

## Organizational Meeting – December 1, 2008

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met today for the swearing in of the newly elected commissioners. Commissioners Bruce E. Snyder, Sandra C. Smith and Lynn Cody were given the oath of office by the Clerk of Court, Johnnie Brooms at 11:00 a.m. They immediately reconvened at the Community Building on Knight Street for their organizational meeting. The meeting began at 11:15 a.m.

1. The Clerk to the Board, Kim Crisp called the meeting to order.
2. The Clerk then asked for a motion for the election of a Chairman.  
Commissioner Sandra Smith made the motion to appoint Commissioner Bruce Snyder as Chairman based on his receiving the highest votes in the election. Commissioner Bruce Snyder seconded this motion. Vote two for and two opposed. Commissioner Bruce Snyder withdrew his second. Commissioner Lynn Cody seconded. Vote was unanimous.
3. The Chairman, Bruce Snyder made the motion to appoint Commissioner Sandra Smith as the Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote was unanimous.
4. The Chairman, Bruce Snyder then asked for a motion to reappoint a Clerk to the Board. Commissioner Billy Cable made the motion to appoint Kim Crisp as Clerk. Commissioner Sandra Smith seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. The Chairman, Bruce Snyder then asked for a motion to appoint an attorney. Commissioner Billy Cable made the motion to reappoint David Sawyer. Commissioner Lynn Cody seconded. Commissioner Sandra Smith disagreed stating we needed a new attorney. Commissioner Bruce Snyder was in agreement with Commissioner Sandra Smith stating that he felt the county would do better with another attorney. The vote was tied leaving Attorney David Sawyer as the county's attorney.
6. The Chairman, Bruce Snyder made the motion to appoint Gene Trull as the interim county manager. Commissioner Sandra Smith seconded this vote with the motion to accept applications at this time for a county manager. Commissioner Billy Cable stated that Lynn Cody has done an excellent job. He has worked with three other previous county managers and in his opinion Lynn Cody knows everything that is going on in the county's business. Commissioner Bruce Snyder wanted to go on record stating he is not judging the quality of work that Lynn has done, the only problem that he has is that he is also a County Commissioner and he does not believe that you should be a County Manager and a County Commissioner at the same time. Commissioner Cable stated that he was asked this same question and by law you can hold both positions. Commissioner Cable also pointed out that there are things going on in the county that Lynn is aware of and he feels that Lynn should stay. Commissioner Smith stated that people are complaining about him being County Manager and that she listens to the citizens of our county. Commissioner Snyder then asked for a vote. Commissioner Snyder and Commissioner Smith voted for while Commissioner Cable and Commissioner Cody opposed. The motion stands as a tie.
7. Commissioner Bruce Snyder made a new motion that Lynn Cody be removed from the county manager's position and that we begin accepting applications for this position. Commissioner Sandra Smith seconded. Commissioner Snyder and Smith again stated that this was not personal. They believed that holding both positions was a conflict of interest. The final vote was Commissioners Snyder and Smith for and Commissioner Cable opposed. Motion passed with a two to one vote. A question was raised about the majority of the board not being present. Attorney Donna Cody spoke out stating no that it only took the majority of the board that was present. She stated the law was General Statute 153A-44. Attorney David Sawyer was looking this up when Donna Cody stated that we didn't need to go down this road. She didn't want a fight unless she knew she would win and she would win this. She stated she knew her law and she didn't like it when advice was not given right. Donna again stated that the majority of the board was present and they had the right to vote. She stated she already explored this during the school superintendent appointment earlier in the year. The motion stands two to one.

8. Commissioner Sandra Smith made the motion to meet with all the department heads on Monday, December 2, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. so they could give their job description and details of their responsibilities to the new board members. Commissioner Bruce Snyder seconded. Commissioner Lynn Cody opposed stating we could not afford to give them overtime. He also stated that the whole board didn't need to meet with them just the two new commissioners and we didn't need to call a special meeting or pay them overtime to attend the regular meeting when the department heads could meet with Commissioners Bruce Snyder and Sandra Smith at a different time. Commissioner Lynn Cody stated he didn't have a problem with them using the county manager's office and bringing in a few at a time. After discussion, the board decided to meet with all the department heads on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the community building. Commissioner Bruce Snyder made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sandra Smith seconded. Vote unanimous.

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Bruce Snyder, Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

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Sandra Smith, Vice-Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

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Billy Cable, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Lynn Cody, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Jerry Sherrill, Member, Graham County Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board \_