

TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

March 8, 2005

Present: Mayor Tim Bright; Commissioners Bill Smith, Richard Hill, Gene Fleming;
Administrator Michael Peoples; Clerk Pat Bryan.

Absent: Commissioners Billy Kornegay, Johnny Craft.

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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 Smith. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried.

Mr. Bobby Jones spoke on behalf of getting something done with the drainage and paving of Patrick Street.

Mr. Pete Dixon was concerned with the same on Patrick Street.

Ms. Joyce Jones, MLK Dr., was concerned with her yard waste not picked up.

Motion by Commissioner Fleming to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item #7 and seconded by Commissioner Smith for the following items:

Motion carried.

#1 Participate with CMSD to replace and beautify the fence at the Creekside Overlook Park area.

#2 Approve Resolution designating Mayor Tim Bright to sign papers and to otherwise represent the Board in connections with Mosquito Control. (R-05-07)

#3 Appoint Mayor Tim Bright to the NRWASA Board of Directors and Commissioner Bill Smith as alternate.

#4 Approve the Operations Director job description.

#5 Approve the installation of a entrance light at the Bryant Apartment Complex on Highway 118.

#6 Approve the Grifton HOME Homebuyer Program Assistance Policy prepared by the Wooten Company.

Administrator Peoples presented the budget amendments.

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

Administrator Peoples presented the Patrick Street project.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to fund the Patrick Street project for the amount of \$30,957. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried.

Administrator Peoples presented the Golden Leaf Foundation grant application. He told the Board that he had just received the documentation and had not reviewed the whole application. The Board asked for a 10 minute recess from 8:05 to 8:15 to review the documentation from Golden Leaf Foundation.

After the ten minute recess, Administrator Peoples informed the Board that the Golden Leaf Foundation will fund \$60,000 to enable the Town to perform the Special Census.

Motion by Commissioner Fleming to approve the Golden Leaf Foundation grant application and authorize Administrator Peoples to negotiate legal terms and Mayor Tim Bright to execute grant contract documents. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

Administrator Peoples presented an estimate of \$68,606 for the Special Census. \$50,000 will be paid up front to the USA Dept of Commerce for the Census. The Town will receive \$48,000 from Golden Leaf Foundation as a reimbursement until the project is completed, then the Town will receive the remaining 20% or \$12,000.

Motion by Commissioner Fleming to authorize the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Grifton and the USA Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

Administrator Peoples said construction will begin on the NC Highway II sewer project in the next two weeks.

Mayor Bright appointed the following to the citizen committee for hiring of a new Town Administrator:

Commissioner Gene Fleming as leader, Jennifer Smith, Alton Cannon, Hattie Dixon, Ed Bright, Dr. Bill Rasberry, Adm. Michael Peoples, liaison

Administrator Peoples gave an update on the NCDOT project. They are waiting for warmer weather to finish the project.

Motion by Commissioner Fleming to enter into Closed Session at 8:30PM G.S. 143-348.11(a) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public office or employee. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion by Commissioner Fleming to enter into the regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Pat Bryan
Clerk

