

Regular Meeting 4/15/2008

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, April 15, 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 Blair Hyder gave the invocation.

1. Commissioner Sherrill made the motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of Commissioners Williams and Trull. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
2. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chairman Cody opened the Public Comment session of the meeting. With no one wishing to speak, Chairman Cody closed the Public Comment session of the meeting.
4. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the Releases and Discoveries as presented by Blair Hyder, Tax Assessor. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Commissioner Cody told the Board that they needed to follow up on the Resolution in 2005 that the previous Board approved and this needs to be followed up because if your taxes are not paid you will not be able to obtain building permits.
6. TVA Representatives David Bowling, Burt Robinson and Barbara Martocci gave a presentation to the Board on the reservoir operating objectives of navigation, flood-damage reduction, affordable and reliable electricity, water quality, water supply and recreational opportunities. Reservoirs are drawn to their lowest level to get ready for flood-producing storms January 1. June 1 the spring fill, which typically begins in mid-March is complete and reservoirs are allowed to fill to their highest level. Drawdown restrictions are lifted Labor Day. In fiscal year 2007, TVA sold more than 1 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity to one municipal power company and three cooperatively owned power companies serving customers in North Carolina. TVA maintains the structural, seismic, and hydrologic integrity of four dams in North Carolina. The Board thanked the Representatives for coming and told them that they appreciated them coming to Graham County as they had most of their meeting in Swain County.
7. Commissioner Cody told the Board that he had received a call about putting in place on line paying of your taxes. The company would charge the individual 3% on their credit cards and there would be no cost to the County. The Board told Mr. Cody to check on this with other companies and they would discuss this at a later date.
8. County Attorney Sawyer stated that the contract for the Broad Band was almost completed but was not signed. Sawyer stated that he had talked to Bill Gibson about this project and it was stated that if there was any damage done to the lines in the future that the County might be liable for this. Attorney Sawyer stated that he saw no reason not to go into this contract.
9. Blaine and Darrin Stewart met with the Board to discuss buying the old dump trailer at the Sanitation Department. This trailer had not been used in years and the brake system had been cut off. Commissioner Williams made the motion to surplus this trailer. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Commissioners Sherrill and Cody voted yes but Commissioner Trull did not vote because he stated that he was kin to Mr. Stewart. Commissioner Williams made the motion to sell this trailer to Blaine & Darrin Stewart for \$500.00. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Commissioners Cable and Cody voted yes. Commissioner

Trull did not vote because he stated that he was kin to Mr. Stewart. Mr. Stewart told the Board that they could use the trailer at any time all they had to do was get in touch with him.

10. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the Broadband contract that Attorney Sawyer presented to the Board and discussed earlier. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. Commissioner Trull told the Board that people were calling him and complaining about the side walk at the Courthouse being too high that when they drove to the stop sign they could not see and there was going to be an accident if something was not done to improve this situation. Commissioner Trull also stated that after thinking about the Grant writer that was hired he did not approve and was reconsidering his being paid a salary and a commission on each Grant and he did not work out of a county office.
12. Commissioner Williams stated that the County needed to buy more tables for the Community Building and to change the deposit and cost of renting the building. The tables would need to be locked up and taken out when someone rented the building. Commissioner Williams made the motion to purchase 10 tables for the Community Building. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
13. Commissioner Williams made the motion to go into Closed Session under GS 143.318.11 A (3) for the purpose of Attorney/Client privilege. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
14. Commissioner Cable made the motion to come out of closed session and back into open session. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
15. In Closed Session the Board discussed Attorney/Client privilege.
16. Commissioner Williams made the motion for anyone renting the Community Building the deposit would be \$150.00 and \$50.00 for use of the building. To get your deposit back the building had to be cleaned and tables put back up. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
17. The next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, May 5, 2006 at 5:00pm in the Conference Room of the Community Building. This meeting has been rescheduled because the election held on Tuesday, May 6, 2008.
18. Commissioner Cable made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Lynn Cody, Chairman

Billy Cable, Vice-Chairman

Jerry Sherrill, Member

Eugene Trull, Member

Raymond Williams, Member

Jan Millsaps, Clerk