

Special Meeting – July 7, 2020

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC to discuss the recommendation for Sheriff by the Executive Committee of the Republican Party. Board present Dale Wiggins, Jacob Nelms and Connie Orr. Board present by teleconference Lynn Cody. Board absent Keith Eller, due to a conflict of interest as he was one of the candidates. Also, present Attorney Coward, Manager Becky Garland, Jerry Crisp, Roger Carlton, and Graham Star Editor Kevin Hensley.

1. Chairman Wiggins called the meeting to order.
2. Chairman Wiggins stated that we needed to postpone the meeting to 12:00 noon so that Commissioner Orr would be able to attend. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to postpone the meeting to noon. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chairman Wiggins called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon and stated that all board was present with the exception of Commissioner Eller who was excused from the meeting.
4. Chairman Wiggins asks the board to amend the agenda and include as Item 2A Accept Resignation of Sheriff Joseph Jones. Commissioner Orr made the motion to amend the agenda as stated. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Chairman Wiggins asks for a motion to accept the resignations of Joseph Jones as Sheriff with the effective date of June 30, 2020. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to accept the resignation as stated. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. Chairman Wiggins stated that there are some legal issues that the board needs to discuss prior to Item 3 – Presentation of the Recommendation for Sheriff by the Executive Committee of the Republican Party and asks for a motion to go into closed session under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)(3)(5)(6) for privileged or confidential information, attorney-client privilege, personnel and contracts. Commissioner Orr made the motion to go into closed session as stated. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
7. Commissioner Orr made the motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
8. Chairman Wiggins stated that the recommendation by the Executive Committee of the Republican Party for the Sheriff nomination was Jerry Crisp to fill the expired term and asks for a motion to approve this recommendation. Motion failed due to no response.
9. Chairman Wiggins stated that based on a failed motion the board will refer to G.S. 162-5.1 until this can be resolved and will recognize the Chief Deputy as the acting Sheriff. Attorney Coward stated that the board would need to make a motion to follow G.S. 162-5.1. Commissioner Orr made the motion to follow G.S. 162-5.1 as stated. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
10. Chairman Wiggins asks for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

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Dale Wiggins, Chairman

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Lynn Cody, Vice-Chairman

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Keith Eller, Member

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Jacob Nelms, Member

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Connie Orr, Member

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board

