

## Budget Meeting – April 8, 2025

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC. All board was present. Also, present Stacy Carpenter, Finance Director and Interim County Manager/Clerk to the Board Kim Crisp.

1. Chair Smith called the meeting to order.
2. Chair Smith asks for changes to the agenda. Chair Smith asks that we add #4a – County Manager and #4b – Job description under approval for Donna Stephens under new business. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the agenda with the stated change. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chair Smith asks Director Carpenter to proceed with the budget discussion. Director Carpenter stated that she had met with some department heads and met with Interim Manager Crisp to make cuts to the budget, and we are currently at a \$68,878.00 deficit. Director Carpenter stated that they had taken out all the raises and she is rounding everything to the closest dollar, they have cut capital outlay, office supplies, postage, and special appropriations.
4. Commissioner Cody stated that he did go through the budget in detail and applauded the ladies on their cuts because he could only cut to \$200,000.00. Commissioner Cody suggested that we raise the revenue on sales tax following the upward trend.
5. Interim Manager Crisp stated that the board could entertain the possibility of requesting an additional ¼ cent sales tax which would have to be voted on by the people. Interim Manager Crisp stated that this would but the burden on all people purchasing in Graham County instead of imposing a property tax increase. The board agreed to putting an additional ¼ cent up for a vote instead of raising property taxes.
6. Chair Smith asks for new or old business. Chair Smith introduced our new incoming County Manager Brady Cody. Mr. Cody stated that he is honored to accept the position and will be ready to take the office on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The board thanked Mr. Cody for accepting the position and they look forward to working with him and are ready for progress.
7. Chair Smith asks for a motion to approve the job description for Donna Stephens, Interim Health Director. Chair Orr asks that the motion to tabled until she has a chance to read and review. Commissioner Orr made the motion to table until the next meeting. Chair Smith seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
8. Chair Smith asks for a motion to approve Budget Amendment #10. Chair Smith made the motion to approve. Chair Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
9. Chair Smith asks for a motion to approve the new furniture for the county manager's office in the amount of \$5093.04. Chair Smith made the motion to approve. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
10. Chair Smith asks for a motion to go into closed session under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)(6) for privileged or confidential information and personnel. Commissioner Cody made the motion as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. Chair Smith asks for a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Orr made the motion as stated. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
12. Chair Smith asks for a motion to accept the Recreation Department Staff Adjustment. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the changes. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
13. Chair Smith asks for a motion to write off a charge of \$55.90 for an employee due to employee error in payroll. Commissioner Orr made the motion as stated. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
14. Chair Smith asks for a motion to grant leave without pay to M. Turpin. Commissioner Orr made the motion to allow the leave without pay. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
15. Chair Smith asks for a motion to set Kim Crisp salary at \$35.00 per hour. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to as stated. Chair Smith seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
16. Chair Smith asks for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Orr made the motion as stated. Chair Smith seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

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Meggan Smith, Chair, Graham County Commissioner

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Lynn Cody, Vice-Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

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Jacob Nelms, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Connie Orr, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Natasha Williams, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board