

Regular Meeting – August 18, 2026

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. for their regular monthly meeting in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC. Board present: Meggan Smith, Lynn Cody, Jacob Nelms and Natasha Williams. Board absent: Connie Orr. Also, present Manager Brady Cody, Finance Director Stacy Carpenter and Clerk Kim Crisp.

1. Chair Smith called the meeting to order.
2. Chair Smith asks Commissioner Orr to give the Invocation.
3. Chair Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Chair Smtih asks for approval of the agenda. Manager Cody asks that the board add #17(g) for Dental MOU with Cherokee County Detention Center. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to approve the agenda with the requested change. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Chair Smith asks for a motion to approve the 7/21 Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes and the 8/4 Continued Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the minutes as stated. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. Chair Smith asks for a motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing for Transit and Senior Center for 5310 and 5311 grant funding. Commissioner Cody made the motion as stated. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
7. Chair Smith asks Tracy Jenkins, Transit Director and Wanda Hill, Senior Center Director, to speak. Director Jenkins stated that she is here seeking permission to apply for the Public Transportation Program funding: 5311 Administrative in the amount of \$110,246.00 with a 15% county match of \$16,537.00 and the 5310 Operating (no state match) of \$100,000.00 with a 50% county match of \$50,000.00. Director Jenkins stated that the total funding request is \$210,246.00 with a total county match of \$66,537.00. Director Jenkins asks for public comment. No public comment.
8. Wanda Hill, Senior Center Director stated that she is here seeking permission to apply for the Public Transportation Program funding: 5310 Operating (no state match) for \$94,686.00 with a county match of \$9470.00. Director Hill asks for public comment. No public comment.
9. Chair Smith asks for a motion to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting. Commissioner Williams made the motion as stated. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
10. Chair Smith asks for a motion to adopt and approve the Public Transportation Program Resolution Funding for Section 5311 Administration and Section 5310 Operating for Graham County Transit. Commissioner Williams made the motion to adopt and approve as stated. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. Chair Smith asks for a motion to adopt and approve the Public Transportation Program Resolution Section 5310 Capital Purchase of Service for Graham County Senior Center. Commissioner Williams made the motion to adopt and approve as stated. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
12. Chair Smith asks for a motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing for the proposed Sanitation Ordinance. Commissioner Cody made the motion as stated. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

13. Chair Smith asks Manager Cody to proceed with the discussion. The Graham County Board of Commissioners Sanitation Ordinance purpose is to protect human health and the environment by regulating the storage, collection, transportation, and disposal of solid waste in Graham County, to provide environmentally sound, cost efficient solid waste disposal and to provide for safe operations at the County Transfer Station; to reduce litter and solid waste along the roadways and in the communities of Graham County and to assist in the recycling of solid waste. Manager Cody stated that all citizens of Graham County do not follow procedures regarding our waste sites and this ordinance will enforce rules and regulations. Manager Cody stated that this ordinance is modeled using Cherokee County's Ordinance. Manager Cody asks for public comment. No public comment.
14. Chair Smith asks for a motion to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting. Commissioner Nelms made the motion as stated. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
15. Chair Smith asks for a motion to adopt the Graham County Sanitation Ordinance. Commissioner Cody made the motion to adopt as stated. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
16. Chair Smith asks for public comment. No comment.
17. Chair Smith asks Stacy Carpenter, Finance Director, for the monthly finance report. Director Carpenter stated that she did have amendments for the boards review and approval. Those amendments are:
 - a. #11: Rep Payee in the amount of \$10,000.00. (yearend clean up)
 - b. #12: Public Health Workforce Development in the amount of \$3628.00 (additional revenue)
 - c. #13: Sheriff Department in the amount of \$61,614.00 (moving funds within the department)
 - d. #14: Governing Body for Dangerous Dogs in the amount of \$1,000.00
18. Chair Smith asks to be recused from Amendment #12 for Public Health. Commissioner Williams made the motion to recuse Chair Smith. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
19. Chair Smith asks for a motion to approve Amendment #12. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous except for Chair Smith whose vote was recused.
20. Chair Smith made the motion to approve Budget Amendment's #11;13;14. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
21. Director Carpenter stated that our budget to date is \$23,045,403.00.
22. Director Carpenter stated that our year to date revenues is \$1,232,609.06 and our year to date expenditures are \$1,454,784.61. Director Carpenter stated that large ticket items are paid for in July such as insurance, dues, and contract renewals.
23. Director Carpenter stated our tax collection rate at this time is 8.24%.
24. Director Carpenter stated that our tax collection for this month was \$832,315.70; prior years \$41,643.93; VTS \$73,479.38; sales tax \$318,889.65 and ¼ tax is \$28,635.42
25. Director Carpenter stated that the school portion sales tax is \$58,241.07 with a balance of \$774,469.15. Director Carpenter stated that the school board did request a draw for chrome book replacements in the amount of \$28,890.00 and stated that she would need approval for this request. Chair Smith made the motion to approve the request as stated. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
26. Director Carpenter stated that the end balance for the school sales tax is \$803,820.22.

27. Director Carpenter stated that there is no update from the Local Government Commission; the appeal of Notice of Noncompliance for FY Audit 25 was approved so no sales tax funds would be withheld and the auditors were on site the past two weeks with a proposed filing on October 31, 2026, and if possible, the FY 25/26 Audit will be filed by March 31, 2027.
28. Chair Smith asks for the manager's reporting. Manager Cody asks for approval of the releases \$2377.07 and the discoveries \$28,244.58. Chair Smith made the motion to approve. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
29. Manager Cody stated that EM Director Brian Stevens is asking for permission to surplus EMS Equipment to Polk County (part of the Homeland Security Grant) a Deep Trekker Pivot Underwater Drone Serial #18-9924-01-33. Chair Smith made the motion to approve the surplus to Polk County. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
30. Manager Cody discussed the Dogwood Grant for housing which we will partner with Five Point Center and RDA to build or renovate for low to moderate income housing. The board gave Manager Cody a directive to move forward with this grant discussion.
31. Manager Cody discussed the WNC Bridge Grant for the Health Department which will allow the department to purchase a Mobile Resource Unit with no county match. The board was very interested in this grant and gave permission to move forward.
32. Manager Cody discussed the Dogwood Health Grant – Opioid. Manager Cody stated that the board would need to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with Southwestern Commission to form a collaborative with our surrounding counties. Manager Cody stated that the grant is for \$24,000.00 with payment of \$12,000.00 annually. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to enter the MOU with Southwestern Commission. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
33. Manager Cody stated that Region A would like to partner with Graham County for Childcare needs and asks the board if they would agree to be a collaborative partner with them. Chair Smith made the motion to partner with Region A for Child Care. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
34. Manager Cody stated that he would need approval from the board to enter an interlocal agreement with Cherokee County Sheriff/Detention to allow inmates to use the services of our dental clinic. Manager Cody stated that Interim Health Director Knight spoke with Dr. Frederick and he had no issues with the interlocal agreement. Commissioner Nelms made the motion to enter the interlocal agreement with Cherokee County Sheriff/Detention for inmate dental services. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
35. Manager Cody reminded the board that he and Director Carpenter would be in Raleigh for the NCACC Meeting and would be meeting with the Local Government Commission.
36. Chair Smith asks for a motion to go into closed session under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)(3)(5)(6) for privileged or confidential information, attorney-client privilege, personnel and contracts. Commissioner Williams made the motion as stated. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
37. Chair Smith asks for a motion to go into open session. Commissioner Williams made the motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Nelms seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
38. The board discussed the sanitation hours for Stecoah site with suggested changes of longer hours through the week and the reopening for Sunday of at least three

hours. Manager Cody stated that now that the ordinance is put in place, if trash is left outside the gates, tickets can be written. Manager Cody stated that the Town of Robbinsville is behind in payment for two months and if their bill is not paid prior to September 1st, he will cut their services off. The board agreed.

39. Chair Smith asks for a motion to approve the closed session minutes for 7/21 Regular Meeting and 8/4 Continued Meeting. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
40. Chair Smith asks for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Williams made the motion to adjourn. 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