

Budget Meeting – May 31, 2023

The Graham County Board of Commissioner met Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for a budget meeting. All board was present. Also, present Finance Director Stacy Carpenter and Interim County Manager/Clerk Kim Crisp.

1. Chairman Nelms called the meeting to order.
2. Chairman Nelms asks for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chairman Nelms asks Finance Director Stacy Carpenter to begin the budget discussions. Director Carpenter stated that she, Brian Stevens, and Dequina Cable had met with our EMS Billing Company and our collections are around 82%. Director Carpenter stated that she would stay on top of this collection. Commissioner Cody stated that the county has received a lot of calls and the collection should be higher. Director Carpenter stated that she can put out requests for proposals for our EMS Billing. The board agreed.
4. Director Carpenter gave a preview of the department's requests. Director Carpenter stated that we are anticipating a REDA Audit payback in DSS of up to \$40,000.00.
5. Director Carpenter stated that the board will need to adopt a new pay plan now that all new hires starting pay begins at \$14.00 per hour.
6. Director Carpenter stated that the school loan has been paid off so we will have \$250,00.00 in sales tax revenue to pay for the stadium seats.
7. Director Carpenter discussed the Library, Tri-County Community College, Heritage Festival, Reval, Kid's Place, Cemetery Commission, DSS, salary increases, etc.
8. Director Carpenter discussed sanitation and the sheriff department.
9. Director Carpenter stated that she did need approval of two expenses:
 - a. GPI for the Little Snowbird Property \$37,200.00
 - b. Mountain Community \$5,343.00.Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve the payments as presented. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
10. Clerk Crisp stated that she did have a leave without pay request for Brandon Walls due to a family emergency. Commissioner Orr made the motion to approve. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. Chairman Nelms asks for a motion to continue this meeting to Friday, June 2, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Williams made the motion to continue as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Jacob Nelms, Chairman

Natasha Williams, Vice-Chair

Lynn Cody, Member

Keith Eller, Member

Connie Orr, Member

ATTEST:

Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board