

Continued Meeting 3/14/2007

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at 3:30pm at the Cheoah Rangers Work Center Headquarters on Massey Branch Road, Robbinsville, NC. Present were Commissioners Lynn Cody, Billy Cable, Raymond Williams, Eugene Trull and Representatives from the USFS. Chairman Cody called the meeting to order. Commissioner Sherrill was absent from the meeting.

County Commissioners Cody, Cable, Williams, Trull and USFS Representatives Joe Bonnett, Frank Finley and Ray Johns discussed the use of the existing Forest Service office building. Commissioner Williams stated that the County would like to use the FS Office Building for a museum and maybe the Travel & Tourism Office. The museum would hopefully consist of logging in the County, logging equipment and old pictures and the walls already exist of different species of wood from the County. Mr. Bonnett stated that this was a reasonable proposal and that there were 13 types of wood in the office building.

Ray Johns, USFS Permit personnel, stated that the USFS could issue special use permits that was similar to a lease and could waive the State fees but no income could be derived from the office building. Mr. Johns stated that the Forest Service could not maintain the building as they did not have the funding in their budget. The building was in need of repairs and the County might want to renovate some of the building. The building needed a new roof, check to see if it met handicap accessible requirements, porch replaced and the water system would have to be checked to see what the capacity would be. The County would have to maintain liability insurance on the building as required by Federal Government and the USFS would have to approve any improvements. The office building would have one parking area. A Resolution for the agreement of the office building would have to be drawn up and signed by the parties involved which could be worked out by the USFS and the County Attorney. The new Forest Service office building is close to schedule and will be finished by the end of the summer and the old office building is turned over before winter. Mr. Johns also stated that there needed to be a condition report to show what was needed toward the upkeep of the old office building and the County needed to show what they wanted to house in the old office building. Mr. Bonnett told the Board that they could go through the old office building and look over what would be needed. The Board of Commissioners stated that they could get David Hyatt to also check on what the building needed to be up to code. The Board thanked Mr. Bonnett, Mr. Johns and Mr. Finley for the joint meeting.

Commissioner Cable made the motion to award the Senior Meals to Lynn's Restaurant at the low bid of \$4.40 per meal and Weekend & Holiday meals at \$8.50 per meal. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. With no more County business Chairman Cody adjourned the meeting. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Lynn Cody, Chairman

Billy Cable, Vice-Chairman

Jerry Sherrill, Member

Eugene Trull, Member

Raymond Williams, Member

Jan Millsaps, Clerk