

Continued Meeting from February 3, 2009 Regular Meeting

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met today at 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 13, 2009 for a continuation from the Tuesday, February 3, 2009 regular Meeting at the Graham County Community Building on Knight Street, Robbinsville, N.C. Present were: Commissioners Bruce Snyder, Sandra Smith, Billy Cable, Lynn Cody and by telephone conference, Jerry Sherrill.

Commissioner Snyder re-opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with a motion to continue. Commissioner Cable seconded. Vote unanimous.

Commissioner Snyder made the motion to accept the Flood Plain Ordinance. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion with an explanation to the public. She stated that she felt the same as the people of our county did but that this ordinance still comes into play whether we like it or not. She stated that she hoped no one would have hard feelings but she felt this was best for our county and its future.

Commissioner Cable stated that he was against the ordinance because the state and federal governments have too much control now and he would vote his conscience and that would be NO!

Commissioner Sherrill stated that he was against the flood plain ordinance period. He did not feel our county needed this.

Commissioner Cody stated that he was for the ordinance because we needed to look to the future for the betterment of Graham County. He said that our future is a step forward toward industry and without the flood ordinance; industry would not look our way. He also stated that our children are our future and they deserve the right to be able to get loans for their homes and if we didn't accept this ordinance that would not be possible and for those reasons my vote is for the ordinance.

The Flood Plain Ordinance passed with a vote of three to two. Commissioners Snyder, Smith and Cody were in favor and Commissioner Sherrill and Cable were against. Commissioner Snyder stated that he shares all the sentiments but that he is voting his conscience and he thinks that for the betterment of our future this ordinance is necessary.

There were several negative comments from the audience. Michael Holder asked for a show of hands of the people who were for and against. He stated that three to fifty were against this and how could the Board justify their decision. Commissioner Smith stated that the government was in control of this not the county board. She also stated that all flood insurance goes through FEMA and if we had opted out of this ordinance then federal and state monies could be withheld from us in the event of a disaster and our county could not afford this risk.

Commissioner Snyder made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sherrill seconded. Vote unanimous.