

Regular Meeting 5/20/2008

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, May 20, 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 David Sawyer. Chairman Cody called the Meeting to order. Commissioner Sherrill gave the invocation.

1. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of Frank Finley. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
2. Chairman Cody opened the Public Comment session of the Meeting. No one wished to speak.
3. Commissioner Cody told the Board that he had received several phone calls asking if the Board wanted to bid off hauling the steel and tires from the Recycling Center. Commissioner Trull made the motion to advertise for two weeks for bids on hauling the steel and tires from the Recycling Center. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Commissioner Cody asked the Board when they wanted to start working on the Budget.
4. Commissioner Williams discussed the cost of fuel that has gone up and keeps going up. Commissioner Cody stated that some Counties are going to work 4 days a week to help keep costs down. This is something that the Board will look at.
5. Frank Finley, US Forest Service met with the Board to discuss their old office building becoming a museum for Graham County. Mr. Finley stated that he was here to answer any questions the Board may have. Commissioner Cable asked Mr. Finley what they should do first. Mr. Finley stated the first thing would be an application and second would be the business plan (maintain the building, grounds and the facilities) and to staff with volunteers or employees. Someone needs to start moving forward and the Forest Service wants to tear it down so the application and business plan needs to be done soon. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the lease for the old Forest Service Office Building and do whatever the Museum Committee feels the Board needs to done to keep the building from being torn down. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. County Attorney Sawyer's stated that Swain County Commissioners had passed a Resolution asking TVA to maintain minimum lake levels 1672 during the winter months in order to maintain enough water there to keep the docks afloat and to be able for people to get into the ramps and that was passed at their last Board Meeting and they wanted to know if Graham County wanted to pass a similar Resolution. Commissioner Trull made the motion for a letter to be sent to TVA requesting the lake levels are maintained at 1672 during the winter months. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
7. Commissioner Williams made the motion to go into closed session under GS 143.318.11 A (6) (3). Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
8. The Board discussed personnel and law suits against the County. No decisions were reached.
9. Commissioner Trull made the motion to come out of closed session and back into open session and continue this meeting to Friday, May 23, 2008 at 5:00pm at the Community Center for a Budget workshop. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

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Lynn Cody, Chairman

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Billy Cable, Vice Chairman

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Jerry Sherrill, Member

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Eugene Trull, Member

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Raymond Williams, Member

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Jan Millsaps, Clerk