

Regular Meeting 3/20/2007

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, March 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, Jerry Sherrill, Raymond Williams and Eugene Trull. Chairman Cody called the meeting to order and Dale Wiggins gave the invocation.

1. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
2. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chairman Cody opened the Public Comment Session of the Meeting. Terry Slaughter told the Board that the 911 Road Naming Board needed a representative from the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Williams made the motion to appoint Eugene Trull. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Mr. Slaughter also told the Board that he needed to replace the 911 equipment as it was bought in 1999 and that he would like to advertise for bids. Mr. Slaughter stated that this equipment would be paid thru 911 funding. Commissioner Williams made the motion for Mr. Slaughter to advertise for bids for the 911 equipment. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Gordon Farley told the Board that the American Legion/VFW Service Officer needed an office. Danny Siler is the Service Officer. Mr. Farley stated that Mr. Siler was doing great work for the Veterans of Graham County. Mr. Farley stated that he would like for the office to be in the P&J Building and they could use the same office that the Mr. Conley was using for the Veterans. The Board told Mr. Siler that he was doing a great job for the Veterans of Graham County. Mr. Siler stated that he needed the office one day a week and that he schedule the clients on that day and he preferred it to be a Friday. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve this request on each Friday of the Month from 10am to 4pm for the Veterans of Graham County. Commissioner Sherrill Seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
4. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the Releases as presented by Erma Orr, County Assessor. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached) Commissioner Williams told Ms. Orr that the Board would like to have a copy of the Discoveries that her Office does. Ms. Orr stated that it was the responsibility of the Tax Assessor to put the discoveries on the books and this is her responsibility. If the tax payer does not agree with the discovery then they can appeal the discovery and the decision of the assessor can be reviewed by the Board of equalization and review or the County Commissioners. Commissioner Cable stated that the Board needed a list. Ms. Orr stated that she would make a copy of the letter stating what she had told the Board. Ms. Orr stated that she needed for the second phase of the Bi-Tek,LLC contract to be signed. Ms. Orr stated that this was already in her budget. Commissioner Cody asked what could be pulled up and Ms. Orr stated it was only information that was public record that was already available in her office. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve phase 2 of the contract from Bi-Tek,LLC and Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve Budget Amendment #9. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached)
6. The Well Permit fees were presented to the Board. The Graham County Health Board adopted the Well regulations on March 19, 2007. The Health Director checked with surrounding counties on their fees. The State will implement Well Permit Fees next year for all 100 counties if each County does implement a policy. Commissioner Williams made the motion to table this request until more information is giving for the clarity of the Well Permit Fees. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

7. Commissioner Williams related to the Board that he had attended a meeting with Bill Gibson, SW Commission and Representatives from Raleigh and they explained that they had \$263,028.00 that had not been spent and this money could be used for sewer lines and the fiber optic cable and they would like to spend this money and not have to send it back to Raleigh. Mr. Williams stated that they wanted to spend the monies in Graham County and they would be back in April or May and they wanted to see different parts of the County.
8. The Board asked Dale Wiggins to check on Streetscape and find out why the work around the Courthouse had not been finished.
9. Commissioner Trull made the motion to go into closed session under GS 143.318.11 A (6) for the purpose of discussing personnel. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
10. Commissioner Cable made the motion to come out of closed session and back into open session. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. In closed session the Board discussed personnel.
12. Commissioner Williams made the motion for Tammy Hayes to be brought from part time employment to full time employment and full time employment duties will be related to EMS, Recreation and fill in when needed. A letter will be written by Asst. County Manager Wiggins for Ms. Hayes to sign and agree to this arrangement. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
13. The Board directed Mr. Wiggins to write a Resolution to amend the Graham County Employee's Personnel Policy in Section 5, Leaves with and without pay, Section 2, classification of employment, sub paragraph part time permanent employees and a memo to all departments on the local government employees retirement program and the status of employees that work 20 or more hours per week and/or 1000 hours per year. Mr. Wiggins told the Board that Representatives for the County insurance had stated to him that the employees insurance would be going up. Mr. Wiggins stated that he was getting quotes from other insurance companies hoping to keep the costs down. Mr. Wiggins stated that the County now pays for employees insurance and hoped that they would continue paying for the employee.
14. Commissioner Sherrill made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

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Lynn Cody, Chairman

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Billy Cable, Vice-Chairman

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Jerry Sherrill, Member

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Eugene Trull, Member

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Raymond Williams, Member

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Jan Millsaps, Clerk