

Continued Meeting – June 9, 2025

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, June 9, 2025, for a continued meeting in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC. All board was present. Also, present Manager Brady Cody, Finance Director Stacy Carpenter and Clerk Kim Crisp.

1. Chair Smith called the meeting to order.
2. Chair Smith asks Manager Cody to present any new or old business. Manager Cody stated that Director Carpenter had a budget amendment for consideration. Director Carpenter stated that she has been keeping the budget to actual and a couple of departments had run over so she needed to clean up those line items. Director Carpenter stated that Budget Amendment #15 contains adjustments to several departments and gave explanation. Chair Smith made the motion to approve Budget Amendment #15 as presented. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Manager Cody stated that he and Director Carpenter are reviewing the budget line items to anticipate the upcoming expenses and make those adjustments now.
4. Manager Cody stated that the Jail and Senior Center are the two departments that saw the most overages and that is inmate expense and meals. Manager Cody stated that the inmate meals went over mainly due to the added meals for the staff, which was not calculated into the cost last year.
5. Manager Cody stated that the audit had been submitted to the Local Government Commission and the county should be receiving an amended contract from the auditors.
6. Manager Cody discussed the budget for Tri-County Community College; Sheriff; Jail. The board had discussions on contingency, special appropriations, NC Forest Service, Stecoah Valley, Special Olympics, Historical Association, and the Graham County Festivals. The board discussed Health Department and EMS. The board wanted a new RFP for our EMS Billing. The board discussed the Paramedicine Program and how much this has helped with transports. The board discussed Tribal Payments on EMS and the need to review with them.
7. Manager Cody discussed the EDC Small Grant Program, and the total remaining is \$72,139.20 which was not held in budget but was integrated into the general fund. Commissioner Orr stated that she would like to see this money put in a separate account, so it does not roll over into the general fund but is in fact an ongoing accumulative account. The board all agreed that this program is beneficial to our small businesses. Chair Smith made the motion to deposit \$72,000.00 in a restricted account for the EDC Small Grant Program. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Commissioner Orr asks that the small grant opportunities information be put on the Graham County Website.
8. Chair Smith made the motion to adopt the Wrench Box Resolution as presented by Manager Cody. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
9. Chair Smith asks for a motion to accept the negotiated contract with Chris Ferris for our revaluation of 2027. Commissioner Orr made the motion to accept subject to final review from Attorney Coward. Chair Smith seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
10. Manager Cody stated that he did need approval for Municipal Engineering to conduct our monitoring services for the old landfill and for stormwater at Sanitation in the amount of \$16,100.00. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the contract as stated. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. Manager Cody gave a brief update on the Town of Robbinsville's proposal regarding the commercial dumping at Sanitation by them every Wednesday.
12. Chair Smith made a motion to go into closed session under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)(3)(5) for confidential information, attorney-client privilege and contracts. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
13. Chair Smith made the motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
14. Chair Smith asks for a motion to continue this meeting until Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. Commissioner Orr made the motion to continue as stated. Commissioner Williams 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

ATTEST:

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Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board