

BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 8, 2012

5:15 PM

PRESENT: William Armstrong, Charlie Bayless, Tom Bowers, Nancy Brown, Steve Chambers, Lawrence Hodge, Scott Sams and Harry Sisk.

The meeting was called to order by Harry Sisk.

Quorum present.

Motion made by Steve Chambers, second by Tom Bowers to approve the September 10, 2012 minutes.

Motion carried.

- **Milligan College Bond:** Tom Anderson requested to use \$7,500,000 of Carter County's \$10,000,000 annual tax free bond eligibility. Mr. Anderson explained this bond would not be a County liability. This would allow Milligan College to build additional residence halls. Dr. Bill Greer, President of Milligan College, stated the College is currently at capacity for student housing and in need of expanding.

Motion was made by Tom Bowers, second by Charlie Bayless to authorize Finance Director Ingrid Deloach to write a letter stating Carter County has no intention of issuing any bonds this calendar year pending County Attorney approval no later than the November 2012 Budget Committee.

Motion carried.

- **Forensic Services:** Harry Sisk presented the proposed FY 12-13 share of forensic cost. Carter County's cost of forensic services for fiscal year 2012-2013 is \$51,781.00. Currently, only \$38,622 budgeted for this line item.

Motion was made by Tom Bowers, second by Steve Chambers to transfer \$13,000 from 101-91190-791 Industrial Development to 101-58190-316-42 forensic services. Motion carried.

- **Paving of Parking Lot at New Jail:** Finance Director Ingrid Deloach stated drawings will need to be done and the project will need to be bid out for the parking lot at the new jail. She advised there currently are no funds allocated for this project. Ms. Deloach also stated this project will need to be completed quickly once the jail pods have been removed from the site.

- **Inmate Healthcare Services:** Sheriff Chris Mathes said bids received for Inmate Healthcare were all well above the amount currently budgeted. Sheriff Mathes will be inviting all bidders to come to the October Commission meeting to make presentations on their bids. He will also be asking all bidders to consider reducing their bid if possible to be more in line with the budget.

Sheriff Mathes also requested a transfer from a reserve account into law enforcement equipment to reimburse the cost of new bullet proof vests.

Motion was made by Lawrence Hodge, second by Nancy Brown to transfer \$14,198 from the reserve account 101-34990-000-32 to law enforcement equipment 101-54110-716. Motion carried.

- **Animal Shelter Update:** Mayor Humphrey presented the results of a recent bid opening for construction of the new Elizabethton/Carter County Animal Shelter. It was the recommendation of the Animal Shelter Advisory Board that the bid be awarded to Landmark Construction for a total of

\$499,245. Mayor Humphrey stated this recommendation is also being presented to Elizabethton City Council. If all parties agree on the contractor the Animal Shelter Advisory Board hopes to start construction by November 1, 2012.

Motion was made by William Armstrong, second by Nancy Brown to recommend the bid for construction of the new Animal Shelter be awarded to Landmark Construction for a total of \$499,245. Motion carried.

- **General Fund 101 Amendment #2 Items 1-2:** Motion by Charlie Bayless, second by Steve Chambers to approve General Fund Amendment #2. Motion Carried
- **Solid Waste Fund 116 Amendments #1 Item 1:** Motion by Charlie Bayless, second by Lawrence Hodge to approve Solid Waste Fund Amendment #1. Motion Carried
- **General Purpose School Fund 141 Amendment #2 Items 1-4:** Motion by Steve Chambers, second by Tom Bowers to approve General Purpose School Fund Amendment #2. Motion Carried
- **Public Comments:** Public comments were made John Lewis.

Motion made by Tom Bowers, second by Lawrence Hodge to adjourn Budget Committee. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christa Byrd

Harry Sisk,

Approved for File