

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, August 18, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville NC for their regular workshop session. Board present was: Keith Eller, Billy Holder, Lynn Cody and Raymond Williams. Commissioner Orr was absent and excused.

1. Chairman Eller called the workshop session to order.
2. Manager Cable stated that Ryan Sherby with Southwest Commission was unable to make the meeting due to unforeseen circumstances and apologized to the board. Manager Cable stated that Mr. Sherby would be rescheduling this meeting at a later date.
3. Chairman Eller asks Erma Phillips, Tax Assessor to speak. Ms. Phillips stated that a tax appeal would be coming before the board in the regular meeting regarding Conley Shope property. Ms. Phillips stated that the difference in the tax evaluation was in the land value and in the percentage of the house completion and she could not change that price that was agreed upon. Ms. Phillips stated that Ms. Shope had called and wanted to appeal to the Board of E&R but she cancelled the scheduled meeting and did not have another appeal until the new taxes had been mailed out. Ms. Phillips stated that the agreed upon price was on a 50% completion versus the 90% completion that they now have and felt that the home owners should have understood that there is a price difference between a 50% and a 90% completion. Ms. Phillips stated that the agreed upon price with the NC Department of Revenue, the Shope's, and the Tax Assessor was based on 50% completion. Manager Cable stated that he had looked at the home and it is quite a structure with a lot on concrete and rock work. Ms. Phillips stated that the comparables that was used by Bryan Farley, Surveyor was neither the same quality nor the same decade as this house. Mr. Ron McCarthy, Assessor, stated that one of the other homes being compared to this home was built in 1996 and it did not have the same view. The board thanked Ms. Phillips for her time.
4. Manager Cable stated that he would need to get direction from the board on the NCDOT Prioritization of roads in Graham County. Manager Cable stated that a new method was adopted this past year and District 14 which includes Graham County did not even make the score sheet. Manager Cable stated that Districts 1, 8, and 14 did not receive any projects on the state level. Manager Cable presented the board with a listing of projects for them to review and asks which projects they wanted to allocate points too. The board had discussion on the listing and leaned toward the second entrance into the High School. Manager Cable stated that the board would need to designate the points in the regular session.
5. Bill Flannigan, a member in the audience asks about the proposed helicopter pad at Tsali. Manager Cable stated that Graham and Swain Counties are ready to build the pad but the state assessment came in too high and the two county boards did not want to waste taxpayer dollars when we can build the pad ourselves at a much cheaper price. Manager Cable stated that NDCOT took the project back to the table and lowered the price and we should be hearing from them within the next couple of months. The board wanted this project to go through as quickly as possible.
6. Chairman Eller asks for further comment. No further comment was given.
7. Chairman Eller adjourned the workshop.

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Keith Eller, Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

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Billy Holder, Vice-Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

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Lynn Cody, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Connie Orr, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Raymond Williams, Member, Graham County Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board

