

Special Joint Meeting with Graham County Board of Education
August 5, 2025

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Wednesday, August 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Graham County Board of Education Meeting Room located on Moose Branch Road Robbinsville NC for a special joint meeting to discuss property acquisition. All board was present. Also, present Manager Brady Cody, Finance Director Stacy Carpenter, Attorney JK Coward and Clerk Kim Crisp.

1. Chair Smith called the special meeting to order.
2. Chair Smith asks for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. David Matheson, Assistant Superintendent, stated that a few weeks ago they had a joint meeting to work out the details of a land sale between the Graham County Board of Education and the Graham County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Matheson stated that an agreement was reached for 3.4 acres of property on Knight Street (the baseball field and lower playground) with a purchase price of \$2,000,000.00 with \$1,000,000.00 being earmarked for the Big Oaks Stadium to be brought up to ADA standards and have permanent bleachers. Mr. Matheson stated that they have been working with LSP Architects to develop a plan to rework the stadium. Mr. Matheson stated that the remaining funds will be put into the general fund and will not be earmarked, meaning the school can use those funds as needed. Mr. Matheson stated that this news is very exciting, the land will be set aside for a new Justice Center and the School will have much needed capital with the repairs of the Big Oaks Stadium. Mr. Matheson stated that the boards will now sign the contract for the property acquisition and handed the meeting over to the attorneys. Attorney Coward stated that this contract is for property acquisition with a purchase price of \$2,000,000.00 with the earmark of \$1,000,000.00 for the Big Oaks Stadium. Attorney Coward stated that the official Board of Education minutes will be added to the contract as record of proof. Board of Education Chair Rodney Nelson asks for a motion to approve the Contract for the Land Acquisition as presented. Member Snider made the motion to approve. Member Carringer seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Chair Smith made the motion to accept the Land Acquisition as presented. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous. Attorney Coward asks both Chairs to sign the contract and then asks Clerk Kim Crisp to attest for the county and Superintendent Robert Moody to attest for the school.
4. Chair Smith thanked the Board of Education for allowing the county to purchase this property and for working with the board to better our community.
5. Chair Smith asks for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Williams made the motion. 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