

Regular Meeting 8/21/2006

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, August 21, 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 Item 2-A Introduction of the new Interim County Manager. Commissioner Edwards seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
2. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. The Board introduced Sandra Smith, Interim County Manager, to the audience.
4. Chairman Jordan opened the Public Comment of the meeting. Nick Carter, Editor of the Graham Star, asked the Board if the Interim County Manager was replacing Jeff Cabe and did Mr. Cabe quit. Chairman Jordan stated Jeff did not resign and Jeff had a new job title as Human Resource & Budgeting Officer. Mr. Jordan also stated that Mr. Cabe still has medical problems and has not been released from the doctor. Commissioner Cody stated that he was told Mr. Cabe was to returning next week. With no more comments from the audience, Mr. Jordan closed the public comment session of the meeting.
5. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Releases and Discoveries with the exception of #3 and #7. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached). Commissioner Edwards told the Board that there needs to be documentation in the Tax Office for people that come to that office and report of a death and the property will be listed in a different name and there should be a document for these people to sign. Commissioner Cody stated that there should be a quarterly list compiled from the Election Board and this list compared to the Tax Office OAE. Commissioner Jordan stated that he still gets listings in his Father's name. Commissioner Cody stated that he intends to sympathize with the tax payer.
6. Erma Orr stated that she had 3 late applications for exemptions, one for disability and two for the OAE. Ms. Orr stated that Carol Crisp had been disabled since 2003 and Betsy Gill and Clyde West had not received the OAE. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the above applications for the Disability and OAE and the Senior Grant would also apply to the 2- Old Age Exemption requests. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
7. Commissioner Cody made the motion to deny the appeal by James Kalamaz appeal on the valuation of his property consisting of eight acres with view. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
8. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the agreement between BI-TEK, LLC and Graham County. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached) This agreement is for software for the Tax Office phase 1.
9. The Board tabled the Budget Amendments for the Graham County Health Department.
10. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Engineering Services Proposal for the Recreation Park Improvements by McGill & Assoc. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached)
11. Commissioner Cody made the motion to accept the bid on the Godfrey Property of \$37,000.00 submitted by Jackie Crisp. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

12. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the contract for Fontana Village Water System Amendment #3. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (attached)
13. Commissioner Cody made the motion approving the Freeman Propane Gas bid for the County Tank usage. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Freeman's bid for the County Employees was 30 cents off the market price of propane when filled up if paid within 10 days. Suburban Propane established a bid of \$1.75 through March 2007 when bills are paid within 30 days. The Board stated the employees could go with their choice.
14. Commissioner Cody made the motion to go into closed session under GS 143.318.11 A (6). Commissioner Jordan 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 disclosure of public records and personnel.
17. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the Graham County Policy on Disclosure of Public Records and Public Information as written by County Attorney McKinney with a memo attached for each Department Head and to be signed by each employee. Commissioner Jordan seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached)
18. The Board told Terry Slaughter to go ahead with the solicitation of bids for a new ambulance.
19. The Board agreed for Philip Carringer to use sick leave for the two weeks he has been off because of a mistake in the Finance Office that was wrong and he could not retire. Mr. Carringer will accrue annual and sick leave at the same rate before he retired 2 weeks ago.
20. The Board directed Juanita Colvard to advertise for bids in the papers for week end senior meals that will be paid by grant monies.
21. 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