

Workshop Session – May 21, 2024

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. for their workshop session in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC. Board present Jacob Nelms, Natasha Williams, Keith Eller and Connie Orr. Board absent Lynn Cody. Also, present Interim County Manager/Clerk to the Board Kim Crisp.

1. Chairman Nelms called the meeting to order.
2. Chairman Nelms asks Thomas Menard to speak concerning the Rodeo. Mr. Menard stated that he was approached by Jerry Phillips and others in the county requesting use of the property across the road from the new recreation building to hold a rodeo event. Mr. Phillips stated that they will clear the site and prepare it for the rodeo with volunteers. Mr. Phillips stated that they are excited about this location, the parking will be accessible and in line with the radio. Mr. Menard stated that they will get temporary power and water and feels confident that the area will be taken care of for reuse for other events. Mr. Phillips asks that he be allowed to do underground service to the pole for future use. Chairman Nelms asks about insurance and who will provide proof of insurance. Commissioner Williams asks if this will be an on-going event. The men stated the company will have all the necessary insurance and yes, they would like for this to be a recurring event. The board asks the planned dates and those are June 28<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Phillips stated that they had 1500 people at the event last year and it was held in a mudhole, so he anticipates a lot more people for this one. Commissioner Orr asks what the charges are. Mr. Phillips stated that they charge Adults \$20.00; Youth \$10.00 and kids 8 years and under are free. The board asks about food vendors. Thomas Menard stated that recreation will have concessions and he will gladly invite other vendors to attend. Commissioner Orr stated that she likes to see our locals at every event and thanked the men for being interested in having the rodeo here in our county. Craig Hooper thanked the board for their time and stated that he would get copies of insurance and other legal documents that they may need prior to the event. The board all agreed that some type of waiver needed to be signed to hold the county harmless in the event of an accident. Mr. Hooper stated that would not be a problem.
3. Chairman Nelms asks for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Williams made the motion to adjourn. 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