

Regular Meeting 3/6/2006

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, March 6, 2006 at 6:00pm in the Conference Room of the Community Building at 196 Knight Street, Robbinsville, NC. Present were Commissioners Randy Jordan and Dirk Cody. Commissioner Stewart was absent. Chairman Jordan called the meeting to order.

1. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Agenda with the deletion of items 9, 14 and changing item 19. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
2. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
3. Chairman Jordan opened the Public Comment session of the meeting. Jackie Crisp asked the Board when the clean up on Jutts Creek would be finished. Mr. Crisp stated that Steve Jordan had crushed and hauled off some junk cars but he had not been back because Mr. Jordan stated that the Ownesby's had run him off of the property. Commissioner Jordan stated that the County had a Court Order for this clean up and they were committed to this project. Attorney McKinney stated that the appeal time was almost over. Chairman Jordan closed the public comment session of the meeting.
4. Chairman Jordan opened the Public Hearing on Graham County CDBG Scattered Sites Housing Public Hearing. Marion Hill, Administrator, told the Board that the Graham Housing Selection Committee met February 1, 2006 at 5:00pm and decided that double-wide mobile home would be used so that the county could assist the most number of people possible. One of the units may have to be a single-wide if the lot is not large enough to accommodate a double-wide. Permission will have to be granted by the Division of Community Assistance. The Committee selected five persons to receive new mobile homes for this grant application. A discussion was held regarding repairs and/or urgent repair money. The committee decided that local option/repair funds not be used until the other units had been completed in case of budget overruns. There were two persons selected to receive repairs up to \$5,000. if, at the end of the project there were funds remaining. The proposed budget for the 2006 Graham County Scattered Sites Project will therefore be as follows: Clearance: \$40,000 (5 units) Relocation assistance: \$310,000. (5 units), Local option/urgent Repair: \$10,000. (2 units) and Administration: \$40,000. Commissioner Cody made the motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
5. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Releases and Discoveries as presented. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. (Attached) Ms. Orr asked the Board about Lois Pepper's Discovery bill on the property not listed (garage and apartment) and the Board denied the appeal. The Board denied Tabitha Myler's appeal on a DMV bill. The Board tabled the appeals until the next Board meeting of Marty Moody, Smoky Mtn. Mansion and Christopher Crisp.
6. Crystal Cody and Amy Hobbs, Robbinsville High School English Teachers, met with the Board to request that they fund an academic banquet for honor students in the amount of \$2300.00. Commissioner Cody made the motion to fund this project in the amount of \$2300.00 and direct the County Manager to have this funding in Special Appropriations for the following yearly budgets. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion but stated that he thought that the school board should fund this project.
7. Junior Hooper and Marcia Clontz met with the Board to discuss renovations to the Graham County Library. Mr. Hooper stated that they needed to paint, carpet the entire building, re-upholster all seating, new shelving, workstations and videoconferencing equipment at a total cost of \$253,249.00 less donations asking for the County to pay \$96,249.00. Commissioner Cody asked what the time frame on this project was and Mr. Hooper stated that they were ready to go.

Commissioner Cody asked if the Board could see the plans and if he and Ms. Clontz could attend the next Board meeting.

8. The Board opened the bids for the Senior meals for budget year 2006/2007. Lynn's Restaurant bid was in the amount of \$4.49 per meal including taxes. Phillips Restaurant bid was in the amount of \$4.47 per meal including taxes. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to award the bid to Phillips Restaurant in the amount of \$4.47 (taxes included in this bid) Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. (Bids attached)
9. David Matheson, Athletic Director of the Graham County Schools, met with the Board to ask for a pay increase for officiating officials in sports that are non revenue. Mr. Matheson said that the officials would receive \$10.00 increase in each sport. Mr. Matheson stated that he was asking that the Board approve the funding of the officials from now on. Commissioner Cody asked if he had gone to the School Board with this request. Mr. Matheson stated that he had talked to Superintendent Davis but not the Board. The Board tabled this request and Mr. Matheson said that he would go to the School Board meeting and make this request.
10. The Board tabled the Tri County College request until the next Board meeting.
11. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to appoint Carol Millsaps to the Southwestern Commission as the Graham County Nursing and Adult Care position (to replace Pat Holland who's 2-year term expired). Commissioner Cody seconded this motion.
12. Commissioner Cody made the motion to appoint Mary Barker as the designation of HCCBG lead agency and the members of the HCCBG committee: Veterans-Naomi Edwards, Charles Hooper – Senior Housing and CAP/DA – Lisa Rogers. (Complete list attached). Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
13. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to table the Resolution requesting modification to NC Gen. Stat. `105-459 entitled "Determination of amount of taxes lost by virtue of TVA operation of property: Proportion of Funds until the next Board meeting. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion.
14. Marvin Mullinax, DSS Director, met with the Board to discuss the advantages of building a Human Services Building that houses the Graham County Health Department and the Department of Social Services. Mr. Mullinax explained that DSS can draw down more monies for the county if the two agencies are located together. Cost allocation allows DSS to pull back to the county 55% to 61% of actual operational and building expenses over the life of the depreciation of the building. DSS can pull money down for space that the Health Department and DSS share. A Human Services Building would be one-stop shopping for our elderly clients instead of having to travel to three different buildings. DSS is presently using every inch of two buildings and Mr. Mullinax stated that they must have additional space. Mr. Mullinax asked the Board to please consider this proposal.
15. Commissioner Cody made the motion to go into closed session under GS 143.318.11 A (6). Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
16. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to come out closed session and back into open session. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion.
17. In closed session the Board discussed personnel and raises.
18. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve and adopt the new EMS shift proposal adding 2 employees and the new pay is calculated at \$10.66 per hour and this will go into effect when the two employees are hired and the new schedule is started. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion.

19. The Board directed Sanitation Director, Donald Crisp, to advertise for a new garbage truck.
20. Commissioner Cody made the motion to hire Annette Orr, part-time permanent for 20 hours a week at a rate of pay of \$7.00 an hour and Burl Orr, a part-time permanent employee, 20 hours a week pay be increased to \$9.00 an hour to begin next pay period for both employees. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
21. The Board directed Juanita Colvard, Assistant County Manager, to advertise for a part time temporary employee to clean the Health Department, Social Services building and the Library while employee Patty Solesby is on a 12-week sick leave.
22. Commissioner Cody made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.

Randy Jordan, Chairman

Dirk Cody, Vice-Chairman

Richard Stewart, Member

Jan Millsaps, Clerk