colvard to speak. Director Colvard stated that she is applying for a 5311 CT Administrative grant in the amount of \$107,034.00 with a match of \$16,055.00 and Capital Grant for Transit in the amount of \$213,800.00 with a match from operating expenses of \$21,380.00 for a total of \$320,834.00 and is asking permission to apply for this grant and for the board to adopt the resolution. Director Colvard asks for public comment or questions. No public comments or questions.
4. Chairman Nelms asks Wanda Hill to speak. Director Hill stated that she is here to ask permission to apply for the 5310 Senior Grant for \$94,686.00 with a match of \$9,470.00 and is asking for adoption of the resolution to apply. Director Hill asks for public comment or questions. No public comments or questions.
5. Chairman Nelms asks for a motion to close the public hearing and reopen the continued meeting. Commissioner Orr made the motion as stated. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. Chairman Nelms asks for a motion to approve the submission of the 5310 and 5311 Grants as presented in the public hearing by Transit Director Juanita Colvard and Senior Center Director Wanda Hill. Commissioner Orr made the motion to accept the requests and to approve the resolutions. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
7. Finance Director Stacy Carpenter stated that she had the budget amendment ready for the Health Department that she spoke of at the regular meeting. Budget Amendment #1 for \$32,901.00 in expenditures and \$31,235.00 in revenues. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the budget amendment as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
8. Director Carpenter stated that they had received three quotes for the new cameras at Urgent Care and those were:
 - a. TP Technologies \$23,375.33
 - b. Nitor \$24,565.95
 - c. Gov Connect \$25,202.43Director Carpenter stated that she also has the license renewals for our (69) cameras in the county and those were:
 - i. TP Technologies \$39,724.23
 - j. Nitor \$42,036.59
 - k. Gov Connect \$55,281.42Commissioner Orr made the motion to accept the lowest bids for both the purchases as stated. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
9. Chairman Nelms asks Mitch Brigulio, Davenport consultant to speak. Mr. Brigulio stated that he had been working with Stacy Carpenter catching up on the projects that have been done and that are under consideration. Mr. Brigulio stated that he would provide a refresher for the board and for Director Carpenter on the finances. Mr. Brigulio discussed the existing tax supported debt profile; the financing consideration; debt service comparisons and the next steps. Mr. Brigulio stated that the next steps are to work with county staff to identify upcoming capital needs; update debt affordability cash flow analysis; and analyze debt capacity on debt affordability for identified capital funding needs. Mr. Brigulio commended the board on the stance that they have taken and was glad to tell the board that they can afford to build their Justice Center. Director Carpenter stated that she is working to get the audit finalized and then we can regroup and take the next steps. The board was pleased with the information and for Mr. Brigulio continued guidance and expertise.
10. Chairman Nelms asks for new or old business. No new or old business.
11. Chairman Nelms asks for a motion to go into closed session under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)(6) for privileged or confidential information and personnel. Commissioner Orr made the motion as stated. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
12. Chairman Nelms asks for a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Orr made the motion as stated. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

13. Chairman Nelsmsasks for a motion to raise the CDL Class A drivers at Sanitation to starting pay of \$16.00 and more experienced at \$17.00 per hour. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the raises as stated. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
14. Chairman Nelms asks for further business. No further business was discussed.
15. Chairman Nelms asks for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Orr made the motion as stated. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Jacob Nelms, Chairman

Natasha Williams, Vice-Chair

Lynn Cody, Member

Keith Eller, Member

Connie Orr, Member

ATTEST:

Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board