

Regular Meeting 6/19/2006

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, June 19, 2006 at 6:00pm in the Conference Room of the Community Building at 196 Knight Street, Robbinsville, NC. Present were Commissioners Randy Jordan, Dirk Cody and Mike Edwards.

Chairman Jordan called the meeting to order.

1. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of 7-A – Graham County Government and the Board of Education Resolution. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
2. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Edwards seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Commissioner Cody made the motion to open the Public Hearing on the Graham County Budget for F/Y 2006-2007. Commissioner Edwards seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Graham County Budget for F/Y 2006/2007 with the following changes: Tax Assessor –(\$22,900. added to Capital Outlay), Tax Collector – (\$4403.04 for Insurance), Recreation –(\$10,000.00 added for Diabetes Grant), Sheriff - \$50,00.00 addition to Drug Task Force and Special Appropriations – NC Forest Service - \$5,495.00 increase. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Budget Attached 2006-2007) Commissioner Cody made the motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve Budget Amendment #5. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached)
4. Rick Davis, Graham County Superintendent, met with the Board to thank them for the appropriations to Graham County Schools and stated this was the biggest allocation given to the Schools that he knew of. Mr. Davis also thanked the Board for the Activity Bus. Commissioner Jordan explained to the audience that this was the largest contribution to the Graham County Schools ever and he and the Board believe that this budget is good for Graham County. Commissioner Cody also stated that the Senior Grant Program enrolled 197 residents of Graham County under the Old Age Exemption and as the result of this grant they will not pay taxes on one (1) acre of land and their house. Mr. Cody stated that he agreed with Mr. Jordan that Graham County was headed in the right direction.
5. Chairman Jordan opened the Public Comment session of the meeting. Carolyn Stewart, Register of Deeds, told the Board that she had a contract that she would like for them to sign with the Cott System for updates for her system that the State had mandated and this would increase technology in the Register of Deeds Office. Ms. Stewart stated that this would not exceed \$15,000.00. The Board stated they would look over the contract and get back to her.
6. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Releases and Discoveries as presented by Ms. Orr. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached)
7. Raymond Williams met with the Board to request the Board send a Resolution to the NC Wildlife to stock the Santeetlah and Fontana waters. The Board stated that they would look into this.
8. Commissioner Cody made the motion to appoint Commissioner Edwards to the Smoky Mountain Center. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
9. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to endorse the Resolution between the Graham County Board of Education and the Graham County Board of Commissioners. Vote unanimous. (Attached)
10. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to accept the bid from Rudolph A. Batta, Jr. P.A. Trustee on the .26 acre lot located at the corner of Godfrey St. and US Hwy. 129 in Robbinsville, NC with a bid of \$25,000.00. Commissioner Cody

Seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Mr. Batta sent a check for \$1250.00 earnest money deposit. Commissioner Jordan stated that this bid would be subject to the 10-day upset bid cycle beginning Thursday after it was in the local papers. Mr. Jordan also stated that this property would be conveyed by quick claim deed and not a warranty deed.

11. The Senior Center requested a new 2006 Ford Escape 4x4 with proper signage on it. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to get a new 2006 Ford Escape 4x4 at the same cost as the Building Inspectors. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
12. Erma Orr, Tax Assessor, requested that the Board purchase a new laptop and digital camera for her office. Ms. Orr stated that she needed these because of picking up house boats as she could document all of the information needed. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve the purchase of these items for the Tax Assessor's office. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
13. Terry Slaughter met with the Board to discuss his fleet of ambulances as he had to borrow two when the wiring and brakes went out on two of the ambulances. Commissioner Jordan told Mr. Slaughter to expedite the purchasing of a new ambulance. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
14. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to go into closed session under NCGS 143.318. (A) 6. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
15. Commissioner Cody made the motion to come out of closed session and back into open session. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
16. In closed session the Board discussed a job vacancy in the Tax Collector's Office and raises for a certain department.
17. The Board directed Ms. Colvard to put an ad in the local papers to ask for applications for the job opening in the Tax Collector's office.
18. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve the following raises for the Department of Social Services Employees to begin pay roll 6/22/2006. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (List Attached)
19. The Board tabled the request by Sheriff DeBruhl until the meeting of 7/5/2006 to look over his request of vehicles and body armor.
20. The Board directed Ms. Colvard to make the decision on employees being paid weekly – Monday thru Sunday.
21. The Board agreed to give County Employees two days (July 3 & 4) for the 4th of July holiday.
22. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Randy Jordan, Chairman

Dirk Cody, Vice-Chairman

Mike Edwards, Member

Jan Millsaps, Clerk