

## Regular Meeting Minutes – June 19, 2018

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for their regular monthly meeting. All board was present.

1. Chairman Eller called the meeting to order.
2. Chairman Eller asks Commissioner Williams to give the Invocation.
3. Chairman Eller asks Commissioner Orr to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Chairman Eller asks for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Chairman Eller asks for approval of the June 1<sup>st</sup> Special Meeting Minutes and the June 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Wiggins made the motion to approve the minutes as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. Chairman Eller stated that the board would now close the regular meeting and open a public hearing for the 2018-2019 Budget and asks for a motion from the board. Commissioner Orr made the motion. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
7. Manager Garland stated that in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 159-11, the Graham County Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget is balanced in accordance with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act with the total revenue and expenditures for \$17,020,116.00. Manager Garland stated that this budget is passed on a departmental level and a line item budget is available in the finance/county manager office for review. The line item budget is utilized for analytical purpose and internal management use. Manager Garland stated that the mil rate of \$.585 per \$100.00 remained in tack. Manager Garland stated that the operating budget is \$15,913,116.00 and the special revenue funds are: Revaluation - \$30,000.00; 911 Fund - \$320,000.00 and Economic Development Fund - \$757,000.00 for a total operating budget of \$17,020,116.00. Manager Garland stated that we have a 911 Call Center Capital Grant of \$1,500,000.00 which will be used on the completion of the new 911 Call Center. Manager Garland stated that revenue is derived from the following places: Property tax – current 41.09%; Property tax – past due 1.01%; Payments in Lieu of taxes 5.46%; Shared Revenues 21.13%; Shared Revenue Unrestricted 0.88%; Sales Tax 12.95%; Sales, Fees and Permits 12.71%; Interest on Investments 0.05%; Loans and Lease Proceeds 0.68%; Miscellaneous 0.41% and Fund Balance Restricted Funds 1.47%. Manager Garland stated that the expenditures categories are: General Government 22.14%; Public Safety 30.82%; Economic Development 1.30%; Human Services 26.65%; Cultural and Recreation 3.02%; Transportation 4.34%; Education, Including Debt Service 10.54%; Contributions to other Agencies 0.82%; Transfers to other Funds 0.06% and Contingency 0.31%. Manager Garland stated that the county was able to give the school \$1,000,000.00 in current expense.
8. Manager Garland asks for public comment. Beth Fields, Executive Director for the Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center asks to speak with the board. Ms. Fields thanked the board for their support and for funding the roof on the center. Ms. Fields presented the board with a summary of expenses; a fixed assets and improvements listing and a profit and loss statement for the center. Ms. Field requested that the board fund the center \$20,000.00 and stated that this is 3.33% of their operating budget. Ms. Fields thanked the board again for their support and asks that they reconsider their funding allocation and allot them the \$20,000.00. Commissioner Nelms asks the amount of appropriations that the center received last year. Ms. Fields stated that the center received \$5,000.00 and the roof. Ms. Fields stated that they request \$20,000.00 each year. The board thanked Ms. Fields for the information.
9. Rick Davis stated that he was very impressed to say that the Stecoah Valley Center has been operating for 21 years and have invested more than one million dollars into the community. Mr. Davis stated that the center has a board of directors that have a mission to promote Graham County. Mr. Davis stated that Ms. Fields was the chairman for GREAT at one time and served on the Travel and Tourism Board for Graham County. Mr. Davis stated that the center operated an afterschool program and started the JAM Program which has been a wonderful program. Mr. Davis stated that the center has a playground, walking track, outside restrooms, WIFI access, an upscale gift shop and a gallery for local artists to show their work. Mr. Davis stated that the center promotes the county well and they will continue to support and promote the county.

10. Chairman Eller asks for further public comment. No further comment was given.
11. Chairman Eller asks for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Orr made the motion to close the public hearing for the 2018-2019 Budget. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
12. Chairman Eller asks for a motion to open a public hearing for the 2019 Schedule of Values. Commissioner Wiggins made the motion to open the public hearing as stated. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
13. Chairman Eller asks Erma Phillips and Brandy Cook to speak. Ms. Phillips stated that she is here to take questions on the 2019 Schedule of Values. Ms. Phillips stated that this is a guideline for the tax office to go by during revaluation and doesn't set the pricing. Ms. Phillips stated that the pricing will be set after December 31<sup>st</sup> and will be valued by the square footage, number of acres, lake view, Mountain View, etc. Ms. Phillips asks for public comment. Commissioner Nelms asks if the comps could change the values and needed to understand the methodology to the pricing. Ms. Phillips stated that in the thunderbird section of the county there has been three sales and she must go by the comps of the sales in determining the values. Ms. Phillips stated that there is a range for pricing which are high, low and middle and you take the average of all three. Ms. Phillips stated that not all neighborhoods have sales so you have to compare the properties as best you can. Ms. Phillips stated that by state law she must go by qualified sales. Chairman Eller asks for further comment. Ms. Phillips stated that the Schedule of Values will need to be adopted on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at a continued meeting.
14. Chairman Eller ask for public comment. No public comment was given.
15. Chairman Eller asks for a motion to close the public hearing for the 2019 Schedule of Values. Commissioner Orr made the motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
16. Chairman Eller asks for a motion to open the public hearing for the Stanley Park. Commissioner Wiggins made the motion to open the public hearing for the Stanley Park. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
17. Chairman Eller asks Manager Garland to speak. Manager Garland gave a timeline on the Parks and Recreation Grant. Manager Garland stated that she is presenting a resolution for board consideration to withdraw the Stanley Park project as a PARTF grant and the reasons for the withdrawal are:
  - a. We were approved for the PARTF grant in 2014 in the amount of \$500,000 to take property donated by Stanley and convert it to a park.
  - b. Because it was a former industrial site, we felt that it was in the best interest of the potential users of the park, many of them children with their families to make sure that the area is safe from contaminants that could be detrimental to their health and welfare.
  - c. Following a two phased survey, Anchor QEA discovered substances which qualified a 6-7 acre area as a brownfield and under their guidelines, assisted us in reaching out to DEQ for their assessment.
  - d. They did find that there is no contamination of the groundwater at the site and on property adjacent to the site and that no contaminant has traveled into surface water. They tested residential wells in the area and found no contamination.
  - e. Following DEQ's reading of the reports, they placed Graham County under the Brownfield's program and are requiring that a full assessment of the acreage before Graham County could proceed with the PARTF program grant activities.
  - f. Graham County applied for an EPA assessment grant. We were turned down but were encouraged to reapply. This process will begin August 2018.
  - g. In addition, we were required to have an appraisal done on the property due to the fact that the discovery of the Brownfield devalued the property. This had an adverse effect on the grant because the land was standing as a dollar for dollar match.
  - h. During the course of this process, the three year window for use of the monies lapsed. We obtained an extension in September 2017. This extension expires September 2018 and under PARTF guidelines, there are no more extensions.
  - i. Graham County met with PARTF officials on several occasions and they recommend that because of the uncertainties surrounding the material buried causing the contamination, the timing of remediation, and the ability to use the

land as match, they encouraged us to return the grant. They will assist Graham County in finding other suitable sites for future grants and have encouraged us to reapply in the coming grant cycle ending next May and will provide technical assistance in the process.

- j. I want to state emphatically that the \$500,000 has not been drawn down. We have drawn down \$44,000 which will have to be returned at some point. PARTF will work with us to make the payback as easy on the County as possible because we have done our due diligence.
  - k. We hope that as things progress we will be able to remediate the issue without cost to the taxpayers of the County.
18. Manager Garland read the resolution authorizing the County of Graham to request termination withdrawal of a North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00.
  19. Chairman Eller asks for public comment. No public comment was given.
  20. Chairman Eller asks for a motion to close the public hearing and re-open the regular meeting. Commissioner Wiggins made the motion to close the public hearing and re-open the regular meeting. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
  21. Chairman Eller asks for the adoption of the 2018-2019 County Budget. Commissioner Orr made the motion to adopt the 2018-2019 County Budget as presented by Manager Garland. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
  22. Chairman Eller asks for a motion to adopt the withdrawal/termination of the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant. Commissioner Wiggins made the motion to adopt the withdrawal/termination of the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
  23. Chairman Eller asks Sara Thompson, SW Commission Executive Director to speak. Ms. Thompson stated that she was here to give the 2017 Annual Report. Ms. Thompson stated that the report presents a snapshot of the work they do throughout the year and all of it depends on the dedication of local elected officials as well as multitude of agencies and organizations with which they collaborate. Ms. Thompson states that they are laying the groundwork for a bright future for Region A. Ms. Thompson stated that Southwestern Commission was created in 1965 and they serve the (7) most western counties of North Carolina. Ms. Thompson stated that they collect dues based on per capita and they raised \$157,000.00 last year to use a leverage to a \$6,000,000.00 budget. Ms. Thompson stated that they have programs such as Area Agency on Aging which supplies Caregiver Support and is the fiduciary agent for Project C.A.R.E. in North Carolina. Ms. Thompson stated that our senior citizens center offer Dementia Programs. Ms. Thompson stated that they have Workforce Development to assist people who may have been dislocated from their jobs. Ms. Thompson stated that they also offer Community and Economic Development and offer mini grants to small businesses. Ms. Thompson stated that Commission Orr sits on their board and represents our region very well and Sophia Paulos sits on our Economic Development Board. Ms. Thompson thanked the board for their continued support. The board all thanked Ms. Thompson for all that she does for our county.
  24. Chairman Eller asks Sophia Paulos to give the EDC Monthly Report. Ms. Paulos stated that last month David Knight, new Director of the Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry Recruitment with the Department of Commerce came to visit our region. She was graduating from Leadership NC that day. As a resource, this office is a very important partner for Graham County so when I was in Raleigh several weeks ago for Rural Day I reached out to Mr. Knight to see if he could make some time for me while I was in the city and he did. In addition to discussing the importance of the outdoor industry to our state's entrepreneurs and tourism industry partners we were able to discuss the great potential for this industry to have a notable impact on WNC and specifically Graham County. We reviewed our county's continual rise in occupancy tax revenues and visitor expenditures and discussed opportunities for manufacturing recruitment. Graham County is the perfect location for outdoor gear manufacturers who want to build, work, and produce in the environment their products are designed for. Whether it were mountain bikes, fly fishing poles, hiking poles, canoes, or tents, products can be tested and demonstrated right here in Graham County, the very environment consumers will seek to use them. Manufacturing facilities of this nature often become destinations in and of themselves. One of the more famous examples is the original LL Bean facility in Freeport, Maine. Both a manufacturer and retailer LL Bean sees nearly 3 million visitors a year at this site. Smaller manufacturers that use a similar model can expect to see visitors in the thousands annually. The

outdoor recreation industry is vital to the state's economy and the economy of Graham County. For this reason, she has the honor of representing the Mountain West Partnership and Graham County at the upcoming Outdoor Retailer Conference in Denver this July. Mr. Knight's Office, Mountain West Partnership, and several industry leaders from across the state will have the pleasure of working with the Economic Development Partnership to promote each of our regions to the industry's largest gatherings of outdoor gear builders, retailers, and promoters. In addition to being an opportunity to promote our beautiful mountains to brands and media we will have the opportunity to promote them as the ideal location for outdoor gear manufactures to locate, create jobs and build our economy. She looks forward to reporting on this experience to the board in August. As a side note, Graham County is gaining national attention as a destination. She was recently contacted by Roy Furchgott of the New York Times. Mr. Furchgott is an avid gearhead and Graham County is on his radar. He is now working on a story for the times about the impact motorcycles have on the tourism economy and she anticipates a story that reflects his positive view of Graham County and the incredible beauty she holds. Mr. Furchgott will notify her when the NY Times determines the publication date.

25. As this board is aware, Ms. Paulos has been serving on the Mountain BizWorks Credit Committee for the last year. Mountain BizWorks is a regional CDFI based in Asheville. A few years ago, seeing the large need for small business lending for entrepreneurs in their much more rural neighboring counties, Mountain BizWorks began to expand their geographic footprint in order to serve all of Western NC. We learned at Rural Day that small business lending in the state has remained critically low since the recession in 2008. From 2005 to 2015, loans to small businesses declined statewide by 26,299 loans, for a loss of \$3.5 billion. For rural North Carolina, there were 19,688 fewer small business loans made in 2015 than in 2005, resulting in a reduction of total loan value by \$1.6 billion. This is one of many reasons the work Mountain BizWorks is doing in our region is so important. Since she began serving on their committee 1 year ago she is proud to say that Mountain BizWorks has invested \$300k in loan capital directly into multiple Graham County businesses and provided 66 hours of technical assistance to business owners in our county. It is for these and many other reasons that she is honored to announce that she has been appointed to the Mountain BizWorks Board of Directors to represent the concerns of and advocate for the concerns of rural based entrepreneurs and small businesses.
26. Over the past month we learned that the State Historic Preservation Office is dedicated to helping preserve the history and heritage of Graham County. Lisa Buckley and Annie McDonald are joyfully up to their ears in all things Graham County. The Graham County Historical Society and our Main Street efforts have caught the attention of the state and this year they are coming to support those efforts. Lisa and Amy are working to support our efforts to tell the story of Graham County, preserving her history and her heritage. The vast amount of historical that is being consolidated by the HPO will support efforts by the Graham County History Museum to share all of the things that have made Graham County special through museum designs and displays. Scheduled for completion this fall, the project involves the documentation of approximately 150 buildings built prior to 1975 across the town. Ms. Buckley will be in Robbinsville for fieldwork July 9-13, 2018 and subsequently will return for follow-up fieldwork as needed. She also will meet with representatives of the town and local historians. In addition to documenting properties with photographs, written descriptions, and oral and archival history, Ms. Buckley will identify properties that appear to be potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, either individually or as districts. At the conclusion of the project, the HPO will share the digital files with the town. Public access to the information will be available through HPOWEB, the HPO's geographic information system, which is accessible online at <http://gis.ncdcr.gov/hpweb/>. The survey material will facilitate the environmental review necessary for state and federal undertakings and will aid in planning for future economic and community development projects. Survey products also will be useful for the continued development of heritage tourism programs in Robbinsville. Listing as **eligible** for the National Historic Register will not require property owners to register. It will however give them solid tools to use should a state or federal government project ever propose to interfere with an individual property owners rights. Additionally, it will provide property owners the option of tax credits for building rehabilitation and access to some grant funding sources. Ms. Paulos is excited about this effort for the vast amount of support it will lend to the efforts of the Graham County Historical Society and Museum. She is equally excited about the great amount of weight this specific effort is going to give to our Main Street Community application next year. The

support we will be receiving from the State Historic Preservation Office for this project has an estimated value of \$20,000. (Exact value will not be determined until project completion; February 2019)

27. Our grant applications for the Community Para-medicine Program, 3D Mammogram Machine, and Strategic Tourism Plan Implementation have been recommended to the Governor's Office. From there they will go onto D.C. for final federal approval. We are anticipating the announcements for those grants to come through in September or October and she will keep the board posted on these grants as they progress.
28. The final application for Project Chiron was hand delivered to Melody Adams and the Department of Commerce last month and we are now anxiously awaiting the response from the department set to come this Thursday June 21, 2018.
29. Chairman Eller asks for the finance and manager's report. Manager Garland stated that we ended the month of May with a \$7,902,873.03 cash balance which is up \$70,000.00 and we are still awaiting \$476,634.32 of 911 Grant Funds reimbursement. Manager Garland stated that our current tax collections are \$36,829.52 and the prior year taxes were \$10,121.44 giving us a total collections of \$469,950.96. Manager Garland stated that our DMV collections was \$43,493.84 for the month. Manager Garland stated that our total real property collections for the year are \$6,258,297.25, DMV \$425,950.81 and we are ahead \$120,000.00 from this time last year. Manager Garland stated that the tax office was doing a great job. Manager Garland stated that our tax collection rate to date is 97.03% and this time last year it was 96.38%. Manager Garland stated that we have uncollected taxes for 2016 of \$92,944.17 and for 2017 of \$185,485.10.
30. Manager Garland stated that our revenues for the month was \$716,559.31 and our expenditures was \$1,070,001.54 giving us a deficit of \$353,442.23. Manager Garland stated that our revenues to date are \$13,370,330.01 and our expenditures are \$12,148,157.02 giving us a surplus of \$1,222,172.99 which will help us tremendously.
31. Manager Garland stated that our sales tax collections was \$159,429.75 and we are ahead from this time last month of \$151,884.01. Manager Garland stated that she estimates that the school will received around \$82,000.00 through the sales tax expansion.
32. Manager Garland stated that the tax office has collected prior year taxes in the amount of \$521,876.00 and further stated that the county has done very well by implementing policy to collect the past due collections.
33. Manager Garland stated that the budget is doing well, the sheriff's office is tracking slim but the jail is coming in over budget so she will be able to transfer funds from the jail to the sheriff's department to cover any overages. Manager Garland stated that the county has 25% left of their budget and the ideal percentage is 8% so she is very pleased with all the department heads.
34. Manager Garland stated that the NCACC is asking for each county to send in the name of the commissioner who will serve as our voting delegate for the county. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to appoint Commissioner Orr as the voting delegate. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
35. Manager Garland stated that the board should have received an email from NACO about a class action lawsuit filed by Kane County, Utah against the US Government to recover PILT funds that were underpaid between the years of 2015-2017. Manager Garland stated that a judge declared that the underpayment did occur and we were identified as a county to recover funds. Manager Garland stated that we were instructed to opt in to the suit for which she has already taken care of and she did give the board a copy of our opt in form and the lawsuit for their review.
36. Manager Garland stated that Graham County elected officials have been invited to register for the 2018 Advanced Leadership Corps in Chapel Hill from September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 5, 2018. The goal of the program is to form a dynamic and sustainable leadership network across the state. This week-long residential program is especially designed to bring highly motivated municipal and county elected leaders together to learn more about themselves and to improve their leadership practices. Any experienced elected official may apply and the fee is \$500.00 which includes lodging, meals, materials and two hours to follow up coaching by certified professional coaches. This is for elected officials only and the deadline to apply is July 13, 2018 and there is room for only (12) county participants in the program.
37. Manager Garland stated that EMS Director Larry Hembree has located a refurbished power stretcher with the Valleytown Rural Fire Department. They purchased it for \$8000.00 to give aid and assistance to the Cherokee County Ems and the relationship did not work out and Director Hembree has been investigating pricing and thinks he can get it for \$4000.00. Manager Garland stated that he needs to evaluate it but would like to have permission to purchase it if he feels

- that it will be workable. Manager Garland stated that since we will not be purchasing a new ambulance with a new stretcher this coming year, he would like to use some of his supplies budget to cover the cost. Commissioner Orr made the motion to allow the purchase of the refurbished power stretcher. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
38. Manager Garland stated that Habitat for Humanity has identified a homeowner here in the county who qualifies for the house that will be constructed with the SECU Funds. Manager Garland stated that they anticipate that the construction process will begin soon and they have asked the county to assist with the cost of the building and septic permit fees. The board all agreed that they could not waive the fees according to law.
  39. Manager Garland stated that she sent our advertisement for RFQ's for the CDBG Grant Application and we received one response. Manager Garland stated that under the federal procurement standards we will have to re-advertise and if we get only one response at that point, we can accept the proposal. Manager Garland stated that she received an email that the grant funding per locality has been capped at \$250,000.00 per grant applicant which has dropped from the original \$750,000.00.
  40. Manager Garland stated that we have a new District Ranger, Andy Gaston and he has reached out to her to coordinate a meeting and asks if any commissioner would like to attend. Commissioner Wiggins stated that he would like to attend.
  41. Manager Garland gave the board some material for review which includes a letter regarding the closure of Blue Boar Road.
  42. Manager Garland stated that the Cherokee Scout is printing an article regarding the Tri-County Community College Funding.
  43. Manager Garland asks the board if they wanted to participate in the Beaver Management Program. The board denied this request.
  44. Manager Garland gave the board the law on H320 Expansion to Types of Land that Qualify for PUV as Wildlife Conservation and stated that it passed almost unanimously in the House and Senate and was done in a matter of days with an amendment that increased the acreage that can be placed into PUV from 100 acres to 800 acres for hunting, fishing and indigenous animals on the land. The General Assembly has not determined the negative impact on valuations for property taxes. The fiscal note read: "The expansion of land that qualifies for Wildlife PUV will result in reduced valuations and tax revenues for counties and possibly some municipalities with qualifying properties; however, it is not known how many additional acres will qualify. Therefore no estimates of the impact is available." It also reads: Net Local Impact: Likely Local Impact – No Estimate Available. The Wake County Assessor sent out the alert and there was no discussion with local leaders or the NCACC about local impacts.
  45. Manager Garland stated that Mission Health Systems Regional Advocacy Director visited and brought information relative to the buyout with HCA. Currently, they are in the due diligence phase which will take several months and will be then referred to the NC Attorney General Office. Manager Garland spoke to them about our challenges in access to care and our concerns about what will happen after the buyout. They are committed to building an all new hospital facility in Franklin to replace the old Angel Hospital and if the buyout is finalized they will be setting up a foundation that will benefit WNC for community health and wellness initiatives, including grants for recreation for wellness. Commissioner Orr stated that she has spoken with Graham Care Center and they do offer physical therapy but do not accept BCBS and she asked them if they would be willing to work with us to provide the physical therapy to our residents. Commissioner Orr stated that they will explore the idea and then we can meet and talk about it.
  46. Chairman Eller asks for public comment. No public comment was given.
  47. Chairman Eller asks for the discussion items. Manager Garland stated that it was time to reappoint Tajuana Ledwell as the Graham County Tax Collector and her last reappointment was for (4) years. The board had discussion on the number of years for appointment. Commissioner Williams made the motion to reappoint Tajuana Ledwell for (8) years. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
  48. Manager Garland stated that we needed to appoint Amy Johnson as the Graham County Deputy Tax Collector. Commissioner Williams made the motion to appoint Amy Johnson for (4) years. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
  49. Manager Garland stated that we needed to reappoint Erma Phillips as the Graham County Tax Assessor until July 31, 2018. Commissioner Orr made the motion to appoint Erma Phillips until July 31, 2018. Commissioner Wiggins seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

50. Manager Garland stated that we needed to appoint Brandy Cook as the Graham County Tax Assessor for either a (2) year term or a (4) year term. Commissioner Wiggins made the motion to appoint Brandy Cook for (4) years beginning August 1, 2018. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
51. Manager Garland stated that the board received an invitation to Child Crisis Center in Asheville June 21, 2018.
52. Manager Garland stated that the board needed to reappoint or replace Rick Davis on the Travel and Tourism Board. Commissioner Williams made the motion to replace Rick Davis with Meredith Jenkins, a Fontana Village employee for a two year term. Commissioner Wiggins seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
53. Manager Garland stated that the board needed to reappoint the following members to the EDC Board: Randy Collins will replace Amy Holder; Angela Knight; Adam Wachacha, Suzanne Wiggins and Keith Rogers (declined with a written resignation). Commissioner Nelms made the motion to table the appointment of Keith Rogers's seat; appoint Suzanne Wiggins to a one year term, appoint Randy Collins, reappoint Angela Knight and Adam Wachacha to the Economic Development Board. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
54. Manager Garland stated that board needed to reappoint Connie Orr to the SW Region A Advisory Board. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to reappoint Commissioner Orr to the SW Region A Advisory Board. Commissioner Wiggins seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
55. Chairman Eller stated that the board would need 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 Nelms made the motion to go into closed session as stated. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
56. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
57. Commissioner Orr made the motion to grant leave without pay to Tracy Jones and Chenoa Tracystone who are employed in the DSS Department. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
58. Chairman Eller stated that the board would need to continue this meeting to Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the Graham County Transit Facility. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to continue the meeting as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

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Keith Eller, Chairman, Graham County Board of Commissioners

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

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Jacob Nelms, Member, Graham County Board of Commissioners

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Dale Wiggins, Member, Graham County Board of Commissioners

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Raymond Williams, Member, Graham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board