

Thursday, September 17, 2009

The Graham County Board of Elections had a Special meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 5:00 pm at the Board of Elections office at 18 Court Street, Robbinsville, NC. Present were Chairman Cody, Secretary Colvard, Member Ditmore, Mack Tallant, Steve Krake, and Christopher L. Griggs, and Director Farley.

1. Chairman Cody called the meeting to order and read the agenda. Secretary Colvard made a motion to amend the agenda by changing the wording of item three to "preliminary hearing". Member Ditmore seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.
2. No public comment.
3. Mr. Tallant stated that Mr. Griggs is challenging the right of David James Boulay to remain registered in the Town of Lake Santeetlah due to residency issues. Mr. Tallant also stated that the purpose of this preliminary hearing is to establish probable cause through the presentation of evidence by Mr. Griggs. If the Board finds sufficient evidence to proceed, another hearing would need to be scheduled.

Mr. Tallant then placed Mr. Griggs under oath and asked him to present his evidence to the Board. Mr. Griggs presented the Board with information on the family of Mr. Boulay including tax records and the mailing address for the tax bills was P.O. Box 225, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745. He also presented the Board with phone numbers used by Mr. Boulay that are IN Haywood County. Mr. Griggs presented the board with information that Mr. Boulay had school aged children that are not or attending the Graham County Schools. Mr. Griggs states that in his personal observation as of August of this year 2009, he has been monitoring the activity of the Boulay home and it is obvious it is a vacation or investment property. There is however a white SUV that maintains a vigil on the driveway.

4. Chairman Cody asked the board if they had any question, or were ready to make a decision on the evidence produced by Mr. Griggs. Member Ditmore made a motion to go forward to a formal hearing based on the evidence presented by Mr. Griggs. Secretary Colvard seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Board chose Friday, October 9, 2009 as day of hearing. Hearing will be held in the courtroom of the Graham County Courthouse located at 12 N. Main Street, Robbinsville, NC 28771. Hearing is to begin at 1:00 pm.

5. Secretary Colvard made a motion to adjourn. Member Ditmore seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Dirk Cody, Chairman

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Juanita Colvard, Secretary

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Billy Ditmore, Member