

Regular Meeting 10/2/2007

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, October 2, 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 Sawyer. Chairman Cody called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

1. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the Agenda with the deletion of item 5 and adding Alicia Parham and Lynn Cody to the Agenda. Commissioner Cable 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. Lavina Lovin asked the Board the status of the old Forest Service Building. The Board stated that they were waiting to hear from the Forest Service. Juanita Colvard, Transit Director, met with the Board to discuss two vehicles that were to be surplus or they could be transferred to another entity in County Government and all monies goes back into the Transit Department. Commissioner Cable made the motion to surplus the vans and Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Commissioner Williams told the Board that there would be another auction next month. Alicia Parham, Health Director, told the Board that there were four appointments on the Health Board that needed to be filled. All four members that were now serving stated that they would serve again for three years ending 10/2/2010. The Board members are Yvette Hooper, (OD), Anthony Ditmore (Pharmacist), Melba Millsaps (Nurse) and Tommy Ward (Public Position). Commissioner Williams made the motion to accept these four members as presented by Health Board Director, Alicia Parham. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Commissioner Cody voted yes. Commissioners Trull and Sherrill voted no. Commissioner Trull stated that the Agenda was not for people that did not have time to get on the Agenda but just show up and we have not had time to study this. Chairman Cody stated that the Board has the right to adjust the Agenda at anytime. If anyone comes to a meeting and wants to be on the Agenda then they can be on it.
4. Commissioner Cable made the motion for the road that goes off 575 Moose Branch Road to be named Grace Lane. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. This road request was made by Gavin Colvard who lives on this road and his son has several medical problems.
5. Commissioner Williams told the Board that the County needed to hire a mechanic for the Vehicle Maintenance Department and this would save each department monies on regular mechanic work. The County has enough equipment to be used and this will be housed at the old F/D bays. Commissioner Cable made the motion to advertise for this position for two weeks. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. Commissioner Cable stated that he had requests from several people with their concerns about letters that were sent out by the Tax Office requesting personnel financial information. Chairman Cody stated that business owners were supposed to turn in this information when they list their business personnel property.
7. Chairman Cody stated that he had a meeting with Abe Wachacha concerning the tribe using the transfer station for dumping garbage from Snowbird. Richard Smoker will be driving the truck and will unload mostly on Saturdays. Mr. Cody stated that he told them that they would have to be guidelines and there will have to be a contract. Next year the State will require a \$2.00 fee per ton and the County will have to go up on their fees for tipping. They will be billed on tons that are taken to the recycling center. Chairman Cody stated that he had been trying to get in touch with Mr. Shuler's office on lake levels and the tax monies

that are coming into the State and on the Tennessee Valley Authority website and it breaks down how much money that each state gets and North Carolina is the third listed out of eight states that TVA has any dealings with and North Carolina has actually has the largest dam in the system and Georgia has only two dams in its waterway gets a little over six million dollars and North Carolina gets 1.8 million dollars.

8. Attorney Sawyer told the Board that the interest rate was down and it might drop another 1/2 % next month and this may help our financing. Mr. Sawyer stated that the Lake Level Resolution was delivered to Washington to the Congressional and Senate offices.
9. Commissioner Cable made the motion to go into closed session under GS143.318.11 A (6) (3) for the purpose of discussing personnel and attorney/client privilege. Commissioner Williams 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. Vote unanimous.
11. In closed session the Board discussed personnel and possible litigation with the County.
12. With no business in open session, Commissioner Trull made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

Lynn Cody, Chairman

Billy Cable, Vice Chairman

Jerry Sherrill, Member

Eugene Trull, Member

Raymond Williams, Member

Jan Millsaps, Clerk