

Continued Meeting – February 20, 2026

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Friday, February 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. for a continued meeting from the February 17, 2026, Regular 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, Attorney JK Coward and Clerk Kim Crisp.

1. Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. Chair Smith recessed the meeting until 3:30 p.m.
3. Chair Smith called the meeting back to order at 3:30 p.m.
4. Chair Smith asks for new or old business. Manager Cody stated that the board needed to set the meeting dates for the Board of Equalization and Review. The proposed dates are April 7th 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.; April 21st 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.; April 28th 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Cody made the motion to approve the stated dates for the Board of Equalization and Review. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Chair Smith asks for a motion to go into closed session under G.S.143-318.11(a)(1)(3)(6) for privileged or confidential information, attorney-client privilege and personnel. Commissioner Williams made the motion to go into closed session as stated. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. 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.
7. Chair Smith read the following statement: The General Statutes gives the County Commissioners the authority to appoint a Sheriff when a vacancy occurs. In the meantime, the chief deputy fulfills the duties of the Sheriff. The County Commissioners intend to immediately address the situation and in fact, have already committed a considerable amount of time working on it. In the interest of fairness, no candidate on the ballot for any local office will be considered for the role of Sheriff. We do not know how long this process will take but it will be our top priority to ensure the safety of our citizenry. The person we choose will only be temporary. Our choice of a new Sheriff is dependent on two things: the outcome of the present proceeding to remove the Sheriff and the outcome of the general election.
8. Chair Smith asks for a motion to continue this meeting until Monday, February 23, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in the Graham County Courthouse located at 12 North Main Street Robbinsville, NC. Commissioner Williams made the motion as stated. 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