

Regular Meeting October 7, 2008

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, October 7, 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 gave the invocation.

1. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
2. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Commissioner Cody opened the Public Comment session of the meeting. Commissioner Williams spoke about the County taking over the Christmas Parade which he felt was very important to our town and our kids. He stated that the Graham Star would not be hosting the event any longer due to their work load and small staff. He also wanted the Board to Thank the Graham Star for all their hard work in the past. Hosanna Church will serve as host also for the parade which will be Dec. 13, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Cody stated he would contact all the churches for their help also. Commissioner Williams will notify the Squad and fire departments about getting involved. The board decided to give 3 Best Overall Plaques to be given and they would provide the p.a. system to announce the floats as they go by. A meeting was scheduled for Monday night, October 13th for anyone interested in helping with the parade. Commissioner Cable made the motion to approve all the above and Commissioner Trull seconded. Vote unanimous. No further comments from the public were given.
4. There were no releases or discoveries from the tax office.
5. Shelley Lackey with Mental Health was not present.
6. Alvin Johnson was not present.
7. Terry Slaughter spoke next on the Stretcher issue, he then explained what happened with the demo. He stated that they tried out the cot for 2 weeks only as a demo. He stated 3 bids were taken and he put this amount in his budget request before asking the board for the purchase. Commissioner Trull asked if the cot had been removed and Commissioner Williams stated that Terry was not clear on the contract / demo. The total cost is \$9000.00 for the cot and with the finance a total of \$15,000.00 with the option of five years to pay. Commissioner Trull made the motion to table until next meeting. Commissioner Cable seconded. Commissioners Sherrill and Cody were in favor. Commissioner Williams opposed.
8. Commissioner Cody spoke next about reappointments to the Southwestern Commission Board to appoint James Brown and Bobbie Carpenter to another 3 year term. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve. Commissioner Sherrill seconded. Commissioner Trull wanted by-laws to show terms ending just as a precautionary to make sure no one was serving excessive terms. Vote unanimous. The Soil and Water Conservation Board wanted to appoint Rick Davis as a representative to the Southwestern NC RC&D Council. Commissioner Cable felt that Mr. Davis was being appointed to many boards and he felt this request should be denied. Commissioner Cody will request another name for appointment.
9. The bid for the Jail Meals for the period of October 15th thru June 30th, with two bids: Lynn's Place - \$6.09 per meal and Our Daily Bread - \$5.34 per meal. Commissioner Cable made the motion to accept the lowest bid. Commissioner Trull seconded. Vote unanimous.
10. Commissioner Cody also spoke about an Incentive Program for low income grants for NC businesses in small counties. The needs vs. population will be the deciding factor on issuing these monies. All Board was in favor to draw a resolution up to present to this program.
11. The Board also adopted a Capital Project Ordinance concerning the Pool Project Grants. Sharon Edmondson, NC State Auditor urged the board to

- adopt this ordinance. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve. Commissioner Cable seconded. Vote unanimous.
12. Commissioner Cody also discussed that the Rural Development wanted fees waived for a house they are building. Under this program, the house would be used for a period of time then sold and split the profits with the school. Commissioner Trull did not feel we should participate in the. Commissioner Williams made the motion to table this for more information. Commissioner Trull seconded. Vote unanimous.
 13. Commissioner Trull brought up the auditors coming to the county about the 2007 audit. He felt like the commissioners needed to be informed about these meetings. Commissioner Cody stated the problem was due to the previous administration recording items in the wrong places but the state felt the audit would be finished quickly. Commissioner Cable wants to replace the auditors Dixon & Hughes. Commissioner Cody stated that would be okay after the audit for 2007 was finished but we had to finalize all budgets before.
 14. Commissioner Trull also asked about the gas tank covers that were purchased in Jackson County instead of Graham. Commissioner Cody stated that the covers were purchased at a significant savings and that 3 bids were taken and the county went with the lowest bid.
 15. Commissioner Cable made the motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Williams seconded. Vote unanimous.
 16. Commissioner Cable made the motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Trull seconded. Vote unanimous.
 17. The Board reviewed the bids to fix the wrecked Sheriff's car. The bid was awarded to Adam's Body shop, the lowest bid.
 18. The Board also gave permission for the Sheriff's department to run an ad in the paper for two weeks on bids for a new Sheriff's car.
 19. Commissioner Cody made the motion to close the meeting. Commissioner Sherrill seconded. Vote unanimous.

Lynn Cody, Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

Billy Cable, Vice-Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

Jerry Sherrill, Member, Graham County Commissioner

Eugene Trull, Member, Graham County Commissioner

Raymond Williams, Member, Graham County Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board