

Continued Meeting 5/29/2007

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at 6:00pm in the Conference Room of the Community Building at 196 Knight Street, Robbinsville, NC. Present were Commissioners Lynn Cody, Jerry Sherrill, Raymond Williams and Eugene Trull. Commissioner Cable was absent. Chairman Cody called the meeting to order and Commissioner Williams gave the invocation.

1. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
2. Commissioner Trull made the motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Commissioner Williams stated that the garbage cans at Fontana should remain because they have a lot of reservations for this week end. Commissioner Trull stated that they weren't any different than any other business. Commissioner Williams also told the Board that pick ups were now suspended on Sundays and they worked a different schedule on Saturday and this was working out for pick ups. Commissioner Trull stated that he had received complaints about the cemeteries not being mowed in the County for decoration. Commissioner Williams also stated that he had received some complaints and that was the reason that the Recreation department employees had helped them catch up on the mowing. Commissioner Trull stated that the system needed to be fixed so this would not happen again. Commissioner Williams stated that the Cemetery Board should be a five member board by law for a term of 5 years. County Manager Wiggins stated that he would check into this and see just what the County could do. Sheriff Moody stated that he could let some of his inmates help the cemetery employees if they were trustee status. County Manager Wiggins stated that he would set up a joint meeting with the Cemetery and Commissioners.
4. Commissioner Trull made the motion to go into closed session under GS 143.318 (A) 6 to discuss personnel. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Commissioner Trull made the motion to come out of closed session and back into open session. Commissioner Sherrill Seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. In closed session the Board discussed the position of the County Attorney.
6. Commissioner Trull made the motion to terminate the agreement with Attorney McKinney as County Attorney and a letter sent by County Manager Wiggins to Mr. McKinney on this matter and also any County related papers are returned to the County Manager's office. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
7. Commissioner Williams made the motion to hire Attorney David Sawyer as the new County Attorney for Graham County. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
8. Sheriff Russell Moody spoke to the Board about his 2007/2008 budget. Sheriff Moody stated that he and Dale had sat down and cut all that he could in his budget. Mr. Moody explained that the 2007 budget for the Sheriff's office was off. Mr. Moody stated that he would like to hire 2 part time officers and this would cut down over time. Mr. Moody stated that he would like to hire Mr. Knight and Mr. Crisp, both Resource Officers, for the Graham County Schools and he would not have to send them to school for certification. Mr. Moody also stated that he would like to purchase 2 used vehicles from Jack Jones Ford that were from the Clay County Sheriff Department and had only 50,000 miles on them and take them out of his capital outlay line. Mr. Moody stated that his budget line on postage and travel was also less. Commissioner Williams stated that the Board needed to think about hiring a Vehicle Maintenance mechanic as that would help every department's budget.

9. Chief Jailer Louie Sellers told the Board that he had cut his budget requests as much as he could. Mr. Sellers stated that his jailers have to provide security when there is Court and there has to be two jailers on duty in the jail at all times. County Manager Wiggins that he had tried to be realistic as he could with the budgets for 2007/2008. Mr. Sellers stated that the jail was short handed and that was why they were having so much over time.
10. Graham County Superintendent Rick Davis next discussed his budget for the coming year 2007/2008. Mr. Davis explained that he had given the Board the wrong figures on the QZAB application. Mr. Davis stated that the bottom line that the school was requesting was the same \$521,000.00 for the budget year 2007/2008. Mr. Davis stated that the allocation of the lottery monies would make up the difference of the mistake that he had made. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the QZAB application revision. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. Commissioner Williams made the motion all persons including employees, wanting to be on the agenda have to be placed on the agenda no later than seven (7) days prior to the meeting date. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
12. Commissioner Williams made the motion to continue this meeting to Monday, June 4, 2007 at 4:00pm in the Community Building at 196 Knight Street, Robbinsville, NC for a budget workshop. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Lynn Cody, Chairman

Billy Cable, Vice-Chairman

Jerry Sherrill, Member

Eugene Trull, Member

Raymond Williams, Member

Jan Millsaps, Clerk