



## **AGENDA**

The Grover Tourism Development Authority  
March 25, 2014 | 6:00 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 prior to the June meeting where budget voting occurs. Entities desirous of requesting tourism related funds for their use can apply all year long.**

**1. Call to order** - Chair Martin Mongiello, approval and acceptance of January, 2014 minutes. The minutes from the March 11 Special Meeting will be included with the minutes for March and this meeting. Ratification of June 2013 minutes that were updated. 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.

**2. Financial Report** – JD Ledford complete with Excel sheet as the Grover Town Finance Officer. Independent audit report completed by Darrell Keller, CPA of Kings Mountain, NC.

**3. OLD BUSINESS** for action and report review.

**A. Advancement of board member Willis to Vice Chairman of the TDA.** Discussion of meeting with Kara Millonzi (UNC) of Raleigh on September 24 at 10:00 am results. Mongiello promised action item. Expected to be completed at this meeting.

**B. New Town Park** – Mongiello was to speak with Mr. Leard Keeter and completed in a business meeting at Keeter Furniture. Now awaiting a price for the land or building from him in writing. Mongiello also expressed he might buy the building and land himself and turn it into a park donating it to the town for its own use in an additional meeting held 3/24. Mr. Keeter is a happy person and willing to sell but does need to affirm such privately. Approval from the town council would need to occur to assume the park with lawn cutting, growing and planting of a community garden and insurance coverage. Mongiello/Willis work item.



**C. New request and approval forms** to be presented and reviewed for all groups requesting money for parades, events or other. Forms have previously been reviewed for two months by all board members as samples from the town of Franklin. JD Ledford to send logo to Mongiello.

**D. Discussion and approval of Public Official Bonding for the Finance Director of the TDA.** JD Ledford will provide the estimates he has worked on and gathered. One, is for over \$400 a year, and the other is from Travelers for around \$160 a year. Travelers is who everyone has recommended he contact and they appear to have the best rates. Finance Director Ledford action item and presentation.

**E. Painting of Fire Hydrants.** Moved to Mongiello for program straw man. Working with Grover Elementary School and Ms. Pam Anderson. Contacted her on 3/24/2014. New poster contest. Mongiello continuing action item to mimic Kings Mountain successful program.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposed budget for 2014/2015 to be presented,** posted and then voted on during the June 24 meeting, 2014. This will allow for over ten days of review prior to the full, seated and public hearing held at town hall. Paid advertising across Grover has already begun.

**Local Government Commission Memo 2014-08** "Operation of and Accounting for Discretely Presented Component Units, Including Tourism Development Authorities" says:

Because of the TDA's status as a separate legal entity, the TDA's governing board has the responsibility to adopt a budget that complies with the provisions of Part 1 – Budgets of the LGBFCA (**G.S. 159-7 through G.S. 159-17.1**), to adopt appropriate bylaws and resolutions, to execute a contract for an audit of the TDA's financial statements, etc. The Primary Government's (the county or municipality) board and the TDA's board must be careful to assure that ordinances and resolutions are adopted by and contracts approved by the proper governing body.

#### **§ 159-12. Filing and publication of the budget; budget hearings.**

(a) **On the same day that he submits the budget to the governing board,** the budget officer shall file a copy of it in the office of the clerk to the board where it shall remain available for public inspection until the budget ordinance is adopted. The clerk shall make a copy of the budget available to all news media in the county. He shall also publish a statement that the budget has been submitted to the governing board, and is available for public inspection in the office of the clerk to the board. The statement shall also give notice of the time and place of the budget hearing required by subsection (b) of this section.



(b) Before adopting the budget ordinance, **the board shall hold a public hearing** at which time any persons who wish to be heard on the budget may appear. (1927, c. 146, s. 7; 1955, cc. 698, 724; 1971, c. 780, s. 1.)

**§ 159-13. The budget ordinance; form, adoption, limitations, tax levy, filing.**

- A. (a) **Not earlier than 10 days after the day the budget is presented to the board** and not later than July 1, the governing board shall adopt a budget ordinance making appropriations and levying taxes for the budget year in such sums as the board may consider sufficient and proper, whether greater or less than the sums recommended in the budget.

**5. Announcements**

A. Film debut and release of Alone Yet Not Alone Hollywood motion picture that several Grover residents supported including the Grover based American Revolutionary War Living History Center (ARWLHC). Limited premier and full nationwide release in February 2014. Film now nominated for an Oscar.

B. Grover Pumpkin Festival was held Oct 26, 2013. It was encouraged and listed numerous times on the TDA Facebook site. It also was shared via Facebook around the internet and Mayor Ledford may be able to mention some progress items on it for 2014.

C. TV show filming for series in Grover continues with Producer Tim Helsley and Revelation Productions in the end of September. An introductory TV clip was put online.

D. Carolina Crossing Restaurant has a billboard on Interstate 85 and ads on shopping carts in Kings Mountain driving traffic to Grover.

E. The Presidential Culinary Museum was featured on CBS television on Saturday and featuring the upcoming Easter Egg Roll on April 21.

F. Several bus tours are coming to Grover for live cooking shows and to see the museum this summer.

G. Several churches, BMW and Duke Energy have visited or will visit this year on paid tours.

**7. Adjourn**