

Continued Meeting – June 23, 2025

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, June 23, 2025, for a continued meeting in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street. All board was present. Commissioner Williams joined the meeting by teleconference. Also, present Manager Brady Cody, Finance Director Stacy Carpenter and Clerk to the Board Kim Crisp.

1. Chair Smith called the meeting to order.
2. Chair Smith asks for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chair Smith asks Manager Cody for new or old business. Manager Cody stated that Director Carpenter will present the changes to the budget. Director Carpenter stated that after all changes were made, the county will have a contingency of \$254,914.90 with a general operating budget of \$23,724,909 plus the other restricted or special accounts. Chair Smith asks if Director Carpenter could specify how much tax dollars make up the budget. Director Carpenter stated that 37% of the budget is county tax dollars and the rest is by other sources of revenue. Chair Smith stated that it is important for people to know that there are other sources of revenue that make up the budget and not just the taxes that are paid.
4. Commissioner Orr made the motion to adopt the FY 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance as presented. Chair Smith seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Commissioner Cody commended Director Carpenter for her hard work on the budget and for being gracious in making the changes put forth by the board.
5. Manager Cody stated that the board would need to approve a budget amendment. Director Carpenter stated that Budget Amendment #17 is for the final cleanup of all budget lines. Director Carpenter stated that the amendment amount is \$87,550.00. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve Budget Amendment #17 as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. Manager Cody presented the board with a possible mutual aid agreement with Pamlico County where Graham County would be their 911 Backup system in the event of a catastrophic event. Manager Cody stated that this would need board approval. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with Pamlico County, NC 911 Services. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
7. Manager Cody asks if the board has a suggestion for an employee to be nominated under the Heroic Hands, a program that the NCACC President Davis has put in place to recognize people in each county that goes above and beyond to help the county. The board would consider the request and get back to Manager Cody.
8. Manager Cody stated that Harold Millsaps, work truck has quit, and he needs a replacement. The board discussed buying a used truck. Manager Cody stated that he would ask the NC Forest Service their plans for purchasing a new truck so we could possibly get their old one. Manager Cody stated that he would look in Knoxville, North Georgia and other places to see if he can locate one. The board asks if there are funds for this purchase. Director Carpenter stated that they would have to take the amount from contingency. Chair Smith made a motion to allow for a truck purchase for up to \$15,000.00. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
9. Chair Smith asks for a motion to go into closed session under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)(5)(6) for privileged or confidential information, attorney-client privilege and contracts. Commissioner Orr made the motion to go into closed session as stated. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
10. Chair Smith made the motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. Chair Smith made a motion to recess the continued meeting to attend a joint meeting with the Board of Education. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
12. Chair Smith asks for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Orr made the motion as stated. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Meggan Smith, Chair, Graham County Commissioner

Lynn Cody, Vice-Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

Jacob Nelms, Member, Graham County Commissioner

Connie Orr, Member, Graham County Commissioner

Natasha Williams, Member, Graham County Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board