

Workshop Session – August 18, 2026

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for their regular monthly workshop session. 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 for questions or discussion on the justice center. No questions or comments.
3. Chair Smith stated that Scott Hatch had reached out to her regarding Economic Development, and she felt that the board needed to strengthen economic development and asks if the board would consider establishing a committee with five to seven members. Chair Smith stated that Travel and Tourism is working on a strategic plan, but no one is working on economic development. Attorney Coward stated that Jackson County had an advisory board that reported to the County Commissioners.
4. Manager Cody stated that we do have an EDC Board that is operational. The current members are Connie Orr, Daniel Allison, and Josh Carpenter, but Josh is no longer with Mountain West Partnership so someone else would need to be named.
5. The board all agreed that a committee needed to be formed and this should operate as the EDC Board.
6. The board asks that an ad be published requesting members of the public to serve on this board and any person willing to serve would need to fill out an application for the board to review.
7. Chair Smith asks for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Williams made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

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Meggan Smith, Chair

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Lynn Cody, Vice-Chairman

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Jacob Nelms, Member

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Connie Orr, Member

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Natasha Williams, Member

ATTEST:

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Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board