

Regular Meeting 4/17/2006

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, April 17, 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 Jordan made the motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Cody 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 was first to speak and asked what was happening on Jutt's Creek because the residents had not moved out of the house and it seemed nothing had been done. Chairman Jordan stated that the time frame for the eviction notice had not come yet and Commissioner Cody stated that there was still about 15 days on the notice to be imposed. The Board stated that if the residents did not leave then they would be physically removed. Valerie Feil, Mountain Motors, met with the Board to ask permission to use the Heritage Festival grounds to have an event on Armed Forces Day on Saturday, May 20, 2006. The events will include VFW ceremony and celebrations, signing of event banner to be sent to the US Soldiers in Iraq, group ride across the Dragon and Cherohala Skyway, door prizes, music and events for the children. The Board told Ms. Feil she could use the site for this event. Bob Doyle told the Board that he was presenting a proposal for summer music on the festival grounds to be held weekly on Friday nights. The event will be free of charge and he would be using the stage available from the Heritage Festival, vinyl cover proposed funding by Travel and Tourism and the bleachers provided by Graham County. Future funding to use the property would be Travel & Tourism for help with Band expenses and electricity. Grant money will come from CSS and private donations. The Board agreed to this proposal. Larry Lackey met with the Board to present to them a review package for the EMS building and he asked the Board to look at it and if they agreed or had ideas to get with Juanita Colvard and she would contact him. Mr. Lackey stated that the demolition bids would be opened April 28, 2006. Chairman Jordan closed the Public Comment session of the meeting.
4. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to open the Public Hearing for the Board of Equalization and Review. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Erma Orr, Tax Assessor, swore in Commissioner Jordan and Commissioner Cody. Ms. Orr asked if there was anyone to meet with the Board and there was no one. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion.
5. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve the Releases and Discoveries as presented by Ms. Orr. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. (Attached) Ms. Orr stated that Darrell and Loretta Phillips requested that the penalty on their taxes be released. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to deny this request. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Ms. Orr stated that Fletcher Davis had gotten a permit in the 1970's for his house but he was building a garage and he did not get a building inspection permit and he wanted the penalty released on his discovery bill. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to deny this request. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Brenda Sue Quinn asked that her vehicle tax bill be pro rated when she wrecked her vehicle in 2004. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to deny this request. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion.
6. Alicia Parham met with the Board to discuss the opening for a School Based Health Center Office Manager. Ms. Parham stated the job would start the first of May at \$8.50 an hour for 35 hours per week. Mr. Davis, Superintendent of Graham County Schools, agreed for the school to pay \$8,000.00 toward the

position. The person hired will work one month in the summer at the Health Department. Commissioner Cody made the motion for Ms. Parham to advertise for this position. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.

7. Duncan Sumpter, Graham County Juvenile Prevention Council, met with the Board to request a 10% match in this budget year 2006/2007 in the amount of \$5,582.00 for this program. The programs consist of the Home School Coordinator, Hawthorne Heights, Project Challenge and Pacesetters. The Board told Mr. Sumpter to submit a budget request for this amount for the 2006/2007 County budget.
8. Commissioner Cody made the motion to reject all bids for the property on Depot Street and rebid the property with a minimum bid of \$25,000.00 as this property as it has been appraised. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
9. The Board tabled the front end loader for the Cemetery department until the first Board meeting in May so they can have the chance to look at each bid package.
10. Commissioner Cody made the motion to appoint John Bunch to the Travel & Tourism Board to fill out the remainder of David Kerr's appointment.
11. Commissioner Cody made the motion to appoint Jeff Aldridge and John Garland to a 2 year term on the Graham County Rural Development Authority Board. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
12. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve the Addendum to the Drug Policy for Graham County. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. (Attached)
13. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve Budget Amendment #4 as presented by Finance Officer, Sharon Holloway. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
14. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve the Resolution to sell and convey real property owned by Graham County. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. (Attached)
15. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the purchase of two Auto Pulse System for the EMS. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
16. The Board authorized Juanita Colvard, Assistant County Manager, to advertise for the position of grounds maintenance as Larry Queen will be retiring May 3, 2006.
17. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to go into closed session under GS 143.318.11 A (6). Commissioner Cody seconded this motion.
18. Commissioner Cody made the motion to come out of closed session and back into open session. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
19. The Board discussed personnel and departments in closed session.
20. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to continue for the Nomination of the Courthouse on the Historical National Registration with the cost being near \$3,566.89 as discussed by Juanita Colvard. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion.
21. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to abolish the Maintenance Department and to lay off employee Eddie Grindstaff who works in that department. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion.
22. The Board agreed to pay Santeetlah Town Hall \$50.00 on Election Day for rent. The Board also agreed to pay for the Veterans Advocacy phone not to exceed

\$100.00 a month. The Board agreed to bill Tri-County Community College for any tipping fees they may incur. The Board agreed for the EMS refusals to reflect the new BLS rate in the amount of \$300.00. The Board agreed to pay travel to Angelica Cable but not the meal that she had no receipt for. The Board agreed for Mr. Lunsford to do the dugouts for Recreation. Mr. Lunsford had the lowest bid. The Board agreed to keep the old building inspections vehicle as a back up. The Board agreed for each Finance Officers to go to school. The Board stated since Michele Lane had already gone that Sharon Holloway was to be enrolled in the next school and for Ms. Colvard to enroll her. The Board agreed to increase the reimbursements for travel to the State rate of 40.5 cents per mile to take effect May 1, 2006.

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

Randy Jordan, Chairman

Dirk Cody, Vice-Chairman

Richard Stewart, Member

Jan Millsaps, Clerk