

Workshop Session – October 21, 2025

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for their regular workshop session. All board was present. Also, present Manager Brady Cody and Clerk Kim Crisp.

1. Chair Smith called the meeting to order.
2. Chair Smith asks for discussions. Manager Cody stated that Sanitation Director Gavin Colvard was here to discuss tipping materials that are brought to the transfer station. Director Colvard stated that there have been some misunderstandings regarding items that are free for disposal and the items that are not free. Director Colvard stated that in the past the commissioners allowed mattresses, recliners, couches to be dumped for free, to stop the illegal dumping off the sides of the roads but now this is becoming an issue. Director Colvard stated a man came across the scales with mattresses but under the mattresses was ceramic tile that he did not mention, meanwhile, another citizen who was paying witnessed this disposal asking if he was required to pay. Director Colvard stated that statements are being passed around that the sanitation picks and chooses whom they let pass through without charge so to be fair to every citizen and every business he is asking that no items be allowed to cross the scales free of charge. Director Colvard stated that the pricing needed to be fair across the board, and he asks that the board consider this to allow only bagged garbage to be disposed of for free and the remaining items would have a charge. Director Colvard stated that the people love the manned sites, but they do not allow for couches, mattresses, or recliners to be dumped at these sites, all these items come across the scales at the transfer station. Manager Cody stated that this would stop the confusion and the disagreements. Manager Cody stated that we need to be clear in signage what the public should expect, and this is becoming a safety concern to the staff over people becoming very angry at the charge.
3. Manager Cody stated that sanitation is going to be short staffed on this coming weekend due to a death and stated that the site will not be manned, but it will be open. Manager Cody stated that most people know the routine now and they can monitor how this works, if it is possible in the future to prohibit overtime. Manager Cody stated that he wanted the board informed in the event that they receive phone calls regarding this matter.
4. Manager Cody gave an update on jail meals, currently we have two inmates, but they have now been released, and the minimum meal allowance is five meals three meals a day. Manager Cody stated that without inmates the county is feeding the staff. Manager Cody stated that he did reach out to the Sheriff to inform him that the meals will not be served at this time to the staff. Manager Cody stated that the county is losing money by paying a cook to prepare meals for staff only. Commissioner Orr asks if the county is still paying for the staff's meal. Manager Cody stated that they are supplied a minimum of five meals per day three times a day. Manager Cody stated that for most of October we had two inmates, and they were served five meals.
5. Manager Cody stated that Cody George has resigned as chief deputy, and Travis Brooks will now serve in this position.
6. Manager Cody stated that he wanted to brag on the administration staff, along with Commissioner Cody, for being all-hands-on deck for the proposed CDBG Grant. Manager Cody stated that this has been very stressful for the staff and after one final public hearing they will be ready to submit to the state. Manager Cody stated that the some of our residents could never afford to fix their homes and this program will assist these families. Manager Cody stated that the board may need to apply for the entire \$5M for the Neighborhood Revitalization.
7. Manager Cody stated that our CDBG State Director visited our county to tour the ECO KING facility, and he loved Graham County. Manager Cody stated that he served as the State HUD Director prior to being appointed to the CDBG so he understands the needs of North Carolina communities. Commissioner Orr thanked Brady Cody for serving on the CDBG Committee and further stated that North Carolina has received \$2.5M dollars of building reuse grants across the state.
8. Chair Smith asks for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Williams made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

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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