

Workshop Session – March 18, 2025

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for their regular workshop session. Board present: Meggan Smith, Lynn Cody, Connie Orr and Natasha Williams. Board absent: Jacob Nelms.

1. Chair Smith called the meeting to order.
2. Chair Smith asks for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chair Smith stated that she talked with Kaye Allision on the Tallulah Property, and she has agreed to sell it. Chair Smith stated that there are some logistics to work out regarding the Jordan property next door. Chair Smith stated that she does like the Stanley property, but the owner will not budge on the price of the property. Chair Smith stated that she would continue discussions if the board agreed on the Tallulah property. The board all agreed.
4. Commissioner Cody asks that we try to obtain the property in the Fontana Area that will boost our economy. Commissioner Cody stated that we needed to speak with our legislators to request TVA sell off portions of the property to establish a much-needed tax base for our county. Commissioner Cody stated that this property can be incorporated into the Town of Fontana Dam which would also allow tax funds for distribution to the Town. Commissioner Cody stated that TVA sold the land in Tennessee for development and stated that they should do the same for Graham County. Commissioner Orr stated that our Congress sets the tone with this discussion, so we needed to start with Congressman Edwards. Commissioner Orr stated that Commissioner Nelms brought some people to the board that was looking for documents that broke it all out concerning the property around the lake. Commissioner Orr stated that we could ask David and Linda Crisp to be involved as well and set up a meeting. Commissioner Cody stated that this is the best time to begin these meetings and agreed that we needed to move forward with our inquiries.
5. Chair Smith asks for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cody made the motion to adjourn. 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