

Regular Meeting 4/3/2006

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, April 3, 2006 at 6:00pm in the Conference Room at 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 Jordan made the motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of item 9-A. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion.
2. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion.
3. Chairman Jordan opened the Public Comment session of the meeting. Chairman Jordan stated that he would like to make a statement that there was no intention of the Board renaming Sweetwater Road to Ronnie Milsap Blvd. Bob Doyle next spoke to the Board and stated that he was with drawing the suggestion to rename the Sweetwater Road to Ronnie Milsaps Blvd. Chairman Jordan that Mr. Doyle had given this concept for Ronnie Milsap and it was for everybody to think about and there was never a Resolution to change the Road name by the Board. Mr. Jordan also stated that there were a lot of things that had to happen to change a road name and the DOT in Raleigh would have to consider this project. Amy Hobbs, Carol Orr and Mike Edwards each spoke in support of Sweetwater Road as they are residents and do not want a road change. Each said that Sweetwater was a community and it gave them a sense of community and memories. Commissioner Jordan stated that Mr. Doyle had spent 8 months on this project and ask for the support of the Board, the Town of Robbinsville and Travel & Tourism and did not ask us to sign anything but just think about it as it was a concept that Bob had put a lot of time into.
4. Commissioner Cody made the motion to open the Public Hearing on the ROAP Grant (Rural Operating Assistance Program Funds). Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. The ROAP Grant assists the elderly and disabled transportation assistance program. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion.
5. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Releases and Discoveries as presented by Ms. Orr. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. (Attached) Ms. Orr stated that the Board of E&R will convene April 17, 2006 at 6:15pm. Ms. Orr stated that she had not heard from Terry James on his appeal. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to deny his appeal. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Commissioner Cody made the motion to release the taxes for all back years on the Bob Jenkins and CC Gentry Heirs as the property can not be located. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
6. David Hyatt, Building Inspector, asked the Board about purchasing a new 4x4 Ford Escape on State Contract for the purchase price of \$15,900.00 from Jacky Jones thru Collins Auto Sales. Commissioner Cody made the motion to purchase this vehicle (2006 Ford Escape 4x4) from Jacky Jones thru Collins Auto Sales. Commissioner Jordon seconded this motion.
7. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Tri County Community College request for operating expenses in the amount of \$19,190.00. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
8. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the School Athletic funding as presented at a prior meeting from David Matheson to pay for officiating for referees for the rest of the season in the amount of \$3,000.00. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.

9. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to table the purchasing of the front end loader for the Cemetery Department until the Board meeting of 4/17/2006. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion.
10. Commissioner Cody made the motion to table the tabled the Resolution Certification (United Community Bank Account) until the Board meeting of 4/17/2006. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
11. Commissioner Cody made the motion to table the Depot Street Property until Attorney McKinney checks the paper work on this property. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
12. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to purchase the needed bleachers for the Festival as presented by Mr. Dole and the bleachers will also be used by the Recreation Department in the amount of \$6,218.00. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion.
13. Commissioner Cody made the motion to go into closed session under GS 143.318.11A (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.
16. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve the Medicare 2006 fee schedule for North Carolina on the rates that went up and not to go down on any rates. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. (Rates attached)
17. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to hire Jeanette Rogers part time in Communications and part time in the Mapping Office to do office work. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion.
18. Commissioner Cody made the motion to surplus two vehicles from the Transportation Department giving the yellow bus to the School Athletic Department and the Blue high top bus to the MANNA food bank. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
19. On the recommendation of Terry Slaughter the Board approved the hiring of Angelica Cable full time with a 60 day probationary period, Jade Shriver full time with 60 day probation.
20. The Board instructed Juanita Colvard, Assistant County Manager, to notify Kevin King, Swain County, and see if he could present to the Board a proposal on the cost of housing jail inmates when they have completed their new facility. The Board also instructed Ms. Colvard to notify Time Plus that Graham County would no longer be using time cards for employees. Ms. Colvard is to find an architect and get some plans for renovating the Community Building to properly house the DSS offices and the Community Building will no longer be rented after September 3, 2006 due to the renovations. Ms. Colvard is to place an ad in the local paper stating that the seized vehicles by the Sheriff's department are to be surplus and if anyone has any questions to notify the County Attorney McKinney. Ms. Colvard will notify Mr. Lackey to have the complete demolition bid package for the Board meeting of April 21, 2006. The Board asked Ms. Colvard to call other counties how do we get all land mapping on line and check to see who they had to do the IT and have this information at the next Board's meeting.
21. Commissioner Cody made the motion for the following pay increases to begin pay period ending 4/12/2006. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
  - a. Tajuana Ledwell -\$14.00 an hour
  - b. Deputies -\$12.00 an hour

- c. Investigator - \$13.00 an hour
- d. Chief Jailer - \$11.00 an hour
- e. Jailers - \$10.00 an hour

22. Commissioner Cody made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.

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Randy Jordan, Chairman

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Dirk Cody, Vice-Chairman

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Richard Stewart, Member

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Jan Millsaps, Clerk