

Special Meeting Friday, July 31, 2009

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met today Friday, July 31, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. at the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC 28771 for a Special Meeting with the Graham County Board of Education personnel for the purpose of discussing a Qualified School Construction Bond. Present were: Chairman Bruce Snyder, Members Billy Cable, Steve Odom and Gene Trull, School Personnel: Superintendent Chip Carringer and Finance Officer Lester Greene. Chairman Bruce Snyder called the meeting to order.

Chairman Snyder asks Superintendent Carringer to proceed. Superintendent Carringer thanked the Board of Commissioners for the opportunity to speak. He stated that the school had several projects that he would like to see finished. He stated that the bond would be used to renovate the old funeral home and the old health department buildings. He stated that both buildings were dilapidated. He also stated that the auxiliary gym at the high school needed reflooring. He also stated that he believed that the school would have the funds to repay the proposed bond. The bond would be for twelve (12) years and he could show proof of repayment for four (4) years as this time. Several questions were asked by the board of commissioners.

Rebecca Garland spoke on the issue of the bond and stated that she had been in touch with the Local Government Commission and they were very adamant about the bonds requiring complete audits up to date. Rebecca stated that the LGC would not allow the bond without an audit and the audits would not be complete until January 31, 2010 and the deadline for this bond was in November 2009 and she could see no alternative to change those deadlines. The board asked questions about the amounts and if proof of repayment was an issue. Rebecca also stated that if the board decided to proceed with the bond, she recommended that the school make a resolution stating that all repayment would be the schools responsibilities. All Board was in agreement to the resolution being made before they would consider the bond.

Superintendent Carringer stated that the paper being signed today was permission from the County Commissioners to the School to apply for the bond. He stated that this was not for the actual bond but for the application only. Commissioner Snyder made the motion to allow the school to apply for the application. Commissioner Snyder asks for a second. Motion failed due to no second.

Superintendent Carringer stated that he respectfully disagreed but understood the position that the county was in concerning the audits. He thanked the board for their time. Commissioner Odom made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Trull seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

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Bruce Snyder, Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

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Sandra Smith, Vice-Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

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Billy Cable, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Steve Odom, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Eugene Trull, Member, Graham County Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board

