

**TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING
September 14, 2010**

Present: Mayor Billy Ray Jackson; Commissioners Richard Hill, Al Clements, Sammy Whitehurst, Buddy Albritton; Manager Joe Albright, Clerk Angel Hudson

Absent: Commissioner Ardathy Spikes

Meeting called to order.

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

Commissioner Albritton made a motion to accept the August minutes as recorded. Commissioner Whitehurst seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, minutes accepted as recorded.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS TO BE HEARD: None

CONSENT AGENDA

First Action Item: Zoning Request for Dick Mills Farms

Manager Albright informs the Board that the proper procedure has been followed and all notifications were met.

Commissioner Whitehurst makes a motion to deny the request submitted by Dick Mills Farms.

Commissioner Clements seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously, request denied.

Second Action Item: NC STEP Grant Budget Amendment

Manager Albright explains that with time running out on this grant, these budget amendments must be made to ensure the use of all funding.

Commissioner Hill makes a motion to approve resolution 2010-11.

Commissioner Clements seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Third Action Item: Birch Road Home Program: authorization to sell home

Manager Albright explains that the Home Program was annual funding for participating municipalities, in Grifton's case the program was administered through Greenville. In the early 2000's a small five home subdivision was planned for Birch Rd off of Cottonwood,

however with funding decreasing and construction prices increasing, the Town was left with five lots and only two homes constructed and one lot was donated to Habitat to Humanity. There are restrictions on these homes from the program which limits sales to low income individuals. Unfortunately, the deadline for selling these houses and lots under the original grant agreement is only weeks away. Our financial obligation under the agreement is \$179,036.01. Manager Albright is requesting permission to enter into an agreement with Metropolitan Housing & CDC, Inc. for the sale of these two houses. If we at least sell the two homes, our financial obligation will only be \$27,034.48 and this agency is familiar and has experience to quickly put buyers in the homes. He recommends the approval of Resolution No. 2010-12 Authorizing Town Manger to Enter into Memorandum of Understanding with Metropolitan Housing & CDC, Inc. for the disposition of houses located at 717 and 725 Birch Road.

Commissioner Clements made a motion to adopt Resolution no. 2010-12 Authorizing Town Manager to Enter into Memorandum of Understanding with Metropolitan Housing & CDC, Inc. for the disposition of houses located at 717 and 725 Birch Road. Seconded by Commissioner Whitehurst. Motion carried unanimously.

Fourth Action Item: Code of Ordinances Update.

Manager Albright explained that we have completed the update of our Code of Ordinances and the new code book needs to be officially enacted by ordinance to take effect.

Commissioner Clements made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2010-02 Enacting the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Grifton. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

Fifth Action Item: Rezoning Request – Set Public Hearing

Manger Albright explained that we have received a request from True Deliverance Church of Christ for a zoning change so that the church can occupy the property located at 8911 S Highland (Berce' Building). The property is currently zoned Industrial which does not allow churches. A public hearing needs to be set during the Board's October Workshop.

Commissioner Whitehurst made a motion to set a public hearing for Tuesday, October 5th for a public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Whitehurst asked for volunteers to help with the NC STEP program.

Commissioner Clements thanked Manger Albright and the Town Staff on the good work with the code book and thanked everyone in the audience for coming to the meeting.

Mayor Jackson thanked everyone in the audience for attending the meetings and urged them to continue to do so.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Angel Hudson
Town Clerk