

Workshop Session – February 18, 2013

The Graham County Board of County Commissioners met Monday, February 18, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. for their regular workshop session in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville NC. Commissioner Edwards called the workshop session to order.

1. Commissioner Edwards asks about Wanda Hill, Senior Citizens Director. Clerk Crisp stated that Ms. Hill was in a meeting and would come to the workshop session just as soon as she could.
2. Commissioner Edwards stated that the county board needed to decide on the Revaluation for 2015. Commissioner Edwards asks the board's pleasure on doing the revaluation in house or contracting the work out.
3. Commissioner Edwards asks Krystina Collins, Public Health Nurse to speak. Ms. Collins stated that she was here to get approval for the Community Health Assessment Priorities which are 1) Physical Activity and 2) Access to Health Care. Ms. Collins stated that the assessment had been presented at an earlier meeting but she did need the board to approve the priorities that was chosen as well as the assessment. Commissioner Edwards thanked Ms. Collins for her presentation.
4. Commissioner Edwards asks the board for their opinions on the revaluation. Clerk Crisp stated that she would call the Tax Assessor if the board needed to ask further questions. Commissioner Orr stated that we have trained employees that can do the work but she understood that more staff was needed. Commissioner Orr stated that we needed to make sure that our local people are treated more fairly. Commissioner Edwards asks if the other board members had comments. Commissioner Holder stated that the last revaluation that was done was during the time that the economy was booming and for the last four years the bottom has dropped out and we should take this into consideration. Commissioner Holder stated that some property has been sold high and some reasonable but the taxpayers of the county should not be penalized because someone chooses to pay high prices for land. Commissioner Edwards stated that he needed a better understanding on the schedule of values and how these are determined. The board discussed hiring an outside appraisal to assist. Finance Officer Rebecca Garland stated that the county would have around one hundred ninety thousand dollars in funds for the revaluation. The board discussed the various ways to look at the values and all agreed that the work needed to be done in house. The board discussed hiring temporary staff to assist in the revaluation. The board all agreed that one size did not fit all in our county and the values needed to be adjusted. Commissioner Eller stated that he thought there were only 300 new parcels that had been added since the last revaluation and the mapping office would have all this information available.
5. Commissioner Edwards asks Wanda Hill to speak. Ms. Hill showed the board her colors samples that she chose for the new senior citizens building and asks if the colors were okay with the board. The board was fine with her choices.

---

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

---

Keith Eller, Member, Graham County Commissioner

---

Billy Holder, Member, Graham County Commissioner

---

Connie Orr, Member, Graham County Commissioner

---

Raymond Williams. Member, Graham County Commissioner

ATTEST:

---

Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board