

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for their regular monthly meeting. All board was present. Also, present Manager Brady Cody, Project Manager Jason Marino, Finance Director Stacy Carpenter and Clerk Kim Crisp.

1. Chair Smith called the meeting to order.
2. Chair Smith asks Commissioner Cody to give the Invocation.
3. Chair Smith asks Commissioner Orr to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Chair Smith asks for changes to the agenda. Manager Cody asks that we add Ronnie Milsap Proclamation to Item 7A. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the agenda with the stated change. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Chair Smith asks for approval of the Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes November 18, 2025. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. Chair Smith asks for the selection of a Chair and Vice-Chairman for 2026. Commissioner Williams made the motion to leave Meggan Smith seated as Chair and Lynn Cody seated as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
7. Chair Smith asks for discussion of the AG/Extension Grant. Manager Cody stated that Ms. Stewart has received copy of the grant for a new AG Building in the amount of \$398,000.00 with a county match of funds and/or in kind for \$119,408.00. Manager Cody stated that the property purchase should be used as in-kind and they have received pledges from Travel and Tourism for assistance as well. Commissioner Orr made the motion to apply for the grant with the stated in-kind match. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
8. Chair Smith stated that the board has a Proclamation naming January 16<sup>th</sup> as Ronnie Milsap Day and Travel and Tourism along with the Historical Association is in the process of ordering a plaque for Ronnie Milsap printed in braille. Commissioner Orr stated that the T&T, Historical Association and the Board of Commissioners are invited to present the plaque and thanked Commissioner Lynn Cody for being involved in the road naming which resulted in a trip to Macon County to present the sign on stage with Ronnie Milsap. Commissioner Williams made the motion to partner with Travel and Tourism and the Historical Association in the presentation of the plaque. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
9. Chair Smith asks for public comment. No public comment.
10. Chair Smith asks PM Marino to give the project manager's reporting. PM Marino stated that he had spoken with Jesse Aldridge and he is near completion of the survey for the Justice Center. PM Marino stated that one line has not been identified so both boards will have to accept the markings as presented. PM Marino stated that all utility markers have been placed and marked.
11. PM Marino stated that the Jail abatement is being completed at this time, parts were on delay but are expected this week. PM Marino stated that all work should be completed after the Christmas break and he will continue to keep the board updated.
12. PM Marino stated that the sanitation building is on site and inventory is complete. PM Marino stated that he has sent surveys to the civil engineers for the draining and will be moving forward with the anchor rods for the building that are due to be delivered by December 31<sup>st</sup>. PM Marino stated that they are still awaiting demo plans with the Cody Family.
13. PM Marino stated that our Dogwood Homes are progressing very well with completion on the 243 Orr Branch and 81% completion on the 66 Atoah Road.
14. PM Marino stated that the bleachers project will be rebid, and they anticipate more bidding due to the timeline options.
15. Chair Smith asks Stacy Carpenter for the Finance Reporting. Director Carpenter stated that she did have Budget Amendment #7 for the Board's review and approval and read through the appropriation and revenue changes. Chair Smith made the motion to approve Budget Amendment #7 as presented. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
16. Director Carpenter stated that there are no new audit updates and nothing new to report from the Local Government Commission.
17. Director Carpenter stated that our budget to actual are:
  - a. Revenues to date \$9,462,011.14 in General Fund
  - b. Expenditures to date \$9,345,144.72 in General Fund
  - c. Surplus to date \$116,866.42
18. Director Carpenter stated that our tax collections for current year were \$1,574,300.19; prior years \$23,208.92 for a total collection of \$3,726,339.22 and the balance to be collected is \$5,673,122.38. Director Carpenter stated that the collection percentage is 39.64%.

19. Director Carpenter stated that our sales tax collection for October, which is paid in December is \$318,909.59 with year-to-date collections of \$1,360,200.59.
20. Director Carpenter stated that the schools allocation of sales tax collection was \$55,265.88 with a year to date of \$291,264.77. Director Carpenter stated that the available balance including prior years is \$511,315.32 and the school did have one request from PS3P Associates for the Big Oaks Football Stadium Repairs in the amount of \$5,980.76. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the requested expense as stated. Chair Smith seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
21. Director Carpenter stated that our ¼ cent allocation for public safety for October was \$28,968.34 with a total year to date of \$1,854,686.11.
22. Director Carpenter stated that our vehicle tax collections for November are \$44,119.17 with a year-to-date collection of \$310,317.32.
23. Chair Smith asks Manager Cody to present the Manager’s reporting. Manager Cody asks for approval of the Releases \$1095.57 and the Discoveries \$476.56. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve. Chair Smith seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
24. Manager Cody stated that he had met with the USFS on sanitation fees for clean-up projects. Manager Cody stated that they are asking for a waiver on the clean-up tipping fees, this does not include campgrounds, picnic areas, etc., this will only be for forest clean-up materials similar to the lake cleanups. Commissioner Orr made the motion to waive the clean up fees which will help keep our forests clean. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
25. Manager Cody stated that the auditors had requested Commissioner Rules of Procedures and the board would need to approve the rules for audit purposes. Manager Cody stated that this board does follow Roberts Rules of Orders with a few standard procedures. Chair Smith made the motion to approve the Commissioners Rules of Procedures as presented. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
26. Manager Cody asks Chair Smith to open the bids for the 2000 Ford Ranger which Soil and Water sold. Those bids are:
  - a. Loyd Pressley \$1000.00
  - b. Donna Bollinger \$501.00
  - c. Jarod Orr \$1578.00
  - d. Harvey Bollinger \$400.00
  - e. Rory Frederick \$1575.00
  - f. Blake Cable \$1307.00
  - g. Teresa Eller \$750.51
  - h. Lamar Williams \$1657.00
 Commissioner Williams made the motion to award the bid to Lamar Williams for \$1657.00. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
27. Manager Cody announced the Christmas and New Year’s Closing.
28. Chair Smith asks for a motion to go into closed session under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)(3)(5)(6) for privileged or confidential information, attorney client privilege, personnel and contracts. Commissioner Orr made the motion to go into closed session as stated. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
29. Chair Smith asks for a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Williams made the motion as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
30. Chair Smith asks for approval of Extended Leave without pay for A. Evans, Health Department Employee. Commissioner Orr made the motion as stated. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
31. Chair Smith asks for approval of the November 18<sup>th</sup> Closed Session Minutes. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
32. Chair Smith asks for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cody made the motion to adjourn. 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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kim Crisp, Clerk