



MINUTES and PUBLIC BUDGET OPEN HEARING

The Grover Tourism Development Authority

September 26, 2017 meeting | 6:10 p.m.

We provide published notice of our regular meetings held four times per year via our regular website, paid advertising campaigns, Facebook site and public body notice posting in plain view of public passerby on the town hall bulletin board to be at 6 pm held the last Tuesday of every quarter (March, June, September, December) at the Grover Town Hall with a backup default of Carolina Crossing Restaurant. Notice is provided to the public that all budgets are submitted at the March meeting, posted on the town bulletin board, our Facebook site, and TDA website for full public review 90 days before the June Public Hearing meeting where budget voting occurs. Entities desirous of requesting tourism-related funds for their use can apply all year long.

- 1. Called to order at 6:10 pm on September 26** with members Mongiello, Hoyle and Brackett in attendance while Town Finance Manager Willis also presented his bank updates.
- Chairperson Martin Mongiello, made a motion for approval and acceptance of the regular minutes and public hearing for the budget meetings and 2nd by Ms. Hoyle. Passed unanimously. **A NOTE ABOUT CRIMINAL CONDUCT:** At this time for any public meeting under NC law, a board member or Commissioner has the legal right to add any item to an agenda, accordingly, per Roberts Rules of Order. Additionally, it is noted under law that no single person is legally allowed to control any agenda of a public meeting, including any Mayor or Chairperson. Meetings do not have to have an agenda printed up under law and distributed before, and **members** of any public body are allowed under General Statute, to add or request a vote be held on items to add into any agenda. NC General Statute allows for a criminal offense to be had of class two (2) misdemeanor for anyone in charge of meetings stating otherwise, lying to board members or falsely reporting control of any agenda and, “not allowing a new item to be added to tonight’s agenda.” This call to order is mainly directed towards those leading public boards who think they control the agenda or make illegal statements in North Carolina such as, “well, if I feel like putting your item onto my agenda – otherwise we might never talk about your ideas.”
- 3. Financial Report** – The 10% restricted held in store by the state is required at all times by law. The increased fee of \$175.00 for the bonding by Travelers Insurance could go up



again next year by a few dollars so during the public budget hearing of 2017 it was again mentioned best to authorize \$225.00 or less. Current balance as of Sep 21, 2017 was 3520.19 reported by Willis. Please see the full report, line by line or such can be emailed in Excel or .pdf to any citizen who would like to review it. Bank statements will be passed around, examined, and reviewed by all members in meetings. The annual audit continues to be on time and paid for to Darrell Keller CPA PA.

4. The Christmas Tourism expenditure of \$2100.00 (discussion elevated this expenditure higher during the June public hearing) for the annual holiday tourism festival. Part of this expense will be for perpetual vinyl signs and green metal stakes that can be used each year. This years event to begin around 4 pm on Saturday December 2, after the parades are over in Grover and Kings Mountain. The mayor agreed to allow us to put a flyer into the mail sent by the town. The school was also reported on coming to the festival this year and sending the flyer out to hundreds of kids in backpacks.
5. A Grover TDA Tourism Pamphlet project with \$200.00 expenditure on printing pamphlets and to find a local person who wanted to do this project and get paid. Mongiello showcased samples in the meeting and such was discussed to print and distribute across both states.
6. Total expenditures budgeted equal \$4350.00 The meeting then returned by motion of Mongiello and seconded by Brackett, vote unanimous, to the regular meeting and ordered by law to post this budget after acceptance of the minutes as accurate and true in September – onto the web and websites and Facebook and onto the public bulletin board.

5. OLD BUSINESS for action and report review.

None this meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Street signs unable to be read by tourists on main town roads** was brought up by Mongiello and discussed. He has emailed the list of the signs and Willis stated he had a new machine in town that could begin to make its signs.

7. Adjourned at 7:15 pm with a motion by Brackett, 2nd from Hoyle and unanimously voted for. Mongiello mentioned it may be impossible to have the next meeting scheduled for December 26th, the day after Christmas, due to closings of all government buildings county-wide, or snow problems. We would therefore meet again in March at the regular meeting.