

Town of Hudson Special Meeting

November 3, 2017 at The HUB

In Attendance:

Members Present: Mayor Janet Winkler, Commissioners: Larry Chapman, Ann Smith, Carl Wagner and Bill Warren

Members Absent: Commissioner Tony Colvard

Others Present: Town Manager, Rebecca Bentley, Chief of Police, Andy Day, and Town Clerk, Tammy Swanson

Call to Order & Purpose of Meeting:

Janet Winkler called the Special Meeting to order, and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the application of a Governor's Highway Safety Grant for the Police Department.

Resolution in Support of Governor's Highway Safety Grant:

Police Chief, Andy Day, explained the grant process. The Police Department accumulates points for participating in check points. Chief Day stated that over the past 6 years, his department had accumulated over 18,000 points. Chief Day explained that with the accumulation of at least 17,500 points, a car can be requested through the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program, and he is ready to cash in the points. The grant program would pay \$17,500 toward the vehicle, and the Town would cover the rest of the cost as a match.

Chief Day stated that he planned to get a Ford Explorer, which would be in addition to the one he had budgeted. He explained that the grant can only be applied for during a "one day window," and that "window" is next Monday, November 6th.

Rebecca Bentley stated that we get our patrol cars through a lease-purchase agreement; however, the Police Department's other vehicles are not a part of the lease-purchase agreement.

Larry Chapman commented that he understands some police departments across the country have been experiencing problems with carbon monoxide leaks in the Ford Explorers, and he asked if this vehicle would be checked for this problem.

Chief Day stated that the vehicle would be a 2018 model, and should be free of the problems being experienced with carbon monoxide leaks.

Motion: (Bill Warren/Larry Chapman) to approve the Resolution supporting the grant. Unanimously approved.

The Resolution was approved as follows:

GHSP-02-A

North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program
LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL RESOLUTION
Form GHSP-02-A

(To be completed, attached to and become part of Form GHSP-02, Traffic Safety Project Contract.)

WHEREAS, the Hudson Police Department (herein called the "Agency")

(The Applicant Agency)

has completed an application contract for traffic safety funding; and that Hudson Board of Commissioners (The Governing Body of the Agency)

Commissioners (herein called the "Governing Body") has thoroughly considered the problem identified and has reviewed the project as described in the contract;

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HUDSON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN OPEN MEETING ASSEMBLED IN THE CITY OF HUDSON, NORTH CAROLINA,

(Governing Body)

THIS 3 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 20 17, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the project referenced above is in the best interest of the Governing Body and the general public; and
2. That Anthony E. Day, Chief of Police is authorized to file, on behalf of the Governing Body, an application contract in the form prescribed by the Governor's Highway Safety Program for federal funding in the amount of \$ 17,500.00 to be made to the Governing Body to assist in defraying the cost of the project described in the contract application; and
(Name and Title of Representative)
(Federal Dollar Request)
3. That the Governing Body has formally appropriated the cash contribution of \$ 28,404.00 as required by the project contract; and
(Local Cash Appropriation)
4. That the Project Director designated in the application contract shall furnish or make arrangement for other appropriate persons to furnish such information, data, documents and reports as required by the contract, if approved, or as may be required by the Governor's Highway Safety Program; and
5. That certified copies of this resolution be included as part of the contract referenced above; and
6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DONE AND ORDERED in open meeting by Janet Winkler/Mayor
(Chairperson/Mayor)

ATTESTED BY Tamra T. Swanson
(Clerk)

SEAL

DATE 11/03/2017

Motion: (Larry Chapman/Ann Smith) to approve the Budget Amendment transferring \$28,500 from the Contingency Fund to purchase the vehicle as requested through the Governor's Highway Safety Grant process. Unanimously approved.

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Date: November 3, 2017				
Department: Law Enforcement				
Dept Head Signature:				
Purpose: Match Gov Highway Safety Grant to purchase patrol vehicle				
Revenue:				
Account Number	Account Title	Current Budget	Change to Budget	Amended Budget
				\$ -
Expense:				
Account Number	Account Title	Current Budget	Change to Budget	Amended Budget
10-510-3750	Capital Outlay, Vehicle	\$ 59,500	28,500	\$ 88,000
10-660-5900	CONTINGENCY	\$ 80,453	-28,500	\$ 51,953
	Total	\$ 139,953	0	\$ 139,953

Vehicle for Recreation Department:

Rebecca stated that an older pickup truck being used by the Recreation Department recently had major mechanical problems, and is no longer in operation. Rebecca stated that the truck was being used to haul trash and do other things around the park, and the Department is going to need to replace the truck in some manner. She said that she had talked with the Public Works Department about maybe replacing one of their trucks with a new truck and giving the Recreation Department a hand-me-down. However, the trucks Public Works would want to trade were either a 2006 model pickup with 160,000+ miles or a 2000 model with less miles but still 17 years. Rebecca commented that Chuck Raby, Recreation Director, does take the Department vehicles out places, and she does not want the Town represented with totally worn out vehicles.

Rebecca commented that the Recreation Department has always been given the hand-me-down vehicles, and has never really had new vehicles. One reason for that is because trucks can be purchased for the

Public Works Department partially with Powell Bill Funds, which helps our budget. Rebecca commented that since the Recreation Department does do some work along the streets around the park area and in other areas of Town, Powell Bill funds could be used to purchase a truck for them as well. Rebecca added, however, that Public Works is planning to request a new tractor in next year's budget, which would also take funds from Powell Bill. Rebecca stated that fortunately, we should have sufficient funds in Powell Bill to assist with the purchase of the truck now and a tractor for next year.

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Chief Day stated that he was able to get estimates for State contracts for pickup trucks, and it appears that the 4-wheel drives are not significantly more in cost than the regular pickup trucks. He commented that the pickup truck currently in stock under State contract is a 4-wheel drive at a cost of \$26,300.

Rebecca commented that Powell Bill funds could be used to cover half of the cost.

Larry Chapman stated that he believes it is time for the Town to purchase a new vehicle for the Recreation Department.

Janet stated that she agrees we need to purchase a new vehicle for Recreation Department.

Bill Warren stated that he also agrees – we need to purchase a truck for the Recreation Department.

Motion: (Larry Chapman/Ann Smith) to buy a pickup truck for the Recreation Department, and to approve the budget amendment showing a portion of the funding, \$13,150, coming from Powell Bill funds and the other portion coming from Contingency. Unanimously approved.

The budget amendment was approved as follows:

Date:		November 3, 2017		
Department:		Public Works / Recreation		
Dept Head Signature				
Purpose:		Purchase Truck		
Revenue:				
Account Number	Account Title	Current Budget	Change to Budget	Amended Budget
				\$ -
Expense:				
Account Number	Account Title	Current Budget	Change to Budget	Amended Budget
10-560-3750	Capital Outlay, Vehicle	\$ -	13,150	\$ 13,150
10-570-3750	Capital Outlay, Vehicle	0	13,150	\$ 13,150
10-660-5900	CONTINGENCY	\$ 93,603	-13,150	\$ 80,453
10-390-3991	Approp Powell Bill	\$ (44,809)	-13,150	\$ (57,959)
10-620-3750	Capital Outlay, Vehicle	\$ -		
	Total	\$ 48,794	0	\$ 48,794

Adjournment:

Motion: (Larry Chapman/Ann Smith) to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously approved.

Tamra T. Swanson, Town Clerk