

Regular Meeting 2/5/2008

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, February 5, 2008 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, Eugene Trull, Raymond Williams and County Attorney Sawyer. Chairman Cody called the meeting to order and Commissioner Cable gave the invocation.

1. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the Agenda with the deletion of item 5 and addition David Monteath. Commissioner Cable 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 Comment session of the meeting. Billy Holder spoke to the Board about the Flood Plain and presented the Board with a petition of over 400 land owners that were against this. Jacky Ayers also spoke against the Flood Plain. Commissioner Williams made the motion to vote on the Flood Plain as it appears today and opt out of the new version. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
4. Commissioner Williams stated that Dale Orr had worked for Graham County for years and out of respect he would like to see the recycling center closed for the funeral between 10am and 12 o'clock for any employees wishing to attend. The Board agreed to this request. Commissioner Williams stated that he had received several calls on the naming of the bridge on 129 and asked if the Board would reconsider and name the Bridge for all Veterans of Graham County. The Board members stated that they had received many calls on this request also. Commissioner Williams made the motion to rescind the Resolution to name the first bridge on Highway 129 North- Wayne Carringer Bridge and rename this Bridge - Veteran's Memorial Bridge. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Chairman Cody told the Board that he had been looking over departments and how they were doing with their budgets. All departments should have an over all percentage left of 42% and some departments were below this amount and he was making them aware of this.
6. Commissioner Williams made the motion to go into closed session under GS 143.318 A (6) and (3) for the purpose of discussing personnel and Attorney/Client privilege. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
7. In closed session the Board discussed personnel and an impending law suit against the County.
8. Commissioner Williams made the motion to come out of closed session and back into open session. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
9. David Monteath met with the Board to discuss the Road-To-No-Where. Mr. Monteath stated that under the 1943 agreement if it is broken then the process will start with a buffer zone that will add more land to the parks and this will hurt Swain County and Graham County. Mr. Monteath stated that the majority of the Swain Commissioners was in favor of a cash settlement. The majority of the people are in favor of the road.
10. Pete Zimmerman addressed the Board on the valuation of his property. Mr. Zimmerman stated that he was representing Mountain Creek Builders on England Branch. Mr. Zimmerman stated that he was selling lots off of this property. Mr. Zimmerman stated that his valuation had gone up and this would make his taxes increase. The Board told Mr. Zimmerman that he needed to make an appointment to discuss this at the Board of Equalization and Review the 2nd week of April.

11. Commissioner Williams made the motion to continue this meeting to Monday, February 11, 2008 at 5:00pm in the Conference Room of the Community Building at 196 Knight Street, Robbinsville, NC. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Lynn Cody, Chairman

Billy Cable, Vice-Chairman

Jerry Sherrill, Member

Eugene Trull, Member

Raymond Williams, Member

Jan Millsaps, Clerk