

Workshop Session – September 16, 2025

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. for their regular workshop session in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC. All board was present. Also, present Manager Brady Cody, Attorney JK Coward, Finance Director Stacy Carpenter, and Clerk Kim Crisp.

1. Chair Smith called the workshop session to order.
2. Chair Smith asks Manager Cody to discuss the Goldenleaf and CDBG Funding. Manager Cody stated that Graham County has capital projects in the pipeline and we are applying for the \$950,000.00 CDBG Grant for renovations, or new construction for low to moderate income private citizens. Manager Cody stated that they have asked if the county can apply for the Hurricane Helene funding as well which is a request of \$5,000,000.00. Manager Cody stated that the county would need to decide on a potential project for these funds such as some type of housing component, a shelter, etc. Manager Cody stated that Graham County does have available land such as the old Election/Administration Building that the funds can be used. Manager Cody stated that he did speak with Russ Harris with Southwestern Commission and he stated that there are non-profit organizations looking for property to purchase for multi-families with low to moderate income. Manager Cody stated they have discussed other projects for the money. Commissioner Orr stated that Graham County has never had this type offer for these projects. Manager Cody stated Graham County would need to hold a public hearing on Monday, September 29, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the grant with the public.
3. Manager Cody stated that he had received a call from Goldenleaf regarding the money that the county was given by them for our Urgent Care needs. Manager Cody stated that Goldleaf will allow the county to use the funds if we provide a new scope of work so the board needed to choose which project they would like to designate the money to. Manager Cody stated that he would like to discuss projects to be considered that would need to remain confidential at this time and requests that the board entertain closed session.
4. Chair Smith asks for a motion to go into closed session under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)(5) for privileged or confidential information and attorney client privilege. Commissioner Orr made the motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Chair Smith asks for a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Williams made the motion as stated. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. Chair Smith asks for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cody made the motion as stated. 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

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Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board