

TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

April 12, 2005

Present: Mayor Tim Bright; Commissioners Bill Smith, Richard Hill, Gene Fleming, Billy Kornegay, Johnny Craft; Clerk Pat Bryan.

Absent: None.

7:30 PM REGULAR MEETING APRIL 12, 2005

Meeting called to order by Mayor Tim Bright.

Mayor Bright led the Board of Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Minutes approved as written on a motion by Commissioner Kornegay. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

Chief Morrisette introduced the two new police officers, Wesley Cratt and John Clark to the Board.

In comments from the floor, prior to regular business, Mr. Bobby Jones said he appreciated the Board's effort with the work that was done on Patrick Street but he was dissatisfied with the workmanship.

Ms. Joyce Jones was concerned with the yard debris that had been there for months and was finally picked up the day before, due to shad festival.

Mr. Pete Dixon was concerned with the same condition as Mr. Jones on Patrick Street and was asking how were the shoulders of the road going to be reinforced.

Motion by Commissioner Fleming to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items #1 To adopt three ordinances for demolition of three structures within the Town of Grifton and #2 To approve \$4,288 expenditure for needed work on lighting system on ball field on NC Hwy. 118. Mayor Bright stated that Bob Clark had not completed his examination of general statutes sufficient to proceed with demolition for Item #1. Mayor Bright, in contact with Carr Tucker, thought a better price could be obtained and all of the work on submitted proposal was not necessary for Item #2. Seconded by Commissioner Hill for the following items:

Motion carried.

#3 Approve \$850.00 expenditure to rock and grade path from Gordon Street to Brooks Alley.

#4 Set a special workshop meeting on Friday, April 22, 2005 at 2:00PM at Town Hall.

#5 Set a Public Hearing for FY2006 Budget on Tuesday, June 14th at 7:00PM.

#6 Set a special meeting on Tuesday, June 28th at 7:30PM to adopt FY 2006 Budget, and FY 2005 budget amendments and other items as noted.

\$7 Approve a three month extension to lease agreement between the Town of Grifton and Ms. Linda Sanders, 6962 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.

#8 Approve Capital Project Ordinance for Special Census Project. (OR-05-03)

#9 Approve contract between the Town of Grifton and Engineering Services, P.A., to conduct engineering services for the Grifton Stormwater Plan. The contract is in the amount of \$45,000 (\$40,000 funding from Clean Water Management Trust Fund and \$5,000 from the Town of Grifton). This motion would also be an acceptance of the \$40,000 grant from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund and allow the Mayor to execute any needed documents in reference to the grant.

#10 Approve amendment #1 to the Agreement for Engineering Services by and between the Town of Grifton and The Wooten Company for the extension of gravity sewer on NC Highway 11 from Pinewood Mobile Home Park to Hanrahan Road. The additional engineering costs are \$78,045 for design, permitting from NCDENR-DWQ, and inspection services.

#11 Approve the proposal for auditing services for FY 2006 with Pittard, Perry, and Crone.

The Board discussed the Patrick Street Project. They agreed to wait and evaluate the work.

Commissioner Smith told the board that the police car had a cracked manifold and would cost \$900 to \$1000 to be repaired. The Chief had talked with Highway Patrol and there was a Sergeant car available now. The cost is \$6000 plus \$1200 for equipment. After discussion, the Board approved the buying of a police with money in budget.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve budget amendments and budget adjustments as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Fleming. Motion carried. (Attached)

Motion by Commissioner Fleming to give approval to Mayor Bright to execute contract documents, at a later date, between the Town of Grifton and Engineering Services for administration of the Golden Leaf Foundation Grant. Seconded by Commissioner Kornegay. Motion carried.

Mayor Bright gave a brief update about the NC Highway 11 Sewer Project from Hanrahan Road to Littlefield Road.

Motion by Commissioner Fleming to proceed with borrowing \$250,000 from the Eastern Region (formerly known as GTP) for the NC Highway 11 sewer extension to Hanrahan Road and also allow Mayor Bright to execute any needed documents for the loan on behalf of the Town of Grifton. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fleming gave an update on the hiring process for Town Administrator. He told the board that there are 22 applications for town administrator and hopes to schedule interviews and move forward with having an administrator by June 1, 2005.

Mayor Bright reminded the Board that Preliminary FY 2006 budget information has been prepared and is in the Commissioner's boxes. A meeting has been set for Friday, April 22, 2005 at 2:00PM.

Commissioner Smith talked with the school guidance counselor and she has set May 7th at 8:30AM for a civic project for the Town.

Commissioner Fleming said the Town will be cleaned up this week and next week, following the shad festival, by inmates.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15PM

Pat Bryan
Clerk