

Continued Budget Workshop Meeting – May 28, 2019

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Graham County Transit Facility located at 201 West Fort Hill Robbinsville, NC 28771 for a continued budget workshop meeting. Commissioners present was Dale Wiggins, Connie Orr, Jacob Nelms, Lynn Cody and Keith Eller. Machel Crisp, Deputy Finance Officer served as Clerk to the Board due to Clerk Crisp absence.

1. Chairman Wiggins called the meeting to order.
2. Chairman Wiggins asks for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Eller seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chairman Wiggins asks the sheriff to discuss his budget. Sheriff Jones stated that the IVC laws are changing and he will have more officers traveling. Sheriff Jones stated that they would have to transport the juveniles to Buncombe County. Sheriff Jones stated that they would also have to transport them to Raleigh for evaluations. Sheriff Jones stated that they are required by law to keep two people per shift at the jail. The board had discussions on IVC's and Mental Health. The Sheriff agreed to a public hearing for discussion on his budget. The board agreed that a public hearing could be held on June 18th so the public could make comments concerning the sheriff's office.
4. The board had discussion on Rural Health.
5. The board discussed possible shift changes, which would save money.
6. The board discussed new ambulances and how often they needed to buy.
7. The board discussed patients being enrolled in the para-medicine program, which would reduce 911 calls. The board discussed the need to internally identify the patients; have hospitals educate the patients and everyone needed to work together.
8. Chairman Wiggins spoke regarding the EMS of Stecoah and Graham County.
9. Chairman Wiggins made a motion to go ahead with the para-medicine program. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
10. Chairman Wiggins asks for a motion to allow Chelsey Fletcher to have (5) days of bereavement leave. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to allow the leave. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. Commissioner Orr made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Dale Wiggins, Chairman, Graham County Board of Commissioners

Lynn Cody, Vice-Chairman, Graham County Board of Commissioners

Keith Eller, Member, Graham County Board of Commissioners

Jacob Nelms, Member, Graham County Board of Commissioners

Connie Orr, Member, Graham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board