

Regular Meeting 6/5/2006

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, June 5, 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. Chairman Jordan presented former Graham County Commissioner Richard Stewart with a framed Certification of Appreciation that all County employees signed and an engraved brass gavel giving the dates of Mr. Stewart's serving as Commissioner. Commissioner Stewart thanked the Board and employees for the gifts.
2. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.
4. Chairman Jordan opened the Public Hearing on the Graham County Solid Waste Management Plan. Chairman Jordan read the Resolution on the Graham County Solid Waste Management Plan. After correcting the one mistake in the Resolution, Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Resolution of the Graham County Solid Waste Management Plan. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached). Chairman Cody made the motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Chairman Jordan opened the Public Comment session of the Meeting. Bob Doyle met with the Board to give them an update on the festival slated for the fourth of July. Mr. Doyle stated that all Business owners had signed off on the changes of the closing of certain streets during this time. Alicia Parham, Interim Health Director, updated the Board on the Dental facility that would be located in the new Health Department facility. Ms. Parham told the Board that they had received the Kate B. Reynolds Grant for \$200,000.00 for the dental facility. Jeff Bishop updated the Board on the Fontana Village Water Improvements – Phase 2 project for the recommendation of Award. The low bidder was Wolfpen Developers, LLC in the amount of \$484,650.00. McGill Associates reviewed the bids for accuracy and completeness. The low bid amount exceeds the available funds for the project and therefore McGill Associates has met with the low bidder and the staff at Fontana Village to investigate methods of reducing the project cost while maintaining the integrity of the project. As a result of these discussions, a reduced project scope has been established with a revised project cost of \$248,283.00 which is within the project budget as established by the grant funding. Mr. Bishop then told the Board that McGill Associates recommended the award of the project to Wolfpen Developers, LLC in the negotiated amount of \$248,283.00. Commissioner Edwards made the motion to approve the recommendation of McGill Associates and award the project to Wolfpen Developers, LLC in the amount of \$248,283.00. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Commissioner Jordan recused himself from voting on this project. Commissioner Jordan asked Mr. Bishop about several projects that he was working on. Mr. Bishop told the Board that they were working with Verizon on the Streetscape around Court Street to have the lines underground but because of the high costs he didn't know if or when this would be done. Mr. Bishop stated that he would be following up on the Recreation facility and the ad for the receiving stations will be advertised the first of July.
6. Sheriff Bob DeBruhl met with the Board stating that some of his fleet of vehicles was over 100,000 miles and his department was in need of some new vehicles and asked the Board to consider this request. Mr. DeBruhl stated that in the very near future the vehicles had to be equipped with lap top computers. Sheriff DeBruhl also stated that he was in need of more personnel to work in his office and that

Tanya Sellers stated that she could work there for a couple of months and he would appreciate it if the Board would agree to this request.

7. Duncan Sumpter, JCPC, met with the Board to request the County's match of 10% for the F/Y 2006-2007. The Board told Mr. Sumpter that they would get back to him on their decision. Mr. Sumpter also told the Board that they had a vacancy on the JCPC Board with Mr. Stewart's resignation as Commissioner and Commissioner Jordan made the motion to appoint Mike Edwards. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Mr. Edwards told the Board that he would be glad to serve on this Board.
8. Commissioner Jordan made the motion for Juanita Colvard, Assistant County Manager and Sanitation Director Donald Crisp to review the quotes on the Bear Creek dumpsite and proceed with the paving. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
9. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Releases and Discoveries as presented by Tax Assessor Erma Orr. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
10. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to go into closed session under GS 143. 318.11 (6) for the purpose of discussing personnel. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to come out of closed session and back into open session. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
12. In closed session the Board discussed several employees concerning a pay increase.
13. Jacob Nelms, Recreation Director, met with the Board to discuss the pool and lights at the Stanley ball field. The Board directed Mr. Nelms to go ahead and have someone to fix the valves needed for the pool to work. The Board directed Mr. Nelms to get in contact with Eddie Adams from Duke Power and see if they could help with the lights by using their bucket truck. Mr. Nelms assured the Board that the ball games would be over by 10:30 at night and the gates would then be locked as this concerned some of the residents that lived nearby. Mr. Nelms also told the Board that he had been contacted by the varsity coaches at Robbinsville Schools to conduct a football camp this July and Mr. Nelms stated that Recreation would pay the coaches conducting this camp. Commissioner Jordan stated that the liability to Graham County was a concern. The Board told Juanita and Jacob to research the County's insurance policy and see if this would be covered under the policy and to get it in writing.
14. Juanita Colvard, Assistant County Manager, was instructed by the Board to get with Larry Lackey and get the rest of the EMS bids advertised so we could go forward with the EMS facility.
15. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve the Health Department request for a pay increase for their employees to begin payroll 6/8/2006. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 - A. Carol Millsaps \$.87 an hour
 - B. Martha Day .64 an hour
 - C. Barbara DeHart .27 an hour
 - D. Lorita Eller .87 an hour
 - E. Pat Holland .88 an hour
 - F. Carlene Jones .93 an hour
 - G. Amanda Kirl .82 an hour
 - H. Rita Malkki 1.12 an hour
 - I. Debbie Waldroup .55 an hour
 - J. Hope Self .48 an hour
 - K. Chad Burchfield .80 an hour

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| L. Sandra Lewis | .52 an hour |
| M. Amanda Adams | .80 an hour |
| N. Jeanie Trull | 1.00 an hour |
| O. Alicia Parham | 1.45 an hour |

16. Commissioner Cody made the motion for the following raises for County employees to begin payroll 6/8/2006. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion.

Vote unanimous.

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| A. Jacob Nelms | \$30,000.00 a year (salary) |
| B. Transit drivers | .50 an hour |
| D. Melody Adams | 5% pay increase |
| E. Theresa Hyde | .50 an hour |
| F. Nettie Lewis | .50 an hour |
| G. Nancy Baldwin | .50 an hour |
| H. Jan Millsaps | .75 an hour |
| I. Donna Adams | .50 an hour |
| J. Raymond Williams | .21 an hour |
| K. Nettie Jenkins | .50 an hour |
| L. Jerry Jones | .50 an hour |
| M. Harold Jenkins | .50 an hour |
| N. Jay Fairies | .50 an hour |
| O. Cathy Morgan | .50 an hour |
| P. Karen Cunningham | .50 an hour |
| Q. Roy Wilson | .50 an hour |

17. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve 2006/2007 Budget with the School Allocation of \$521,000.00, School Capital Outlay \$30,000.00, Senior Citizen Grant - \$30,000.00, the immediate purchase of an activity bus in Capital Outlay line item and the Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$ 00.47 per \$100.00. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

18. Commissioner Cody made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Edwards seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Randy Jordan, Chairman

Dirk Cody, Vice-Chairman

Mike Edwards, Member

Jan Millsaps, Clerk