

Special Meeting – February 3, 2025

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, February 3, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for a special meeting to discuss the location of the Justice Center. All board members were present.

1. Chair Smith called the meeting to order.
2. Chair Smith asks for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chair Smith stated that the board needed to come up with a plan to present to the people on options for the Justice Center. Chair Smith proposed having a public meeting next Monday night at 6:30 p.m. and made a motion to advertise and host a public meeting. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
4. Chair Smith stated that we have twelve sites and have narrowed down some of these sites for various reasons, mainly the cost. Chair Smith wanted to see what the Stanley property was purchased for by Jimmy Lee and make that offer to him. Commissioner Orr stated that we are purchasing P and J property which will connect to Greene Property, and this could be a place to build the center as well. The board all agreed that they wanted the Greene Property tabled for recreation purposes. The board all agreed that most people will not be happy with the board if they take this property for the Justice Center.
5. Chair Smith stated that to her the Stanley Property is the more logical place. The board discussed hosting the public hearing. The board gave a directive to Interim Manager Crisp to make an offer for Stanley Property of \$1.2 million.
6. Chair Smith asks for a motion to go into closed session under G.S. 143.318.11(a)(1)(3)(6) for privileged or confidential information, attorney client privilege and personnel. Commissioner Orr made the motion as stated. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
7. 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.
8. The board gave Attorney Coward the authority to review the complaint that the board received, and Chair Smith made a motion for Attorney Coward to question and interview the personnel involved. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
9. Chair Smith asks for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Williams 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