

Continued Meeting 9/5/2007

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at 5:00pm. Present were Commissioners Lynn Cody, Billy Cable, Jerry Sherrill, Raymond Williams, Eugene Trull and County Attorney David Sawyer. Chairman Cody called the meeting to order.

1. Juanita Colvard, Transportation Director, told the Board that she and Tom Herman looked at several places to house the Transit department. Teresa Lewis Eller's house was number 1 to participate with the State to pay the rent. Ms. Colvard stated there would have to be a service upgrade, election pole, a 3 to 5 year lease, heating and air conditioning within a year. Ms. Lewis stated that she would take care of the electrical service up-grades, put up a new front door, material for the bathroom but the County would have to furnish the gravel and man power for fixing the bathroom and the County would also fix the handicap ramp. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the Transit move to the Lewis Eller location and Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Commissioner Cody also voted in favor. Commissioner Williams did not vote. Commissioner Trull voted no. County Attorney Sawyer's stated that he would write the lease and Commissioner Cody stated for it the lease to have an escape clause in it.
2. County Attorney Sawyer's stated that the draft Resolution from BB&T that he and contacted the office but the lady was out until next week and he would talk to her next week. Melody Adams told the Board that she thought that they should revisit the BB&T rates. Ms. Adams stated that the cheapest loan may not be the cheapest rate in the long run. BB&T has the two highest payments the first 2 years and we need to know the number of years that we are borrowing the money. Commissioner Cable stated that he thought that we should wait until October. Ms. Adams asked how long it will be until you hear from Cherokee but it's up to the Board but out bids will expire and we'll have to ask for an extension. The LGC is a 45 day process and we have a lot of deadlines to meet for the award the bid. Ms. Adams stated if we award the contract date in mid October we will have to ask P&J will extend their bid. Chairman Cody stated that we should go with United Community Bank which has no prepayment penalty. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the Capital Project Ordinance for the Recreation Park facility and the Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for approval of a financing agreement authorized by North Carolina General Statute 160A-20 with the agreement for the financing go with United Community Bank with a rate of 4.40% interest rate with LGC approval. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Commissioners Sherrill and Cody voted yes. Commissioner Trull voted no. (attached)
3. Commissioner Cable made the motion to go into closed session under GS 143.318 11A (6) (3) for the purpose of discussing personnel and attorney/client privilege. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
4. Commissioner Cable made the motion to come out of closed session back into open session. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. In closed session the Board discussed personnel and an impending law suit with the Attorney.
6. Commissioner Williams made the motion to hire Lynn Cody as County Manager. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Commissioner Sherrill voted yes. Commissioner Trull vote no. Commissioner Cody did not vote. Mr. Cody will work part time until October 1, 2007 and will be full time in the position of County Manager.
7. Commissioner Trull made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

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Lynn Cody, Chairman

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Billy Cable, Vice-Chairman

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Jerry Sherrill, Member

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Eugene Trull, Member

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Raymond Williams, Member

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Jan Millsaps, Clerk