

Budget Meeting – February 25, 2025

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. for a budget meeting in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC. All board was present. Also present Interim County Manager/Clerk to the Board Kim Crisp and Finance Director Stacy Carpenter.

1. Chair Smith called the meeting to order.
2. Chair Smith asks for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Williams made the motion. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chair Smith asks for budget discussion. Interim Manager Crisp stated that our discussions will be:
 - a. Administration
 - b. Governing Body
 - c. Finance
 - d. Building Inspector
 - e. Public Buildings
 - f. Project Manager
 - g. Extension
 - h. Soil and Water
 - i. Closed Session, if necessary.
4. Finance Director Carpenter prepared a spreadsheet for the board to review with the past three years' budget information.
5. Chair Smith stated that she would like to appoint an Urgent Care Committee and asks that we appoint Kelsey Cody, Katy Lynch, Meggan Smith and Natasha Williams. Chair Smith made the motion to form an Urgent Care Committee as stated. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
6. Finance Director Stacy Carpenter discussed Courts Contingency. Director Carpenter and Manager Crisp both felt that we needed to add a contingency this year for the unexpected costs of holding court out of the county.
7. Director Carpenter stated that she would like to hire a part-time worker for finance.
8. Director Carpenter stated that Building Inspections remained the same.
9. Director Carpenter stated that public buildings remained the same.
10. Director Carpenter discussed the Project Manager's budget. The board asks that the project manager be assigned to grants management/administration. Commissioner Williams made the motion to add grants management/administration to the project manager's job description. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
11. The board discussed Extension, 4-H, Soil and Water budgets.
12. The board discussed retirement increases, health insurance increases of 6%, capital outlay, etc.
13. 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