

Regular Meeting 2/20/2007

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 6:00PM in the Conference Room of the Community Building at 196 Knight Street, Robbinsville, NC. Present were Commissioners Lynn Cody, Billy Cable, Raymond Williams, Jerry Sherrill, Eugene Cable and County Attorney Zeyland McKinney. Chairman Cody called the meeting and gave the invocation.

1. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of Raymond item # 6-A and Eugene Trull for closed session. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
2. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chairman Cody opened the public comment session of the meeting. Jeanette Rogers spoke to the Board and was complaining about the County Manager and Chairman Cody asked Ms. Rogers to speak about this personnel matter in closed session and she agreed.
4. Erma Orr presented the Releases. Commissioner Trull made the motion to approve the Releases. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached)
5. Melody Adams, County Planner, met with the Board to discuss Budget Amendment #8 for a net increase of \$51,200.00 in the expenditures of the General fund 621-45 and to provide the revenues for the above the following revenues will be adjusted from fund 10 399-00 for the Recreation Park Design by McGill Associates. The Board told Ms. Adams they needed to look over this Budget Amendment. Commissioner Williams made the motion to table this until the next Board meeting. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. Commissioner Williams told the Board that that he had been approached by the homeowners of Ft. Hill and they would like to take down the make shift fence and put up a nicer fence on the upper bank and the home owners will pay for it. Chairman Cody told Mr. Williams to have them check with the DOT and make sure of the right of way and stated he had no problem with this request as the rest of the Board was in agreement. Commissioner Williams also stated that the property on Ft. Hill needed to be bush hogged and it could be done for around \$800.00. Dillard Smith stated to Mr. Williams that their attorney was in the process of drawing up the contract for leasing the Ft. Hill plant building and would give it to him when it was finished. Mr. Smith stated when the pool project was started the County could use any of their equipment that they needed. Melody Adams stated that she might need some office space for the Small Business Support Center but it was only in the exploratory phase at this time. Ms.

Adams also told the Board that broad band technology was coming to Graham County.

7. Sandra Smith, County Manager, told the Board that the metal at the recycling center was separated and hauled separately and the County gets paid for this metal.
8. Melody Adams told the Board about the project from the Federal Highway Administration Scenic Byways Grant Program with a 20% match if granted and will fund the development of corridor management plan for the Indian Lakes Scenic Byway. The plan will assess the current physical, social and managerial settings, intrinsic qualities, and desired future condition. The project will include enhancement of minor facilities on the Cheoah River portion of the Byway and signage along the byway to enhance visitor safety and enjoyment. Ms. Adams stated that they had until March 19 to put the grant together. The Board suggested to Ms. Adams that Travel & Tourism take on this grant and do the 20% match.
9. Commissioner Williams made the motion to go into closed session under GS 143.318.11 A 6 & 3. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
10. Commissioner Cable made the motion to come out of closed session and back into open session. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. Chairman Cody stated that the Graham County Personnel Policy on employee dress code stands as written is the consensus of the Board. Commissioner Williams stated that the meeting with Congressman Shuler was very impressive.
12. Commissioner Cable made the motion to continue this meeting to Friday, February 23, 2007 at 4:00pm in the County Manager's Office at 12 North Main Street, Robbinsville, NC. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.