

Continued Meeting – February 24, 2026

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, February 24, 2026, at 4:29 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for a continued meeting. All board was present. Also present, Manager Brady Cody, Finance Director Stacy Carpenter and Clerk Kim Crisp.

1. Chair Smith called the continued meeting to order.
2. Chair Smith asks for a motion to accept the Disclosure Statement for Russell Moody. Commissioner Williams made the motion to accept. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chair Smith asks for a motion to accept the bond for Russell Moody for \$25,000.00. Commissioner Orr made the motion to accept the bond as stated. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
4. Chair Smith asks for a motion to appoint Russell Moody to fill the vacancy in the Office of Sheriff. Commissioner Orr made the motion to appoint Russell Moody as stated. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
5. Chair Smith asks for a motion to approve the bond for Russell Moody for the office of Sheriff of Graham County. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the bond as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. Chair Smith asks Tammy Holloway, Clerk of Superior Court to give the oath of office to Russell Moody for Sheriff of Graham County. Clerk Holloway gave the oath of office to Russell Moody. Mr. Moody signed his oath to office.
7. Clerk Holloway gave the oath of office to the Sheriff Staff. Clerk Holloway will give the oath to office for any employee that was absent by the end of the day. The staff present signed their oath to office.
8. Chair Smith asks for a motion to recess the meeting. Commissioner Williams made the motion to recess. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
9. Chair Smith asks for a motion to come out of recess. Commissioner Williams made the motion as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
10. Clerk Holloway gave the oath of office to the Jail Staff. The Jail Staff present signed their oath to office.
11. Chair Smith asks Russell Moody if he would like to speak. Mr. Moody stated that he appreciated everyone and that the Lord had put him in this position. Mr. Moody stated that he has spoken with Eddie Caldwell with the NC Sheriff's Association and these actions today are perfectly legal if anyone had any doubt. Mr. Moody stated that he will serve for whatever period of time is needed. Mr. Moody stated that he is here to help our county and with the Lord's help he will do what is right and restore trust in the department. Mr. Moody stated that he is not here to judge, no one is perfect, we all make mistakes. Mr. Moody stated that this appointment was not expected, the board of commissioners had asked him if he would be willing to help our county and he agreed. Mr. Moody thanked the county for their trust and thanked his wife and family. Mr. Moody prayed with those present.
12. 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