

Regular Meeting 6/19/2007

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, June 19, 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, Eugene Trull and County Attorney David Stewart. Chairman Cody called the meeting to order and Commissioner Williams gave the invocation.

1. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Williams 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. Sandy Zimmerman, District Representative for Congressman Heath Shuler, stated that she wanted to introduce herself, and inform the Board if they ever needed to call her office that she would be willing to help in anyway as she was the Representative for the Tri-County Area. Ms. Zimmerman stated that she hoped to be in Robbinsville one day a week. Alicia Samma spoke to the Board about the new pool for the recreation park. Ms. Samma stated that she was over the swim team and expressed her concerns about obtaining a new pool. Several adults and children also addressed the Board on behalf of the swim team asking that the Board please keep the pool project moving forward.
4. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the Releases and Discoveries as presented by Erma Orr. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached) Ms. Orr presented the Resolution supporting local-option real estate transfer tax. County Attorney Sawyer told the Board that he would submit the Resolution and check on the 1cent Tax for Graham County.
5. Jeff Bishop, McGill @ Associates, met with the Board to discuss the recommendation of award for the Graham County Recreation Park Improvements. Mr. Bishop stated that McGill Associates had reviewed the bids for accuracy and completeness and a certified bid tabulation form. The low base bid was submitted by Phillips & Jordan in the amount of \$988,311.00. The project was partially funded by a grant from the North Carolina Parks and Recreation through the PARTF program. Mr. Bishop stated since the bid opening they had investigated several alternatives to reduce the construction cost to bring the project within the budget. Based on proposed deletions of one picnic shelter and main pool and wading pool heaters the amount of the cost of the project will be \$947,075.00. Mr. Bishop stated that they recommended that Graham County award the project to Phillips & Jordan, Inc. in the amount of \$947,075.00. Melody Adams stated that they had \$585,000. committed to this project already.

- Commissioner Williams stated that this would leave around \$340,000. balance. Commissioner Williams made the motion to accept the low bid from Phillips & Jordan, Inc. in the amount of \$947,075.00 on the contingency of adequate funding. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Voting yes was Commissioners Cody, Sherrill and Commissioner Trull voted no.
6. Jo Kidley, Nantahala Garden Club, asked the Board to help purchase 10 flower hanging baskets to be placed in Town. Ms. Kidley stated that T&T had given them \$1,000.00 to this project and she asked the Board for \$1,000.00. Ms. Kidley stated that they needed help to put them up also. The Board agreed to table this request to the 1st Regular Board meeting in July.
 7. Commissioner Cable made the motion to re-appoint Sherry Collins to the Nantahala Regional Library for a six-year term. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 8. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the surplus vehicles as compiled by Interim-County Manager Wiggins to be auctioned off on July 14, 2007 after the list is checked for accuracy. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached)
 9. Chairman Cody asked the Board to direct the County Manager to instruct the Sanitation Director that anyone that brings anything to the recycling center it needs to be taken across the scales and weighed. Mr. Cody stated that apparently some people were tearing down buildings and this was not being weighed and if this is from a non profit organization it should be brought before the Board before and decides if the fee is to be waived. Commissioner Williams made the motion that anything brought to the recycling center is to be taken across the scales and weighed and that person charged the tipping fee. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Commissioner Trull made the motion to change the time of the Commissioners Meetings to 5:00pm and cancel the July 3rd meeting to July 10th 2007. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
Commissioner Cable made the motion to table the Resolution to move the Revaluation to 2009 until the 1st Commissioner Meeting in July. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 10. Commissioner Williams told the Board that the Recreation department would like to buy a concession stand on wheels. The wagon would be pulled behind a vehicle and this would bring in more revenue for the Recreation department and it would pay for itself. Mr. Williams also stated that David Hyatt, Building Inspector, had checked on the Forest Service Building. Mr. Hyatt stated that the parking lot ramp to the bathroom needed to be wider, the bathroom fixed, the switch box was bad, of the three air conditioners two were not good and the roof was the biggest thing that was wrong.

11. Commissioner Cable made the motion to go into closed session under GS 143.318.11 A (3) & (6). Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
12. Commissioner Williams made the motion to come out of closed session and back into open session. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
13. In closed session the Board discussed personnel and issues with the County Attorney.
14. Commissioner Cable made the motion to adopt the 1% Transfer fee request. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
15. Commissioner Williams made he motion to advertise for the County Appraiser position. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
16. Commissioner Cable made the motion to advertise for the County Manager position. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
17. Commissioner Williams made the motion to continue this meeting to Friday, June 29, 2007 at 10:00AM for the formal adoption of the Graham County Budget 007/2008. 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