

Regular Meeting 3/20/2006

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, March 20, 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 item # 7. 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. Bob Doyle stated that he had reached an agreement with Ronnie Milsap and his Agent's coming to Graham County August 17, 2006 to perform and stated that he would have a contract at the next Board meeting for them to sign pertaining to this. Mr. Doyle stated that there were several things that he would need for the Graham County Heritage Festival this year and Chairman Jordan told Mr. Doyle to make a list of what he needed and he present it at the next Board Meeting.
4. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Releases & Discoveries as presented by Erma Orr, Tax Assessor. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. (Attached) Commissioner Jordan made the motion to waive the penalty and leave the discovery as is on the Smoky Mountain Mansion appeal. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to only charge the 2003 tax bill on Marty Moody's discovery bill on junked vehicles. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Commissioner Cody made the motion to deny the Christopher Crisp tax appeal. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Ms. Orr told the Board that Terry James was appealing his tax valuation on his property on Snowbird containing 2.17 acres which is in a subdivision. The Board directed Ms. Orr to ask Mr. James to the Board meeting of April 3, 2006 before they decide on this request. Commissioner Cody asked Ms. Orr if a local bill could be introduced by local Representatives and sent to Raleigh to increase the eligibility amount on the OAE for Graham County. Ms. Orr stated that you could do but did not know if the NC Department of Revenue would do it. Commissioner Jordan asked Ms. Orr if Christopher Crisp property had been cleaned up that is located on Deyton Camp Road and Ms. Orr stated that she had pictures and she gave them to the Board. The Board stated that they would like for the junk cars to be cleaned up on this property.
5. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the request from the Graham County Library in the amount of \$96,249.00 for renovations. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
6. Gil Hargett met with the Board to discuss an update of the proposed building of Interstate 3. Mr. Hargett stated that he believed this proposal of Interstate 3 would not help in creating jobs but would only hurt the beauty and tourism of Graham County. Mr. Hargett stated that other Counties opposed to Interstate 3 had passed a Resolution stating the opposition of Interstate 3.
7. Commissioner Cody made the motion to table the Tri County Community College request. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
8. Susie Farley, Election Board Director, met with the Board to discuss the upcoming election. Ms. Farley stated that they needed an IT person on call for any problems that may arise during the election. Ms. Farley stated that she knew a person from D-Net that could do this. Commissioner Jordan told Ms. Farley if she needed IT support that she and her Board needed to do this and then send this request to the Commissioners. Ms. Farley stated that the Chairman of the Election Board told her not to work any over time and that he would not approve any time sheets of employees working after 5:00pm. The Board told Ms. Farley

any requests that she made to the Board of Commissioners had to be approved by her Board and then brought before the Board of Commissioners and then they would look at her requests.

9. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve the purchase of a 2006 Peterbilt Garbage Truck Model 320 with a Heil Loader with a Cat/Engine/Front Loader for the Graham County Sanitation Department with an amount of \$50,000. down and financed for 6 years (checking with the local banking establishments in Robbinsville). Commissioner Cody seconded this motion.
10. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to table the Resolution for a No Wake Zone Blue Waters Mtn. Lodge until the next Board meeting. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion.
11. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve 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." Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. (Attached)
12. The Board opened the bids on the Depot Property. Quality Masonry & Concrete, Inc. submitted a bid of \$5,000.00. Richard Eller submitted a bid of \$5,600.00. The Board tabled this until the next Board meeting.
13. Commissioner Cody made the motion to go into closes session under GS 143.318.11 A (6). Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
14. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to come out of closed session and back into open session. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion.
15. In closed session the Board discussed personnel and the cleaning postion vacant that will be temporay.
16. Naomi Edwards, EMS Billing Clerk, met with the Board to discuss the changes in Medicare payments. Ms. Edwards stated that Medicare was changing the amount of allowance on a billing and the EMS needed to go up on their rates to be able to collect the maximum. Ms. Edwards stated that she would get the information to the Board once she had obtained it. Ms. Edwards also stated that any deceased patient having an out standing bill and the family can not pay that she will forward this bill on to the County Attorney to file against the real property to try and collect this unpaid amount. The Board directed Ms. Edwards not to accept payment from Tri-Care Insurance due to the large amount of write off that patients have as a supplement. Commissioner Cody made the motion to appoint Naomi Edwards, Deputy Tax Collector, so she will be able to look at any garnishment lists or call and get any lists from employers to be in compliance with the law. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
17. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to reappoint Marvin Mullinax to a three (3) year term on the Graham County Nursing & Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion.
18. The Board directed Juanita Colvard to ask Mr. Lackey to have the demolition bid package for the Board at the next meeting. The Board also stated that Mr. Lackey needed to monitor the demolition. The Board stated that they would take the debris at the recycling center and waive the tipping fees and salvage the metal and this will require no license, bond for the demo.
19. The Board directed Juanita Colvard to get in touch with contractors and what they would charge for the clean up on Jutts Creek and to be begin the job March 25, 2006 and be completed in two weeks. All quotes will be turned in to the County Manager's Office by Thursday, March 24, 2006 at 5:00pm. The Quotes will be opened Friday, March 25, 2006 and be awarded.

20. The Board directed Juanita Colvard to hire someone for the temporary position for cleaning the DSS building, Library and Health Department from the applications submitted.
21. Commissioner Cody made the motion to pick up Violet Briggs, CAP Office, for a period of 6 months beginning pay roll of April 2, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006 at \$5.15 an hour. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
22. The Board directed Juanita Colvard to get a total assessment for fixing the Community Building for the Social Services Department. The Board directed Ms. Colvard to send out memo's on changes on the cell phone usage and minutes, a memo on time sheets being signed and completely filled out, quarterly garnishments to be processed by the Tax Collector and Maintenance Work Orders.
23. Commissioner Cody made the motion for the following employees to receive the following pay increases to begin next pay period ending 3/29/2006.
1. Kim Smith increased to \$9.25
 2. Aileen Howell increased to \$9.88
 3. Misty Lewis increased to \$9.62
 4. Jennifer Cody increased to \$9.25
 5. Gary Holloway increased to \$9.50
- Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
24. 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