

Regular Meeting 7/17/2007

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 5:00pm 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 Sawyers. Commissioner Cody opened the meeting and gave the invocation.

1. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of Item #8 Dale Wiggins. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
2. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chairman Cody opened the Public Comment Session of the Meeting. Alicia Parham, Graham County Health Director, spoke to the Board to get some additional information on the refunds for well permits fees. Ms. Parham stated that refunding on these permits would be in the amount of \$5550. as a loss of revenue and there would have to be a budget amendment for this loss revenue. Ms. Parham stated a total loss of over \$22,000. for the year by reducing the permit fees. Ms. Parham also stated that she wanted clarification of homeowners that received a permit for inspection of a well when the County did not have the necessary inspections kits required for taking water samples at well sites. Commissioner Trull stated it was his understanding inspections were done when the Health Department did not have the kits and the homeowner was charged the \$300.00 permit fees. Ms. Parham stated that they had the kits before any wells were inspected. Ms. Parham stated at the end of June they had only received one final request for a final inspection. Commissioner Trull asked when the kits were available and if you can show that you had those kits on dates prior to the inspection then I don't think they have anything to come back on. Commissioner Cable told Ms. Parham that the Board was under the impression that these charges were done without having the kits for the wells and that's the impression that I had. As a professional, Ms. Parham asked the Board if there were any concerns with the Health Department to please let her know. Commissioner Cable stated that he agreed with Ms. Parham. Commissioner Williams stated that he had been here when he heard complaints everyday concerning the Health Department and I've not heard a complaint on inspections since Chad and Jacob was here. I appreciate what you do, appreciate Sandra's work and I apologize if we've jumped the gun. Commissioner Cable stated that they were under the impression the kits were not being provided. Ms. Lewis stated an article needed to be in the paper concerning a refund on the well permit refunds. Commissioner Trull stated if you had the kits we owe nothing. Ms. Parham stated that we owe no one it's only the \$150.00 now for fees. Susie Farley, Board of Elections Director, next spoke to the Board concerning the office moving to the P&J Building. Ms. Farley stated that you have to give the State 60 day notice of a move so they can come in and set up the computers and the temperature has to be climate controlled for the computers. Mr. Wiggins stated that there had to be some changes and this would be at a minor cost and the Board needs to go with the Elections Board and check the offices that will house them. Commissioner Cody stated that you can store computers in warehouses if they are not plugged up and when you get a new computer they come out of a warehouse. Ms. Farley stated she knew what the State would like to have and what the agreement was.
4. Blair Hyder, Tax Assessor, presented the Releases and Discoveries to the Board. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the Releases & Discoveries. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached)
5. Melody Adams, County Planner, met with the Board to discuss financing quotes for the Graham County Recreation Park project. Ms. Adams received quotes from United Community Bank, First Citizens and BB&T. Ms. Adams stated that there was \$85,000. in committed funds – RDA (\$50,000.) Town of Robbinsville

(\$30,000.) and Travel & Tourism (\$5,000.). Commissioner Cable told Ms. Adams that she needed to speak to with Chief Hicks of the Eastern Bank of Cherokees and Ms. Adams stated that she needed a Commissioner to go with her. Commissioner Trull stated that he would go with Ms. Adams. The Board tabled the financing on the Recreation Park until the Continued Meeting 7/23/2007.

6. Commissioner Cable made the motion if dumpsters are placed at Deal's Gap as requested the rent will be \$12,000. a year, the site fenced and will stay clean of litter. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
7. Commissioner Trull made the motion to go into closed session under GS143.318.11 A (6)/ (3). Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
8. In closed session the Board discussed office personnel.
9. Commissioner Cable made the motion to come out of closed session and back into open session. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
10. Commissioner Williams made the motion to rescind the motion on the dumpsters at Deals Gap previously made in this meeting. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. Commissioner Williams made the motion for the rent of the dumpsters at Deal's Gap is \$20,000. a year, the site fenced in, and cleaned up and kept clean. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
12. Commissioner Trull made the motion to Continue this Meeting to Monday, July 23, 2007 at 5:00pm in the Conference Room of the Community Building at 196 Knight Street, Robbinsville, NC. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Lynn Cody, Chairman

Billy Cable, Vice-Chairman

Jerry Sherrill, Member

Eugene Trull, Member

Raymond Williams, Member

Jan Millsaps, Clerk