

GCCC Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2015

The GCCC met on Saturday, January 10 at 9:00 AM to hold an all-day work session on the Greene County Charter. Chairman Cobble called the meeting to order and opened in prayer. Secretary Houser read the minutes from the December 11, 2014 meeting.

Commissioner Waddle made a motion to accept the minutes for December 11.

Commissioner Davenport seconded the motion.

The GCCC voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Secretary Houser read the minutes from the December 18, 2014 meeting.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes from December 18.

Commissioner Waddle seconded the motion.

The GCCC voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Johnson led a discussion on Article 10 concerning the Finances of the County. Commissioner Johnson also recommended changes to the existing draft and the Commissioners engaged in broad discussions of various aspects of the County's financial systems.

The GCCC agreed to have a section on Zero-Based Budgeting added to Article 10.

The GCCC agreed to add a clause in the Charter to prohibit the County from imposing an income tax.

The Commissioners had discussions on placing caps on the amount of debt the County could incur.

Chairman Cobble made a motion to include in Article 10 the concept of limiting debt in relation to the debt- per-capita ratio.

Chair *Pro Tem* Wood seconded the motion.

The GCCC voted unanimously to accept this proposal.

Chairman Cobble made a motion to include the concept of limiting debt in relation to assessed property value in Article 10.

Chair *Pro Tem* Wood seconded the motion.

The GCCC voted unanimously to approve this proposal.

Chairman *Pro Tem* Wood made a motion to include in Article 10 the concept of limiting debt in relation to the debt-per-capita income.

Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion.

The GCCC voted 6-1 to approve this proposal.

The exact numbers for these ratios will be determined after further research.

Chairman *Pro Tem* Wood made a motion to allow the County Commission to raise the numbers in the ratio in the case of an ACT OF GOD. The exception would have to be passed on two separate 2/3 votes.

Chairman Cobble seconded the motion.

The GCCC voted unanimously to accept this proposal.

Chairman Cobble made a motion to adopt Section 10.06(c) from the 9/18/14 draft of the Charter.

Chairman *Pro Tem* Wood seconded the motion.

The GCCC voted unanimously to adopt this section.

The GCCC added a Section on Debt Management.

The GCCC recessed for lunch for 45 minutes. When the GCCC reconvened work continued on the wording of Article 10. The GCCC decided to merge the two concepts from Section 10.06(b) (1) and (2) and delete Section 10.06 (b) (2). Secretary Houser left the meeting at 2:00PM.

Chairman Cobble made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion.

Chairman Cobble discussed the idea of how to make the citizens aware of the content of the Charter. No immediate action was taken on the matter.

The GCCC voted unanimously to adjourn.