

Regular Meeting 9/4/2007

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, September 4, 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, Eugene Trull, Raymond Williams and County Attorney David Stewart. Chairman Cody called the meeting to order and Commissioner Cable gave the invocation.

1. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
2. Commissioner Trull 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. Juanita Colvard, Transportation Director, told the Board that she had looked at 6 places for the Transit Department to move. Mr. Tom Herman from the State will be here tomorrow to go to the places and see which one the State will approve. Ms. Colvard stated to the Board that the location that the State will agree to has to be centrally located with at least 25 parking spaces. Chairman Cody stated that the Board could continue this meeting for tomorrow and agree on the location after Mr. Herman has looked at all of the sites. Chairman Cody closed the Public Comment Session.
4. Chairman Cody opened the Public Hearing on entering into an agreement for financing and funding the construction and refurbishment of a Recreation Park facility constituting of the demolition and rebuilding of an outdoor pool complex. Chairman Cody asked if there was anyone who wished to speak at this Public Hearing. Chairman Cody closed the Public Hearing as there was no comments. Melody Adams, County Planner, told the Board about the process of completing the LGC application for financing approval that a Resolution, Capital Project Ordinance and Financing Contract had to be approved by the Board. Ms. Adams stated that she had talked with Cherokee and that there was some good opportunities with Cherokee if they work with Graham County and that they would possibly make a donation to this project. Ms. Adams explained that BB&T's rates start higher but end lower as their interest rate is better and the first payment would be in July of 2008. There will have to be approval for a check for \$500.00 to LGC. After much discussion, Commissioner Williams made the motion to agree to submit the paper work (with some wording out of the Resolution per Attorney Sawyer) with no definite commitment and Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Commissioner Cody and Sherrill agreed to this motion. Commissioner Trull voted no.
5. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the Releases and Discoveries as presented by Tax Assessor Blair Hyder. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached)
6. County Attorney Sawyer told the Board that he did not recommend approving the Resolution by BB&T (page 6) until this is corrected. Ms. Adams stated that she would meet with the Board and they would discuss this at the Continued meeting tomorrow.
7. The Board tabled the appointment to the Transportation Board. The Board also tabled the CCPT Board until the next meeting.
8. Commissioner Williams stated that Wanda Hill had made a request for salary increases for herself and her employees. The Board tabled this request and Ms. Hill is to check with Mary Barker and see if this will be grant monies and no county monies to match. The Board asked that Juanita Colvard talk to Bobbie Carpenter and find out about her request.

9. Commissioner Cable made the motion to go into closed session under GS 143.318.11 A (6) & (3) for the purpose of discussing personnel and County/Attorney privilege. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
10. Commissioner Cable made the motion to come out of closed session and back into open session. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion.
11. Chairman Cody left the meeting because of a prior commitment.
12. In closed session the Board discussed personnel and a possible lawsuit.
13. Vice-Chairman Cable introduced Commissioner David Monteith, Swain County, to address the Board. Mr. Monteith stated that he would like for Graham County to adopt a Resolution requesting TVA to consider drawing down waters of the Fontana Lake in an equitable manner between North Carolina and Tennessee, keeping Fontana Lake level of 10feet under full pool or greater between May through September of each year and to keep the winter time levels between September and April at the level of 1652. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve a Resolution to request TVA regarding lake levels. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
14. Commissioner Williams made the motion to continue this meeting to Wednesday, September 5, 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