

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, May 18, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Graham County Community Building at 196 Knight Street, Robbinsville, N.C. Present were: Commissioners Bruce Snyder, Sandra Smith, Billy Cable, Steve Odom and Gene Trull. Chairman Bruce Snyder called the meeting to order.

1. Commissioner Cable gave the invocation.
2. Commissioner Trull made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of G.R.E.A.T. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
4. Commissioner Snyder opened the floor for public comment. Claudine Gibson, the counties current insurance agent spoke about the counties health insurance renewal and commended the board for putting this out for bid to save the county money. She stated that she had received two letters about her that stated she had been using unethical conduct in the renewal process. She explained in detail about actions that were taken by her and other individuals in the renewal process and stated that she had not used unethical procedures. The Board asked questions concerning the insurance and stated that the main intent from the county board is to save the county money. Commissioner Snyder thanked Claudine for her time and information. Commissioner Snyder then asked for other public comment. No further comments were given. Commissioner Snyder closed the public comment session.
5. Rick Davis, a representative with the G.R.E.A.T. organization spoke briefly to the board and presented them with some handouts of all the Board of Directors. See Attached! He thanked the county board for their support at the meetings and invited them to the next meeting, Thursday, May 21st at 12:00 noon. Rick Davis explained some of the projects going on at this time and stated that we all have to work together. Commissioner Snyder thanked Rick for coming and stated emphatically that yes, we all needed to work together.
6. Russell Wiggins was next on the agenda but was not present.
7. Commissioner Snyder asked the board if they had any old business. Commissioner Smith asked for an update on the jail repairs and the security

door. She also asked about the offices that were to be moved and was told that the move is in the process and going forward. Commissioner Smith asked the board to review the audit proposals. The board reviewed three proposals and after discussion among the board Commissioner Cable made the motion to go with Turner, Ennis, Hatchett & Roberts from Cherokee County, NC. Commissioner Odom seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

8. County Manager Lynn Cody asked the board if they wanted to purchase picnic tables at this time for the pool. After discussion, the board felt more information was needed and decided to table until further review.
9. County Manager Lynn Cody stated that a lifeguard stand needed to be purchased before the opening of the pool and stated that the Recreation Director, Jason Sawyer was in the process of getting quotes for this now.
10. Commissioner Odom made a statement about the bi-weekly reports. He stated that the majority are doing a good job but felt more information needed to be given on the supervisors duties. Commissioner Smith stated that we needed to ask the departments how that the board could help them to better their departments and to let us know things that are being accomplished and give the board ideas on how to make improvements.
11. Commissioner Trull made the motion to reappoint Marshall McClung and Debbie Beasley to the 911 Road Naming Board. Commissioner Odom seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
12. Commissioner Smith made the motion to add Steve Odom and Gene Trull and to delete Jerry Sherrill and Lynn Cody to the signature cards at the banks that the county has accounts with. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
13. Commissioner Cable made the motion to adopt a resolution to allow the school to apply for the QZAB loan with the condition that the school have proof that they could repay the loan and that the clause be included in the resolution. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
14. Clerk Kim Crisp stated that we needed to put out bids for the fencing at the Transfer Station. All commissioners agreed to allow the bidding.
15. Commissioner Snyder asked the board for any new business. Commissioner Smith made the motion for the county manager to give employee

instructions in written form so that they can't say they were not told and to keep a book with all these forms in them so that the commissioners can review if needed and to show proof that all departments have received notice. All commissioners agreed to do this

16. Commissioner Odom made the motion to four items: 1) under no circumstances will the county stationary leave the county manager / clerk's office. If any county employee needs an item typed on county letterhead the clerk will do the typing. 2) The Clerk needs to purchase letterhead that has a watermark that can not be duplicated. 3) For the security of the county manager's, clerk and finance offices their email needs to be on the county web at grahamcounty.org. 4) Contact State of Franklin to ask for receptionist workers for the county manager's office to prevent persons from walking into the offices unannounced. The Board had discussion. Commissioner Trull seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.
17. Commissioner Odom suggested to the board that since the courthouse was being re-shingled could we get the exterior cleaned and painted. He stated that the courthouse needed to be scraped, primed and painted as well as the rock work needing to be acid washed. The board suggested that the bid run in the paper for one week and that all bidders must have insurance.
18. Commissioner Odom also made the motion to pass a resolution to make June 8th thru June 14th as cancer survivor week. He stated that this is a personal subject due to the fact that his mother passed away with cancer in 1997. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
19. Commissioner Odom made the motion to appoint Donnie Orr as the Sanitation Director with a pay increase of fifty (.50) cents an hour. Commissioner Trull stated that this was still a considerable amount less than the previous director. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
20. Commissioner Odom made the motion to appoint Kim Crisp as the Clerk / Assistant County Manager with a pay increase of fifty (.50) cents an hour. The duties of assistant county manager will only be needed when the county manager is absent. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
21. Commissioner Trull spoke about the modular unit that belonged to the Health Department and felt that the memorandum of understanding that was

signed was not approved by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Trull made the motion to rescind the memorandum of understanding and move the modular unit to the old EMS site and relocate the Soil and Water Conservation to this unit to eliminate the cost of rent. Commissioner Odom seconded this motion. Commissioner Cable and Snyder had questions about the legality of this motion since the school was told they could use the unit. The attorney advised the board to continue this discussion so that the memorandum of understanding could be looked into. The board decided to table this issue for further discussion.

22. Commissioner Trull asked about the Rural Development Board and the need to do away with the board. The attorney advised that he had received information that needed to be discussed in closed due to attorney client privilege information.
23. Clerk, Kim Crisp stated that the board needed to continue this meeting instead of adjourning until Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. to accept insurance proposals on the health and commercial policies. All board was in agreement.
24. County Manger Lynn Cody stated that the board needed to make a holiday schedule amendment concerning the proposed week off from June 29 – July 3. The week off will consist of the employees using three days annual leave or comp time, one furlough day and one holiday pay. The board discussed all the reasons including a savings of around \$12,000.00 in the pay period for their decisions. The board does recognize essential employees that must work and have approved for those employees to work. Commissioner Smith made the motion to notify all county offices of the amended holiday schedule to include the week of June 29th thru July 3rd. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. See Attached!
25. Commissioner Snyder made the motion to go into closed session under G.S. 143.318A (6) (3) (1) personnel and attorney client privilege. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
26. Commissioner Cable made the motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Odom seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
27. Commissioner Snyder made the motion continue this meeting until Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at the regular meeting place. Commissioner Odom seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.