

Regular Meeting 1/15/2008

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 5:00pm in the Conference Room at the Community Building at 196 Knight Street, Robbinsville, NC. Present were Commissioners Lynn Cody, Jerry Sherrill, Billy Cable, Eugene Trull and Raymond Williams. Chairman Cody called the meeting to order and Commissioner Williams gave the invocation.

1. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of Raymond Williams as item #B. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
2. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Trull seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chairman Cody opened the Public Comment session of the Meeting. Lavina West met with the Board to discuss the proposed museum to be housed in the Cheoah Ranger's Office. The museum can not be used as commercial, money making venture under the virtually free special use permit however the sale of books and etc could have a small reasonable fee. The committee will meet this week and Ms. West stated that she will talk to the Board about this at their next meeting. Chairman Cody closed the Public Comment session.
4. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the Releases and Discoveries as presented by Tax Assessor, Blair Hyder. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached) Mr. Hyder told the Board that the Tax Office was extending the listing period until the middle of February because the listing forms were mailed out late. Chairman Cody asked Mr. Hyder if his office could set up appointments at different locations to help tax payers during this listing period. Commissioner Williams made the motion to send out letters to all tax payers explaining about the flood zone. David Hyatt, Building Inspector, told the Board that Terry Slaughter and himself could go out to each community and meet with anyone that had questions concerning their property that might be in the flood plain and he would have his computer and they could look it up. Mr. Hyatt stated that Graham County was in 3 zones and this meeting would be able to give out information and the people could see for themselves if the new maps for the flood plain affected their property and this would be more effective than sending out letters. Commissioner Cable made the motion for Terry and David to set up these meetings and advertise them in the papers. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Commissioner Williams withdrew his motion.
5. Vickie Green, Planning and Development Services Director, met with the Board to discuss the Mountain Landscape Initiative. Ms. Green stated that Southwestern Commission staff and partners delivered a Growth Management Challenges Workshop for local officials in the seven western counties. The workshop's conclusion urged the counties of Region A to work together to educate the public on growth management challenges and to work towards consistent ordinances and regulations. The Mountain Landscapes Tool Box Initiative is the

next step in accomplishing this goal. Ms. Greene asked the Board if they would contribute to this goal. The Board told Ms. Greene they would table this matter until they had talked more about it.

6. Gil Hargett met with the Board to discuss the JCPC program. Mr. Hargett asked the Board to approve a Resolution for funding for the JCPC program. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the Resolution and Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
7. Terry Slaughter met with the Board to present the 911 Road names. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the 911 Road names as presented by the 911 Road committee. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached)
8. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the Graham County Resolution NIMS. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached)
9. David Hyatt, Building Inspector, and Sandra Lewis, Administrative Assistant, presented a presentation of their office duties to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Hyatt gave the Board a yearly report for 2007 on inspections. Mr. Hyatt also provided the Board with the Building Permit procedures for Flood Zoned areas and the Graham County Building Inspection Permit Application with the appropriate North Carolina laws outlining Mr. Hyatt's office.
10. Commissioner Cable made the motion to appoint Marshall McClung and Jo Denton to the Nantahala Regional Library. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. Lynn Cody told the Board that the Town of Robbinsville had requested that the County help pay for the sewer at the Recycling Center in the amount of \$30,000.00. The Town of Robbinsville has helped the County with many projects. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve this request and Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Mr. Cody also told the Board that he was implementing a Graham County Get Fit program for County employees as recommended by BCBS. Mr. Cody stated that he and Commissioner Cable attended a Road Meeting on Corridor K and they would like to present a letter of support on the 4-lane project. Commissioner Williams made the motion for this letter of Support and Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Mr. Cody also told the Board that a different Department Head will attend the Board's meetings and inform them on what their offices were doing just as David Hyatt had tonight on the Building Inspector's Office.
12. Commissioner Williams made the motion to adopt a Resolution to name the first bridge on Highway 129 North to be named the Wayne Carringer Bridge and the first bridge on the Cherolaha Skyway named in honor of Shirley Crisp as the DOT has already been notified. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

13. Commissioner Williams told the Board and audience that he wanted to recognize and thank the women and men that helped make and deliver the Christmas baskets for the elderly citizens of Graham County. The money for these baskets was donated by two or three individuals and the Town of Robbinsville. Mr. Williams also stated that the employees at the Sanitation department did not work the Christmas holidays and I just wanted to commend and recognize these employees that had the dumpsites cleaned the next working day. Commissioner Cable stated he felt the same.
14. Commissioner Cable made the motion to go into closed session under GS 143.318.11 (A) 6 for the purpose of discussing personnel. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
15. In closed session the Board discussed personnel in certain departments.
16. Commissioner Williams made the motion to come out of closed session and back into open session. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
17. Commissioner Williams made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Lynn Cody, Chairman

Billy Cable, Vice-Chairman

Jerry Sherrill, Member

Eugene Trull, Member

Raymond Williams, Member

Jan Millsaps, Clerk