

Public Hearing – March 20, 2023

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Monday, March 20, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for a public hearing on the proposed Justice/Jail Center. All the board was present. Also, present PM Jason Marino, Representative from Moseley Architects, and Interim County Manager/Clerk to Board Kim Crisp.

1. Chairman Nelms called the public hearing to order and introduced the representatives from Moseley Architects. Chairman Nelms stated that the hearing was informal for those in attendance to view the three proposed sites and ask questions. Commissioner Orr stated that all options are still on the table, and they will not make their decision lightly.
2. Chairman Nelms stated that at the table of each proposed site is a survey form for the public to fill out and encourages everyone to do so.
3. There were several members of the public in attendance and questions were asked on locations and possible other sites. There was discussion on the population increases which did affect the size of the site. Dirk Cody, Commissioner, NC Department of Transportation, stated that he would be happy to discuss the population trends that the Department of Transportation has because their predictions are that our population will decline within the next thirty years.
4. There were several members of the public that commented on the sites and expressed the need for the commissioners to look at other possible sites.
5. There were a lot of considerations being made for each site and traffic control will play a major role in determining the site.
6. Chairman Nelms closed the public hearing.

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Jacob Nelms, Chairman

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Natasha Williams, Vice-Chair

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Lynn Cody, Member

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Keith Eller, Member

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Connie Orr, Member

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Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board