

Workshop Session – April 17, 2018

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for their regular workshop session. All board was present.

1. Chairman Eller called the meeting to order.
2. Chairman Eller welcomed Drew Christy, Director of Governor Roy Cooper's Western Office. Mr. Christy thanked Commissioner Orr and Manager Garland for a tour throughout the county and commended the GREAT Organization. Mr. Christy stated that the governor is in the middle of rolling out Hometown Strong an initiative to improve how the state partners with and helps rural communities. Governor Cooper wants to make sure that state government is listening to local leaders and doing everything it can to strengthen rural North Carolina. Mr. Christy stated that six counties was chosen as the pilots for the program and he would add Graham County to the list for the upcoming pilot counties. Mr. Christy stated that Governor Cooper is working to improve our low income counties.
3. Mr. Christy asks the commissioners for questions. The board discussed Corridor K. Mr. Christy stated that he would look into this and present his findings to the board at a later date. Commissioner Williams stated that we have been working on this for over 50 years.
4. Commissioner Williams requested that he also look into the property on upper Tallulah that was given to the NC State University and see if this property can be given back to the county. Commissioner Williams stated that this property was sold to the school years ago and they took it out of our tax base and we were already 72% owned by the federal government. Mr. Christy stated that he would research this property.
5. Mr. Christy stated that he would add Graham County's name to the Hometown Strong's second wave which will allow us to work more closely with the Governor.
6. The board thanked Mr. Christy for the attended the workshop session and looks forward to working with the Governor's office.
7. Chairman Eller adjourned the workshop session.

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Keith Eller, Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

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Connie Orr, Vice-Chairman, Graham County Commissioner

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Jacob Nelms, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Dale E. Wiggins, Member, Graham County Commissioner

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Raymond Williams, Member, Graham County Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board