

Budget Meeting - June 10, 2024

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met June 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Graham County Community building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for a budget meeting. All board was present. Also, present Interim County Manager/Clerk to the Board Kim Crisp, Finance Director Stacy Carpenter.

1. Chairman Nelms called the meeting to order.
2. Chairman Nelms asks for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chairman Nelms asks for discussion. The board discussed the departmental budgets and gave a directive to cut all non-essentials and give the department heads the opportunity to cut their own budgets and if they do not, cut them. The board reviewed the special appropriations. The board discussed internal control policies for some departments including recreation. The board needs to discuss charging for parking at the games, the other surrounding counties charge for parking and we should. The board wanted the residents to be exempt from the charge.
4. The board wanted the tax rate to stay the same and make cuts in the departments. The board learned that the tax collection rate went down some and this accounted for some loss in revenue.
5. The board discussed Gladdens Creek, Bear Creek and Snowbird dumpster sites. The board wanted the site at the Transfer Station manned. The board discussed potential days to open the sites that will be closed and wanted some numbers to review.
6. The board wanted the Tribe to be contacted on the past due ambulance bills and if they are not paid, send garnishments to the members that owe a bill.
7. The board discussed the fees for Wachacha Bald Tower and wanted to make sure that we have been receiving payment from the users.
8. The board discussed increasing the transfer station tipping fees and the pickup fees at Sanitation.
9. The board wanted the Town of Robbinsville to be notified that they are responsible for their dumping charges and agreed to charge them the actual cost to dump. The board all agreed that we pay water and sewer to them, they needed to pay dumpster fees to us.
10. Commissioner Williams made the motion to continue the meeting to Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

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Jacob Nelms, Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

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Natasha Williams, Vice-Chair, Graham County Commissioner

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Lynn Cody, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Connie Orr, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Keith Eller Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board