

Tuesday November 10, 2015 10:30 am

The Graham County board of Elections met for a continued meeting on Tuesday November 10, 2015 at 10:30 am at the Graham County Board of Elections office located at 18 Court Street Robbinsville, NC. Present were Chairman Ditmore, Secretary Crisp, Member Colvard, Director Garland, Deputy Director Adams, Jack & Connie Gross, Roger Carlton and County Attorney Donna Cody.

- 1. Chairman Ditmore called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve or amend the agenda as written. Member Colvard made a motion to approve the agenda as written; Secretary Crisp made a second to the motion. Vote was unanimous.*
- 2. Member Colvard made a motion to go into closed session per NCGS 143.318.11(a) (3); Secretary Crisp made a second to the motion. Vote was unanimous. Roger Carlton wanted to speak, Member Colvard made a motion to suspend the motion of going into closed session; Secretary Crisp made a second to the motion. Vote was unanimous. Roger Carlton asked that the board formally defer the certification of the Election CANVASS at 11:00 am until this evening so that he may sit down with the county attorney and attempt to negotiate a resolution that could potentially withdraw the protest. The board thanked him. Member Colvard made a motion to go into closed session per NCGS 143.318.11(a) (3); Secretary Crisp made a second to the motion. Vote was unanimous. Chairman Ditmore made the motion to re-open the meeting; Member Colvard made a second to the motion. Vote was unanimous. Member Colvard stated that we do have a duty to go ahead with the CANVASS as prescribed by law, of which Director Garland gave all who were in attendance a copy of that law. Chairman Ditmore read the statute concerning the CANVASS, NCGS 163-182.1(3) If a protest concerns an irregularity other than counting or tabulating of votes, that process shall not delay the CANVASS. Member Colvard made a motion to continue this meeting until 2:00 pm and to go forward with the canvass; Secretary Crisp made a second to the motion. Vote was unanimous.*

Billy Dítmore, Chairman

Lowell Crisp, Secretary

Juanita Colvard, Member