

Regular Meeting 8/5/2008

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, August 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 and Raymond Williams. Chairman Cody called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

1. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of Commissioners Trull and Williams. Commissioner Sherrill seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
 2. Commissioner Trull 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. Virginia Zakorski, representing the Meadow Branch Volunteer Fire Department, met with the Board to ask if they had any information on the financing of the fire department. The Board told Ms. Zakorski that County Attorney Sawyer was out of Town and they had no information on this matter at this time. Sandy Zimmerman from Congressman Shuler's office invited the Board to the opening of the VA Hospital in Franklin on Monday, August 18, 2008 at 3:30pm. Ms. Zimmerman stated that if a bus or van could be used to transport any veterans that would like to go this event from Graham County would be appreciated. Ms. Zimmerman also stated that she would bring the problem that the Meadow Branch Voluntary Fire Department was having to the attention of Hayden Rogers.
 4. Commissioner Trull made the motion to approve the Releases and Discoveries as presented by Tax Assessor Blair Hyder. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Mr. Hyder also told the Board that the revaluation had started the 2nd week of July and progress was good and was confident that they would stay in the time frame. The Board stated to Mr. Hyder that they wanted all land owners treated the same. Mr. Hyder stated that there would be equalization for all.
 5. Bids were opened for hauling of recyclables for Graham County Sanitation Department.
 - A. Johnny Sawyer
Tire disposal fee – 100 gallon fuel \$450.00 a load
Metal Disposal fee - \$500.00 (depending on rising fuel Prices)
Paper (Cardboard) disposal fee - \$12.00 a ton (depending On rising fuel prices)
 - B. Mark Ammons Trucking
Paper - \$10.00 per ton if fuel surcharge the amount of Surcharge will be \$20.00 per load
Metal - \$549.00 per load if fuel surcharge the amount If surcharge \$20.00a load
Tires - \$800.00 per load, if there is a fuel surcharge the Amount if surcharge \$20.00 per load
- Commissioner Williams made the motion to go with the lowest bid from Johnny Sawyer. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
(Attached)
6. Commissioner Trull told the Board that Bob Doyle had resigned as Director of the 4th of July Heritage Festival. Mr. Trull stated that the T&T meeting he had attended that they requested that the Festival continue. Commissioner Trull stated that it was hard to get volunteers. Commissioner Cable stated that there needed to be a committee and each person delegate duties. The Board stated that they will think about this and decided what needs to be done to keep these activities going.

7. Commissioner Williams stated that it had been brought to his attention that a logging job in Graham County had been closed down because a blue bird had been found there. Commissioner Williams stated that they needed to do something about this matter if possible.
8. Commissioner Cody told the Board that he had a meeting with the Graham County after hours emergency care focus group discussing the need or emergency care for Graham County residents. Commissioner Cody stated that they were going to have follow up meetings. Commissioner Cody also told the Board that a representative from the Valley Humane Society only comes to Graham County on Wednesday and they have a new Director, Waylon Hill. Commissioner Trull made the motion to contact Mr. Hill and see what can be worked out for Graham County, days the humane society will come to Graham County as they have a quarterly allocation to help with the expense in the County budget. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Commissioner Cody also gave the Board members a copy of the letter on security recommendations for the Graham County Courthouse from a meeting with several Judges from different areas of the State to consider concerning the Jail, Clerk of Court office and Judges.
9. Commissioner Trull made the motion to go into closed session under GS 143-318.11 (A) (6) for the purpose of discussing personnel. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
10. Commissioner Cable made the motion to come out of closed session back into open session. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. The Board discussed personnel in closed session and no decisions were reached.
12. Commissioner Cable 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