

Regular Meeting 7/1/2008

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, July 1, 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 Stewart. Chairman Cody called the meeting to order and Lowell Crisp gave the invocation.

1. Commissioner Trull made the motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of Billy Cable for closed session. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
2. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chairman Cody opened the Public Comment session of the Meeting. Chairman Cody closed the Public Comment session as no one wished to speak.
4. Sue Adams and Rick Wilson, Graham Health Foundation, met with the Board to discuss waiving tipping fees for the Foundation. Ms. Adams stated that these fees had always been waived and this was the Foundations way of helping keep Graham County clean from old abandoned trailers and junk cars. The Foundation absorbs all of the costs as they have their own men and equipment doing the work and there is no cost to anyone wanting to get rid of old trailers and junk cars. The amount of fees in question is \$1940.40. Ms. Adams stated that none of the property was from P&J but only junk cars and trailers. Ms. Adams stated that she has 2 more applications to pick up junk cars and trailer. The Board stated that they would like to see each application before pick up to see if the fees needed to be waived. Ms. Adams stated that she would give the Board copies of the paper work. The Board tabled the request of the fees being waived until they look over the documentation from Graham Health Foundation.
5. Judy Carpenter met with the Board to discuss the Clementine Cove Association's commitment to preserve and promote the contributions and sacrifices of the people who were forced to relocate due to the construction of Fontana Dam. There will be no funding from the County on this project. The power generated at Fontana Dam was necessary to accelerate the production of the Atomic Bombs that helped end World War 11 and six thousand people were affected by the loss of their homes and land. Ms. Carpenter stated that the Community group seeks to establish a memorial and interpretive center for the purpose of educating the general public about the sacrifice, patriotism, and memory of the people of Graham and Swain Counties. Ms. Carpenter stated that she would like for the Board to adopt the Resolution for this commitment. The Board stated that they agreed with this concept and Attorney Sawyer will have the Resolution next meeting and the Board will vote on it then.
6. Brian Stevens, representing the Sheriff's Department, met with the Board requesting the Board approval on the Sheriff's department purchasing two new cars. Mr. Stevens stated that his K-Nine car had caught on fire and that the transmission was nearly out of the other patrol car. Mr. Stevens also stated that the \$70,000. Grant they received had a stipulation in it they could not purchase cars out of it. Mr. Stevens stated that he was asking permission from the Board to solicit bids for 2 new patrol cars. Chairman Cody stated that he had told Brian that this request had to be put out for bid by State guidelines. Mr. Stevens stated that the cost of these two vehicles with the police package would cost approximately \$52,000. Mr. Stevens stated that there was insurance on the car that burned and there was not insurance on the car with the bad transmission. Chairman Cody stated that any insurance monies would go into the County insurance line item. Commissioner Williams made the motion for County Manager Cody to check with the State on the State Contract price of such vehicles and have the information at the next Board meeting. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Commissioner Cable made the motion

to rescind the previous motion by Commissioner Williams. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Commissioner Cable made the motion to table this request for 2 new cars by the Sheriff's department to see how much the insurance was going to pay on the burned patrol car. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

7. Chairman Cody presented the Board with Budget Amendment #2 for approval for the F/Y ending June 30, 2008. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve Budget Amendment #2 for F/Y ending June 30, 2008. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. (Attached)
8. Commissioner Cable made the motion to go into closed session under GS 143.318.11 A (6)/ (3). Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
9. Commissioner Cable made the motion to come out of Closed Session and back into open session. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
10. In closed session the Board discussed Attorney/Client privilege and personnel.
11. Commissioner Trull made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Lynn Cody, Chairman

Billy Cable, Vice-Chairman

Jerry Sherrill, Member

Eugene Trull, Member

Raymond Williams, Member

Jan Millsaps, Clerk