



**MINUTES and PROPOSED PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING POSTING**  
The Grover Tourism Development Authority  
February 17 audit contract meeting and March 28, 2017 regular meeting | 6:18 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 6:00 pm on February 17** simply to authorize and sign the audit for the CPA and NC state LGC by Mongiello, Willis and Hoyle (Brackett by phone). No further business was conducted for this special meeting only to sign the annual audit contract for the LGC and CPA's. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm. **Regular Meeting, March 28, 2017 began at 6:18 pm** with members Mongiello, Hoyle and Brackett in attendance while Town Finance Manager Willis also presented his bank updates. The meeting was started late due to the illness of Marti Mongiello and Linda Brackett unable to attend personally, but attended by conference phone call.
- 2. Chair Martin Mongiello, made a motion for approval and acceptance of the December 27, 2016 meeting minutes and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 is best to authorize \$225.00 or less.
4. **The Proposed Budget for the June 27 Public Hearing at 6 pm** is as follows for review by our colleagues, citizen friends and shareholders of Grover, NC: 600.00 (down from \$1655.00 in previous years as the signs are lasting longer) for more signs for the streets in different requested designs for 2017/2018 installation, repair and adjusting of signs on street poles, a Christmas Tourism expenditure of \$1500.00 for the annual holiday tourism festival, \$400.00 more for potters/paint for sidewalk and plants beautification, \$100.00 per year for account maintenance and online banking complete with extra checks as is needed as well as normal expenditures for bonding at \$225.00 (or less), and audits by the CPA at \$725.00.

## 5. OLD BUSINESS for action and report review.

- A. **Holiday Tree with Tourism Draw Ceremony and Festival**– Discussions continued on the new ceremony and doing it again for 2017 with more advertising, signs and pamphlets. Additionally, it was discussed to put a poster into the mail of each home, if allowed or possible. It was also discussed and decided to continue distribution via the museum of the digital pamphlet map of tourism locations all around Grover but was decided to print and issue paper pamphlets about tourism here. The budget amount will be voted on at the open hearing in public for June 27, 2017

## 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.
- B. **The painted green kickplate of the main street looks great** to continue to attract tourists to new businesses opening. Ms. Hoyle has done a terrific job of donating her time and labor to the plantings each year of flowers and plants.

**7. Adjourned at 6:31 pm with a motion by Brackett, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Hoyle and unanimously voted for.**