

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for their regular monthly workshop session. All board was present.

1. Chairman Eller called the workshop session to order.
2. Chairman Eller asks Jack Gross to speak. Mr. Gross stated that he was here to discuss his property taxes and he is only asking to be treated fairly. Mr. Gross stated that he had appealed his taxes in the past and went along with the commissioner ruling but now the Town of Santeetlah has claimed ownership to the waterfront portion of his property. Mr. Gross stated that the Town bid the property off and his neighbor bid \$20,000.00 for the property and Mr. Gross filed a lawsuit against the Town. Mr. Gross stated that he has spent \$13,000.00 in the lawsuit to date. Mr. Gross stated that he should be taxed for lake view lot instead of lake front lot since he doesn't own this section of his property. Mr. Gross stated that the Town of Santeetlah is taxing him for property that he doesn't own. Mr. Gross stated that Brookfield issued a permit to remove all docks in the past but this is no longer an issue at this time and further stated that they were grandfathered in. Mr. Gross stated that his dock is located in the corner section of his property which requires him to cross the property that the Town claims ownership to. Mr. Gross stated that there is also another matter concerning septic tank repairs due to the property that Town of Santeetlah is claiming ownership. Mr. Gross stated that he has a legal survey of his property. Chairman Eller asks if the Town of Santeetlah has stopped him from crossing their property to get to his dock. The board asked for a copy of the survey. Commissioner Wiggins stated that the tax assessor and the county lawyer needed to have discussion on this issue that has been presented and make sure that the proper thing is done. Mr. Gross thanked the board for their time and stated that fair is fair. Manager Garland stated that Mr. Roger Schilf was asking to speak today as well but he had a death in his family and was unable to attend. Manager Garland stated that his concern is to give the commissioners a heads up on the strip of property that the Town of Santeetlah claimed and if the homeowners kept the property as one piece then they would not be allowed to repair their sewer and/or drain line. Mr. Gross stated that this is correct and it will cause the property owners to come before the commissioners for a decrease in taxes due to land that they cannot use.
3. Chairman Eller asks for further discussion. No further discussion was given.
4. Chairman Eller asks for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Keith Eller, Chairman, Graham County Board of Commissioners

Connie Orr, Vice-Chairman, Graham County Board of Commissioners

Jacob Nelms, Member, Graham County Board of Commissioners

Dale Wiggins, Member, Graham County Board of Commissioners

Raymond Williams, Member, Graham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board