

Regular Meeting 9/11/2006

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, September 11, 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, Mike Edwards and County Attorney Zeyland McKinney.

1. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of 19-A and 19-B. Commissioner Edwards seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
2. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Minutes from the previous meetings. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chairman Jordan opened the public comment session of the meeting. William T. Culpepper met with the Board to discuss a Resolution to request that the North Carolina General Assembly and the North Carolina Congressional delegation continue to support the families of North Carolina, to support strong trade policy, and to take swift and responsive actions to halt unlawful barriers to fair and free trade. The Board told Mr. Culpepper to have the original document for the next Board meeting. Bob Doyle met with the Board to give an update on the location of the Heritage Festival for 2007 to be held at the Big Oaks stadium area. The school had approved this move. Mr. Doyle stated that he would like to have a commitment from the Board that he could ask County employees in the Grounds Department to help assemble and take down tents before and after the festival. The Board agreed to this request. Chairman Jordan closed the public comment session of the meeting.
4. Commissioner Cody made the motion to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. This Public Hearing is concerning the entering into an agreement for financing and funding the construction of 9,846 square feet Health Department complex. This public hearing is being held pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 160-A-20, and to rules issued by the Local Government Commission relating to approval of installment purchase contracts. Chairman Jordan asked the audience for any comments they may have on the proposed contract. Rick Davis told the Board that he supported the construction of the Health Department Complex for the betterment of the people of Graham County. Chairman Jordan made the motion to close the public hearing. Vote unanimous.
5. Commissioner Cody made the motion to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. This Public Hearing is concerning the entering into an agreement for financing and funding the construction of an agreement for financing and funding the construction of an Emergency Management complex. This public hearing is being held pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 160-A-20, and to rules issued by the Local Government Commission relating to approval of installment purchase contracts. Chairman Jordan asked the audience for any comments they may have. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Engineering Services proposal of the site development by McGill and Associates. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached)
7. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the joint Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for approval of a financing agreement authorized by North Carolina General Statute 160-A-20 for the construction of a new 9,846 square feet Health Department complex and the construction of a new 8,400 square feet Emergency Service Vehicle Storage Metal Building and a remodel of a 4,187 square foot masonry building for the purpose of Emergency Services Administration and crew quarters for Emergency Medical Service and Fire

Department. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (attached)

8. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the joint Capital Project Ordinance authorizing the construction of a new Emergency Service Vehicle Storage metal building and a remodel of a 4,187 square foot masonry building for the purpose of Emergency Services Administration and crew quarters for Emergency Medical Services and Fire Department. The project will also consist of the construction of a new 9,846 square feet Health Department complex. The projects will be financed by an installment purchase contract agreement. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (attached)
9. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Health Department Budget Amendment #1 and #2. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (attached)
10. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Discoveries with the exception of numbers 1, 2 and 11. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Commissioner Edwards stated that he needed a document for in house documentation before he could vote on this and Mr. Edward stated that he would vote no on this motion. Chairman Jordan stated to Ms. Orr to use the form that was approved and to use documentation if a tax payer telephoned with changes.
11. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve for the Tax Office using the form to Request for Address Change or Removal of Elderly Exemption from Property Tax Records. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached). Ms. Orr stated that Mr. James Kalamasz will be present at the October 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to appeal his discovery bill.
12. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve the bid for weekend meals for the Senior Center in the amount of \$8.50 as presented by Phillips Restaurant/Stanley Cafeteria (the only bid received). Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
13. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to table the bid for the surplus vehicles (for parts) to check with Sheriff DeBruhl to see if this was advertised until the next Board meeting. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. If advertised the bid will go to Bryan Garland with the only bid in the amount of \$75.00 each for a 1988 Chevrolet, a 1994 GMC Truck and a 1993 Honda. This bid was advertised in the Graham Sentinel and was awarded to Mr. Garland.
14. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the request from the Graham County Emergency Food Pantry for an additional amount of \$5,158.00 for F/Y 2006/2007. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
15. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve the request of an additional \$24,500. to the Nantahala Regional Library for the shelving. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
16. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to accept the bid of \$43,000.00 from Jacky Crisp on the Godfrey Street Property. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
17. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to go into closed session under GS143.318.11 A (6) (3). Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
18. Commissioner Cody made the motion to come out of closed session and back into open session. Vote unanimous.
19. The Board discussed personnel and lawsuit against Graham County in closed session.

20. The Board approved the request from Marvin Mullinax, DSS Director, for the purchasing of a storage building in the amount of \$3,000. to \$3500.00 reimbursable after purchase from the State per Mr. Mullinax.

21. Commissioner Cody made the motion for the following raises for employees and Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

A. Teresa Crisp \$9.50 an hour

B. Angela Campbell \$34,000.00 yearly

C. Cemetery Employees 4% raise

D. Sanitation Employees 4% raise

22. The Board directed Sandra Smith, County Manager, to advertise for a part time worker for the EMS billing office and also advertise for a Maintenance position.

23. The Board agreed that if BB&T drops the 1% pre-payment premium that BB&T will be awarded the combination Health Department and EMS Facility Finance proposal. If BB&T does not drop the 1% premium then First Citizens will be awarded the Finance Proposal.

24. Commissioner Cody made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

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Randy Jordan, Chairman

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Dirk Cody, Vice Chairman

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Mike Edwards, Member

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Jan Millsaps, Clerk