

BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 8, 2015

6:00 PM

PRESENT: Nancy Brown, Robert Carroll, Sonja Culler, Ross Garland, John Lewis, Buford Peters, L.C. Tester and Ronnie Trivett.

The meeting was called to order by Sonja Culler.

Quorum present.

Motion made by John Lewis, second by Ross Garland to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made by Buford Peters, second by John Lewis to approve minutes from the May 4, 2015 hearing. Motion carried with seven ayes and a pass vote from Ronnie Trivett.

Motion made by John Lewis, second by Ross Garland to approve minutes from the May 7, 2015 hearing. Motion carried.

Motion made by Buford Peters second by John Lewis to approve minutes from the May 11, 2015 hearing and the May 11, 2015 meeting. Motion carried with seven ayes and a no vote from Ronnie Trivett.

Motion made by Ross Garland second by Buford Peters to approve minutes from the May 21, 2015 hearing. Motion carried with seven ayes and a no vote from Ronnie Trivett.

Motion made by Buford Peters second by Ross Garland to approve minutes from the May 28, 2015 meeting. Motion carried with five ayes and no votes from Nancy Brown, John Lewis, and Ronnie Trivett.

Nancy Brown voiced her concern with the issue of Commissioner Hill filling in for her at the May 28th meeting. She wished to go on record that her vote would have been completely different than Mr. Hill's.

Public Comments: Roy Livingston questioned the Committee about the amount of fund balance used to balance the Highway Budget and the allocations to Debt Service.

- **Donations:** Motion was made by Nancy Brown, second by Ross Garland to accept \$1,000 donated to the Sheriff's Department's Clean Team and \$153 donated to the Animal Shelter. All ayes. Motion carried.
- **Animal Shelter Personnel Needs:** Mayor Humphrey informed the Committee of a personnel situation at the Animal Shelter. He stated that a full-time Maintenance Supervisor was needed to work with the inmates to maintain the facility. He reviewed the cost of \$32,226.04 to hire a full-time person at \$10 an hour with benefits. He then requested that \$12,818 be moved from the line item 169 Part-Time Personnel to 189 Other Salaries and Wages. He also asked that \$10,000 be transferred from 51800-454 Water and Sewer to cover the County's share of this increase. Motion was made to accept the changes to the 15-16 budget pending the City's approval of the increase in their share by Ronnie Trivett, second by Nancy Brown. Motion carried with six ayes and no votes from Buford Peters and L.C. Tester.
- **General Fund 101 Amendment #12:** Christa Byrd explained the amendment to be the annual cleanup amendment. She pointed out that items #8 and #31 would be coming from Fund Balance. She also discussed item #38 that was added at the last minute to reallocate funds received for microchips at the Animal Shelter. Motion was made by L.C. Tester, second by Ross Garland to approve General Fund 101 Amendment #12 with 38 items for a total of \$457,459.39 with \$27,500 coming from fund balance. Motion carried with seven ayes and one no vote from John Lewis.
- **Sheriff's Amendments:** Sheriff Lunceford presented two amendments to the Committee. Item one is to reallocate funds to purchase a new litter truck. Item two reallocates funds from the Automation Reserve to upgrade existing servers and computers. Motion made by L.C. Tester, second by John Lewis to approve the two amendments for a total of \$67,756.64 with nothing coming from fund balance. Motion carried with seven ayes and a no vote from Ronnie Trivett.

- **Solid Waste Fund 116 Amendment #3:** Motion was made by L.C. Tester, second by Ross Garland to approve Solid Waste Fund 116 Amendment #3 with one item for a total of \$5,680 and nothing coming from fund balance. All ayes. Motion carried.
- **Health Department Fund 117 Amendment #2:** Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, second by Nancy Brown to approve Health Department Fund 117 Amendment #2 with one item for a total of \$22,200.32 with nothing coming from fund balance. All ayes. Motion carried.
- **Drug Fund 122 Amendment #4:** Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, second by Robert Carroll to approve Drug Control Fund 122 Amendment #4 with 2 items for a total of \$3,360 and nothing coming from fund balance. All ayes. Motion carried.
- **Highway Fund 131 Amendment #5:** Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, second by John Lewis to approve Highway Fund 131 Amendment #5 with two items for a total of \$117,900.17 with \$61,745 coming from fund balance. All ayes. Motion carried.
- **General Purpose School Fund 141 Amendment #14:** Motion was made by Nancy Brown, second by Ross Garland to approve General Purpose School Fund 141 Amendment #14 with two items for a total of \$765,190.00 with nothing coming from fund balance. All ayes. Motion carried.
- **General Purpose School Fund 141 Amendment #15:** Motion was made by L.C. Tester, second by Nancy Brown to approve General Purpose School Fund 141 Amendment #15 with 17 items for a total of \$406,263.04 with nothing coming from fund balance. All ayes. Motion carried.
- **Food Service Fund 143 Amendment #2:** Motion was made by L.C. Tester, second by Ross Garland to approve Food Service Fund 143 Amendment #2 with 1 item for a total of \$77,700 with nothing coming from fund balance. All ayes. Motion carried.
- **Head Start Fund 145 Amendment #1:** Motion was made by Nancy Brown, second by L.C. Tester to accept Head Start Fund 145 Amendment #1 with one item for a total of \$116,377.39 and nothing coming from fund balance. All ayes. Motion carried.
- **General Purpose School Fund 141 Amendment #13:** Motion was made by L.C. Tester, second by John Lewis to approve General Purpose School Fund 141 Amendment #13 with 12 items for a total of \$191,739 with nothing coming from fund balance. All ayes. Motion carried.
- **Debt Service Fund 151 Amendment #1:** Motion was made by John Lewis, second by Robert Carroll to approve Debt Service Fund 151 Amendment #1 with one item for a total of \$165.00 with nothing coming from fund balance. All ayes. Motion carried.
- **Clerk and Master Request:** The Committee heard a request from the Clerk and Master's Office to reserve any remaining funds in that budget at year end for the purchase of any additional hardware or software during the new program implementation. Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, second by Ross Garland to reserve any remaining funds in the Clerk and Master's Budget at year end for use during the new software implementation. All ayes. Motion carried.
- **County Buildings Request:** Previously funds had been allocated to cover the costs of renovations at the new Elections Office Building. Some projects are taking longer than originally anticipated. It was requested that those funds which were already allocated for the project be reserved at June 30th so that the projects could be completed. Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, second by L.C. Tester to reserve funds remaining in 51800-335 at year end for the completion of the renovation of the new Elections Office Building. Motion carried with seven ayes and a no vote from John Lewis.
- **Highway Department 15-16 Budget:** Roger Colbaugh presented his most recent revised budget. He stated this was the minimum needed to run his department. He requested that the Highway Fund be allowed to utilize

\$630,370.16 from reserves to balance the 15-16 budget. Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, second by Robert Carroll to approve the Highway Fund 15-16 Budget as presented. Motion carried with five ayes and no votes from Sonja Culler, Ross Garland, and Buford Peters.

- **9-1-1 Contracted Services Request:** The Committee reviewed the request from Carter County 9-1-1 to be recognized as a contracted service rather than an outside agency. Motion was made by John Lewis, second by Ronnie Trivett to deny the request. Motion failed with 3 ayes and no votes from Nancy Brown, Sonja Culler, Ross Garland, Buford Peters, and L.C. Tester. Motion was then made by L.C. Tester, second by Ross Garland to reclassify 9-1-1 as a contracted service. Motion carried with six ayes and no votes from John Lewis and Ronnie Trivett.

Discussion followed concerning the amount of cuts to the 15-16 Budget Requests as well as the funding for tourism.

Motion was made by Buford Peters, second by Ross Garland to set the Public Hearing for July 13th at 6:00 pm. Motion carried with six ayes and two no votes from Nancy Brown and Robert Carroll.

Motion to adjourn was made by Buford Peters with a second from John Lewis. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ingrid Deloach



Sonja Culler, Approved for File

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