

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. for their regular workshop session in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC. Commissioners present: Dale Wiggins, Lynn Cody, Connie Orr and Keith Eller. Commissioners absent: Jacob Nelms.

1. Chairman Wiggins called the workshop session to order.
2. Chairman Wiggins asks for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Eller made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chairman Wiggins asks for public comment. Commissioner Orr stated that she would give an update from the NCACC 2019 Goals Conference. Commissioner Orr stated that all five goals that the NCACC presented made it through and are in the top five and they are:
  - a. Seek legislation, funding, and other efforts to expand digital infrastructure/broadband capability to the unserved and under-served areas and residents of the state.
  - b. Seek additional revenue sources, including a statewide bond and lottery proceeds, to equitably address statewide public school and community college capital challenges.
  - c. Support efforts to preserve and expand the existing local revenue base of counties and authorize local option revenue sources already given to any other jurisdiction to all counties. Oppose efforts to divert to the state, fees or taxes currently allocated to the counties or to erode existing county revenue streams.
  - d. Support provision of state resources to ensure county ability to provide essential public health, behavioral health and social services, with specific consideration to the challenges of incarcerated persons, the continued county role in behavioral health governance, and programs addressing substance use disorder, throughout Medicaid transformation.
  - e. Seek legislation to repeal the statutory authority under N.C. Gen. Stat. 115C-431(c) that allows a local school board to file suit against a county board of commissioners over appropriations to the local board of education's capital outlay fund.
4. Commissioner Orr stated that she was also informed that we will be receiving workforce training through the Hometown Strong Program which is a program driven by the Governor's Office and he is putting a lot of emphasis on work and workforce training.
5. Chairman Wiggins stated that the board is invited to a meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> in Sylva with the WNC Stakeholders on Medicaid Transformation. Commissioner Orr stated that she will be attending this meeting.
6. Chairman Wiggins asks for a motion to adjourn the workshop session. Commissioner Orr made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

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Dale Wiggins, Chairman, Graham County Board of Commissioners

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

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Keith Eller, Member, Graham County Board of Commissioners

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Jacob Nelms, Member, Graham County Board of Commissioners

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Connie Orr, Member, Graham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board