

Continued Meeting – October 22, 2025

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Wednesday, October 22, 2025, in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for a continued meeting from the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025. All board was present. Also, present Manager Brady Cody, Project Manager Jason Marino and Clerk Kim Crisp.

1. Chair Smith called the continued meeting to order.
2. Chair Smith asks for approval of the agenda. Manager Cody asks that the board continue this meeting until Monday, October 27, 2025, to complete the CDBG application. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the agenda with the stated change. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chair Smith asks for new or old business. Manager Cody stated that he would need to speak to the board in closed session to discuss the selections on the Community Development Block Grant-Neighborhood Revitalization. Manager Cody stated that the board of commissioners serves as the Selection Committee for this grant application.
4. 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 personnel. Commissioner Williams made the motion to go into closed session as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Chair Smith asks for a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Orr made the motion as stated. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. Chair Smith asks for a motion to recess the continued meeting. Commissioner Orr made the motion to recess. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
7. Chair Smith reopened the continued meeting.
8. Chair Smith asks Manager Cody to proceed with the discussion. Manager Cody stated that he had policies for the board's review and approval to complete the CDBG application. Manager Cody stated that the first item is: Neighborhood Revitalization Financial Design Model for Graham County, which outlines the program where only owner-occupied housing units may be rehabilitated or relocated in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program which will be deferred forgivable loans that are proportionally forgiven over an applicable term of recapture. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Financial Design Model for Graham County. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
9. Manager Cody stated that the second item for review and approval is a Resolution for the County of Graham's Application for Community Development Block Grant Funding for the North Carolina Neighborhood Revitalization Program-Housing Project. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the resolution as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
10. Manager Cody stated that the third item for review and approval is the Citizen Participation Plan/Fair Housing Plan. Manager Cody stated that these plans were adopted in the 2018 CDBG-NR Grant but felt the board needed to review and approve for the 2025 CDBG-NR. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve as stated. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. Manager Cody stated that the Selection Committee did utilize the \$5,000,000.00 for the CDBG-NR project for Rehabilitation, Replacement, and Reconstruction and the following projects were selected:
  - 1392 CODY BRANCH
  - 751 ATOAH CIRCLE
  - 1725 MTN CREEK RD
  - 316 MOOSE BRANCH RD
  - 3396 FRANKS CREEK RD
  - 7970 TALLULAH ROAD
  - 130 LOCUST COVE
  - 1087 MOOSE BRANCH RD
  - 7095 TAPOCO ROAD
  - 1324 ANTHONY BRANCH RD
  - 73 COCHRAN CREEK RD
  - 102 SNOWBIRD ROAD
  - 1380 ANTHONY BRANCH
  - 1441 EAST BUFFALO RD
  - 369 MOOSE BRANCH RD

- 565 EAST BUFFALO RD
- 37 MCCRACKEN DRIVE
- 79 CUNNINGHAM RD
- 2215 LOWER STECOAH
- 171 LOWER TUSKEEGEE
- 106 JESS BRIDGES RD
- 946 RYEFIELD ROAD
- 2412 ATOAH ROAD
- 167 WOLF CREEK ROAD
- 442 CROSS CREEK
- 1336 CODY BRANCH RD
- 71 GROUND SQUIRREL PLACE
- 3212 TALLULAH ROAD
- 3187 YELLOW CREEK ROAD
- 301 GREGORY HOLLOW
- 29 SUGAR FOOT ROAD
- 291 HOOT OWL HOLLOW
- 107 JIMMY DAVIS ROAD
- 266 ATOAH STREET
- 68 MTN VIEW SCHOOL
- 30 MTN VIEW SCHOOL
- 34 MTN VIEW SCHOOL
- 2081 DICK BRANCH
- 251 WEST BUFFALO
- 3320 TALLULAH ROAD
- 724 FOX HILL ROAD
- 1335 LOWER TUSKEEGEE
- 385 NELMS MTN
- 163 WOODY ROAD
- 286 WEST FORT HILL
- 254 OLD YELLOW BRANCH
- 93 PATTERSON ROAD
- 359 OLLIES CREEK
- 99 DANIELS DRIVE
- 134 JORDAN STREET
- 80 YELLOW BRANCH ROAD
- 284 WEST ELLER BRANCH
- 799 WEST FORT HILL
- 412 BEECH CREEK
- 1125 SNOWBIRD RD
- 2418 LOWER TUSKEEGEE
- 790 GOLF CIRCLE
- 152 EDD MCKELDREY RD
- 57 MILLCREEK CIRCLE
- 105 HODGES DRIVE
- 70 PAUL MILLSAPS DR
- 1126 SNOWBIRD RD
- 2414 LOWER TUSKEEGEE
- 286 CIRCLE STREET
- 1329 OLD TALLULAH ROAD
- 97 MILLTOWN ROAD
- 1587 TAPOCO ROAD (ALTERNATE)
- 3869 NC HWY 28N (ALTERNATE)

12. Manager Cody stated that this completes the list, and the work will consist of rehabilitation, replacement of mobile homes and reconstruction of stick build homes. Commissioner Orr asks how many names were approved in total. Manager Cody stated that there are (69) homes selected including the two alternatives. Commissioner Williams asks how many were on the original list. Clerk Crisp stated that we had (87) to apply but (18) were deemed unqualified due to over income, and some that did not own the property. Commissioner Williams stated that it was impressive that the staff finished the list within a short period of

time. Manager Cody stated that those inspections were completed in the time frame of one week and a half. Commissioner Orr thanked everyone for their hard work. Manager Cody stated that the total request will be for \$5,000,000.00 for the rehabilitation, replacement and/or reconstruction of these homes.

13. Chair Smith asks questions or comments. Michelle Shiptlet asks what the percentage of homes were replacement versus repair and reconstruction. Clerk Crisp stated that replacement was much higher. Manager Cody stated that there will be quite a few mobile homes replaced. Commissioner Williams asks the time frame for this grant. Manager Cody stated that the county should know by December 10<sup>th</sup> but no longer than the end of the year. Michelle Shiptlet asks if they are complete and ready to go. Clerk Crisp stated that there are around (20) applications that lack verification of income, and they have a deadline of Monday, October 27, 2025, to bring this to the office in order to remain on the list. Clerk Crisp stated that people have been coming to the office today with their verifications. Manager Cody stated that the selections are subject to verification as a condition of the grant.
14. Chair Smith asks for a motion to continue this meeting until Monday, October 27, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Williams made the motion to continue as stated. Commissioner Orr 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