

Regular Meeting September 2, 2008

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Community Building at 196 Knight Street, Robbinsville, NC. Present were Commissioners Lynn Cody, Billy Cable, Jerry Sherrill, Gene Trull and Raymond Williams. Chairman Lynn Cody called the meeting to order and Commissioner Williams gave the invocation.

1. Commissioner Trull made the motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Alicia Parham, Director of the Health Department was added to the agenda with the motion made by Commissioner Cable and Commissioner Sherrill Seconded. Vote unanimous.
2. Commissioner Trull made the motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Cable seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Commissioner Cody opened the Public Comment session of the Meeting; A representative, Sandy Zimmerman from Congressman Shuler's office thanked the board for attending the new VA building in Franklin; Comments on the sign ordinance for Scenic 129 was discussed by several people, Betty Satterfield discussed the impact it would have on her nursery and wanted the Commissioners to reject this ordinance. Commissioner Williams made the motion to adopt a Resolution to deny the scenic by-way from Topton to Tapoco, Commissioner Sherrill seconded. Vote unanimous.

Alicia Parham, Director of the Health Department needed the approval of the Board to apply for a Clean Water Trust Fund Grant. This grant will help fund low income individuals to repair or replace septic and water systems that are failing. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve Commissioner Cable seconded. Vote unanimous. Alicia also discussed the Board Health Well Permits; she wants the rates raised for the permits from \$150.00 because the department is taking a loss on every permit. Chad Burchfield commented that these permits are about 50/50 for new and existing homes. Commissioner Williams made the motion to raise the fee to \$225.00, Commissioner Cable seconded. Commissioners Cody and Sherrill were in favor. Commissioner Trull opposed.

4. Commissioner Cody discussed the Garbage Collection Agreement between

Graham and Swain Counties. Commissioner Trull made the motion to accept the agreement with Commissioner Sherrill seconded. Vote unanimous.

5. Commissioner Williams brought up the cell phone issue, asking to show proof of the actual savings. Commissioner Cody discussed the abuse and showed him the difference on the savings.
6. Commissioner Cody made the motion to close open session and to go into closed Session under G.S. 143.318.11 (A) (6) for the purpose of discussing personnel. Commissioner Trull seconded. Vote unanimous.
7. In closed session the Board discussed Overtime Hours and Personnel.
8. Commissioner Cable made the motion to come out of closed session back into open session. Commissioner Williams seconded. Vote unanimous.
7. Commissioner Cable made the motion to hire Andy Cable as the full time Planner for the County, Commissioner Trull seconded. Vote unanimous.