

Regular Meeting 12/18/2007

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, December 18, 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 Sawyer. 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 Hearing on the FY 2009 Community Transportation Program (CTP) Grant Application to approve the Resolution to apply for this Grant Funding. With no public comment, Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the Application to apply for the CTP 2007 Grant. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached) Chairman Cody closed the Public Hearing.
4. Chairman Cody opened the Public Comment session of the meeting. Donna Cody addressed the Board on the extension on the Flood Plain that was turned down by the State. Ms. Cody asked the Board to consider sending out a letter to all of the land owners in Graham County explaining how this could affect their property values. Commissioner Trull suggested that David Hyatt, Building Inspector, come the next Board meeting and explain the difference in the proposed Flood Plain that could affect property owners. Ms. Cody stated that this was a very confusing thing for property owners and they needed to know what was going on. Chairman Cody closed the Public Comment session.
5. Ryan Sherby presented the Amended Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative, Comprehensive and Continuing Transportation Planning and the Establishment of a Rural Planning Organization for Graham County. Mr. Sherby told the Board there was no obligation from the County but can ask for his help. Mr. Sherby stated that item #5 had been amended. Commissioner Williams made the motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding and Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached)
6. Blair Hyder, Tax Assessor, presented the Releases and Discoveries to the Board for their approval. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the R&D as presented by Mr. Hyder. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached)
7. Chairman Cody told the Board that Randy Lynn was applying for a Grant to buy a 6-wheeler for rescues and he needed a letter from the Commissioners in support of this Grant. Commissioner Williams made the motion for the Board to attach a letter of support for this Grant. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Also, Chairman Cody told the Board that he was considering moving the offices of Soil & Water and the County Planner to the P&J Building to save rent monies. Mr. Cody stated that he would check the offices with Soil & Water and see if they would have enough room.
8. Commissioner Cable made the motion to go into closed session under GS 143.318.11 A 6. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
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. In closed session the Board discussed the vehicle maintenance position and the applicants.

11. Commissioner Sherrill made the motion to hire Keith Eller as Graham County Vehicle Maintenance Director with a starting salary of \$10.00 an hour and a review of pay after 60 days. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

12. The Board agreed that the Graham County Board of Elections office hours will remain at the current Plan C which is Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 1pm (12 hours a week) until such time as the Board of Elections adopt a Resolution to go to another plan and verify that there are budgeting funds to accommodate such plans. This does not supercede any statue which mandates office hours by number of register voters.

13. Commissioner Cable made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Lynn Cody, Chairman

Billy Cable, Vice-Chairman

Jerry Sherrill, Member

Eugene Trull, Member

Raymond Williams, Member

Jan Millsaps, Clerk