

Workshop Session – May 19, 2014

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, May 19, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. for their regular workshop session in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville NC. Commissioners present were: Billy Holder, Keith Eller, Connie Orr and Raymond Williams. Commissioner Robert M. Edwards was absent and excused by the board due to sickness.

1. Commissioner Holder called the meeting to order.

2. Commissioner Holder asks Alicia Parham, Heath Director to speak. Ms. Parham presented the board with a flyer on the Appalachian Care services that is coming to Cherokee and Swain Counties and stated that Graham County will be assisting them. Ms. Parham stated that the dates for the clinic are June 2nd through June 12th and the clinic is for free care that will be provided on a “first-come-first serve” basis. The clinic will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. Ms. Parham stated that this event is a partnership between the United States Department of Defense, the North Carolina Office of Rural Health and Community Care, Appalachian Regional Commission, Murphy Medical Center, Health Departments of Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Swain Counties, Truett Baptist Association Dental Ministry, MedWest Hospital, state and local agencies, churches and citizens. Ms. Parham stated that our Transit Department will be assisting in the transportation to and from the clinic. Ms. Parham stated that she would be attending training and the board is welcome to attend. The board was very pleased with this free clinic that will provide primary care, optometry, dental care, health living classes and small veterinary services. Commissioner Orr stated that this is huge for our rural counties.

3. Manager Cable gave the board an update on the TSW Comp Plan and stated that he was awaiting confirmation of the plan. Manager Cable stated that Commissioner Edwards gave a great speech at the summit that was held at Cherokee, NC. The board all agrees that Corridor K is a major priority on this plan and understood that the team writing the plan was reluctant to make this a strong part. Manager Cable stated that he told the team that our board would object to the entire plan if it is not written correctly.

4. Bill Flannigan, a member in the audience, asks about the Intersection of Lower Sawyer’s Creek Road and Hwy 129 and the need for guardrails at this intersection. Commissioner Holder stated that this was very dangerous and cars can hydroplane very easily. Commissioner Orr asks that we get reports of the accidents at this location to help make a point to the NCDOT and maybe this will expedite the installation of guardrails.

5. Commissioner Holder adjourned the Worksession.

Robert M. (Mike) Edwards, Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

Billy Holder, Vice-Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

Keith Eller, Member, Graham County Commissioner

Connie Orr, Member, Graham County Commissioner

Raymond Williams, Member, Graham County Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board