

Regular Meeting 11/20/2006

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, November 20, 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. Commissioner Edwards 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 proposed 911 Road names. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Terry Slaughter presented the proposed 911 road names to the Board. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the 911 road names as submitted in the Public Hearing by Terry Slaughter. Commissioner Edwards seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached)
4. Chairman Jordan opened the public comment session of the meeting. Harold Phillips, NCFCS, met with the Board to request that the Board set aside funds of three thousand dollars to support the fire control program until April of 2007. The amount of pay is \$8.21 an hour and is totally dependant upon the weather. The Board told Mr. Phillips they would let him know. Mr. Phillips also requested from the Board to help resurface the roadway to the Forest Service as his budget does not contain the funds to do this work. The Board stated they would let him know. Scott Cunningham, Santeetlah Fire Chief, told the Board that he wanted to refuse the 15 year contract for his department because down the road he may need more that \$30,000. a year to operate and he did not want to be frozen in own this amount. Claudie Burchfield next asked the Board if the contract for all of the Fire Departments/Rescue Squads and the sum remain the next 15 years and would not be decreased and all would be of equal amount. The Board stated that they would be equal.
5. Erma Orr, Tax Assessor, stated she had no releases or discoveries.
6. Tajuana Ledwell, Tax Collector, met with the Board to discuss the LexisNexis program for the use of the Accurint services applicable charge then prevailing for the information requested. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve this request. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
7. Claudie Burchfield met with the Board to discuss the Meadow Branch Volunteer Fire Department if they could receive the 2006 allocation for this year and years forward per contracts for these departments. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve this request for the 2006 allocation of \$35,000.00 for the Meadow Branch Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
8. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to go into closed session under GS 143.318.11 A(6) to discuss personnel and GS 143.318.11 A (3) for Attorney/Client privilege. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
9. Commissioner Cody made the motion to come out of closed session and back into open session. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
10. The Board discussed personnel, contracts and job opening concerning county employees.

11. Commissioner Jordan made the motion for the Resolution for the authorizing the filing of an application for approval of the financing agreement by NCGS 160-A20. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
12. Commissioner Cody made the motion to hire Dale E. Wiggins in the position of Human Resource, Budget Officer and Assistant County Manager at a beginning salary of \$27,000.00 and after 60 days salary will be increased to \$31,000.00 and previous years with Graham County for the accrual of sick and annual leave. Commissioner Edwards seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
13. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve a Resolution from Graham County requesting the DOT to abandon a portion of Jutts Creek Road in Graham County from the State Road System. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
14. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve a Resolution from Graham County requesting the DOT to add Fontana Village Connector (an existing road within Fontana Village) to the State Road System for Maintenance in Graham County. Commissioner Edwards seconded this motion. Commissioner Jordan did not vote on this request.
15. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve the request from the N.C.F.S. for the additional funds to fund the salary (\$8.21 an hour) for Marshall McClung if needed during the fire season until April 2007. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
16. The Board tabled the request from the N.C.F.S. to resurface their roadway.
17. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve the following contracts for County employees: Juanita Colvard, Alicia Parham, Denise Patterson, David Hyatt, Melody Adams and Sandra C. Smith. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (attached)
18. Commissioner Cody made the motion to continue this meeting to Wednesday, November 22, 2006 at 9:00am in the Office of the County Manager at 12 North Main Street, Robbinsville, NC. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Randy Jordan, Chairman

Dirk Cody, Vice-Chairman

Mike Edwards, Member

Jan Millsaps, Clerk