

Regular Meeting 11/7/2007

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Wednesday, November 11, 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 Commissioner Trull gave the invocation.

1. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of Eugene Trull. 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. Donna Cody told the Board that she wanted to discuss a couple of issues with the Board. The first issue was the parking around the Courthouse. Ms. Cody stated that she had asked the Town and they stated that they had talked to the Sheriff about parking spaces and Ms. Cody stated that the Sheriff talked to the Mayor and stated that four slots would be nice for them but what ever the Town did was fine. Ms. Cody stated that the Town was going to meet next week and she would like a letter from the Board expressing their concerns with the parking and needing more handicap parking spaces. The Board stated that County employees could park in the County parking lot and they could make more room by cutting back the bank. Ms. Cody stated that she would be going to the Town meeting and requesting that they could change some of the private parking slots and all some handicap parking signs. Ms. Cody also told the Board that the County offices should go back to the 8:30am to 5:00pm working hours. Chairman Cody stated that the Board had no decisions on the parking signs around the Courthouse. Chairman Cody closed the Public Comment session of the meeting.
4. Chairman Cody stated that the Tax Collector was asking the Board for permission to remove the 1987 back taxes not paid off of her current records but she could still collect these payments. Also, Ms. Ledwell was requesting a drop box for people wanting to pay their taxes. Mr. Cody stated that he would check on the cost and security with the Sheriff on this request. Mr. Cody also told the Board that Sandra Lewis, A.D.A. Officer, did a walk around and stated the bench outside the Tax Office needed to be off the side walk and the garbage can at the jail needed to be removed because this has to be wheel chair accessible. The Board discussed moving the garbage container to the County parking lot. Also discussed was some of the dumpsites in the County needed a light. Chairman Cody told the Board that he attended a workshop on water systems grants and they would not be awarded until June of 2008.
5. Commissioner Trull made the motion to reappoint Steve Odom to the Graham County Health Board. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Commissioner Cable made the motion to appoint Claudine Gibson to the Graham County Health Board. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion on Claudine Gibson. Commissioner Cody voted for Claudine Gibson. Ms. Gibson was appointed as the new Health Board member for a 3 year term as of 11/7/2007.
6. Commissioner Trull made the motion to appoint Jerry Sherrill as the County Commissioner member to replace Raymond Williams on the Graham County Health Board as the Commissioner appointment. Commissioner Williams stated that he would like to remain the Board's member to serve on the Health Board as he was appointed after he was elected Commissioner. Commissioner Trull stated that this Board did not appoint Raymond so therefore he was not an appointment of this Board. There were no further comments on this motion.
7. Commissioner Williams made the motion to go into closed session under GS143.318.11 A6/3 for personnel and Attorney/Client privilege. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

8. Commissioner Cable made the motion to come out of closed session back into open session. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
9. In closed session the Board discussed Board appointments and Attorney/Client matters.
10. Commissioner Trull made the motion to table the Health Board Member appointment of Raymond Williams to the next Board meeting of 11/20/07. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. Commissioner Williams made the motion to continue this meeting Thursday, November 08, 2007 at 5:00pm to meet with the Representative of the Flood Plain Mapping Program. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

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Lynn Cody, Chairman

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Billy Cable, Vice-Chairman

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Jerry Sherrill, Member

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Eugene Trull, Member

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Raymond Williams, Member

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Jan Millsaps, Clerk