

Regular Meeting 1/17/2006

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 6:00pm in the Conference Room of the Community Building at 196 Knight Street, Robbinsville, NC. Present were Commissioners Randy Jordan and Richard Stewart. Commissioner Cody was absent. Chairman Jordan called the meeting to order.

1. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Stewart seconded this motion.
2. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Stewart seconded this motion.
3. Chairman Jordan opened the Public Comment Session of the Meeting. Irene Orr spoke to the Board about the MANNA Food Bank needing a truck to transport food from Asheville to the Robbinsville site. Volunteers had been going to Asheville using their own vehicles to transport the food to the Robbinsville site and they had the trailer if the County would donate the money to buy the truck. Commissioner Jordan stated that they needed something in writing and then the Board would discuss this at the next meeting. Charles Hooper stated that the Town of Robbinsville had a truck and they were going to try and buy it. Commissioner Jordan closed the Public Comment session of the meeting.
4. Susie Farley, Director of Graham County Election Board, presented to the Board for their approval of the Resolution to Recommend the Purchase of Voting Equipment. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Stewart seconded this motion. (Attached)
5. Erma Orr, Tax Assessor, did not have any Releases or Discoveries. Ms. Orr asked about the Wagner and Crisp property located near Deyton's Camp. Commissioner Jordan made the motion for Attorney McKinney to write a letter to Wagoner property owners and tell them to clean up the property or the County will clean it up at the expense of the owners. Commissioner Stewart seconded this motion. Also, on the Agenda was the penalty imposed on the Smoky Mountain Mansion. Commissioner Jordan asked Ms. Orr if she had received a letter making this request and Ms. Orr stated no and Mr. Jordan stated if we do not receive anything in writing about this we will leave it alone. Commissioner Stewart agreed.
6. Attorney McKinney told the Board that Mr. Jordan had not responded to the complaint on cleaning up his property on Jutt's Creek and that he would be going in front of a Judge this week to enter an order for the property to be cleaned up by Mr. Jordan and if he did not clean it up then the County would clean it up and Mr. Jordan would have to pay the bill. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to table the tax appeals on property owners who had questioned their values because of Jutts Creek property to table this and see if Mr. Jordan cleans up his property. Commissioner Stewart seconded this motion. Commissioner Jordan made the motion that Jeff writes a letter for the property of Fred Hill Heirs to be cleaned up. Commissioner Stewart seconded this motion. Attorney McKinney stated that he would have an answer at the end of next week if the property existed called the Gentry Heirs after Ms. Orr has provided the paperwork on this property. Attorney McKinney agreed to write the two letters to the property owners to clean up their property.
7. Rick Davis, Superintendent of Graham County Schools, presented to the Board the North Carolina Public School Facility Needs Survey for the Board of Commissioners to approve the submission to the State School Board. Chairman Jordan signed the Survey on behalf of the Board. (Attached)
8. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to go into closed session under GS 143.318.11 (6). Commissioner Stewart seconded this motion.

9. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to come out of closed session and back into open session. Commissioner Stewart seconded this motion.
10. In closed session the Board discussed personnel requesting pay increases and their job requirements.
11. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve Anona Lambert a pay increase of \$1.00 an hour to begin on payroll 2/1/2006. Commissioner Stewart seconded this motion.
12. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve the Stanley Softball Complex Reconstruction Agreement in the amount of \$10 to \$15,000. Commissioner Stewart seconded this motion. (Agreement attached)
13. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to advertise and get an appraisal on the property beside the United Community Bank containing 0.26 acres. Commissioner Stewart seconded this motion.
14. Commissioner Jordan made the motion for County Manager Cabe to see about getting a new Vehicle Maintenance Shop. Commissioners agreed to get employee out of the existing facility. Commissioner Stewart seconded this motion.
15. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Stewart seconded this motion.

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Randy Jordan, Chairman

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Dirk Cody, Vice-Chairman

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Richard Stewart, Member

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Jan Millsaps, Clerk