

BUDGET COMMITTEE

July 13, 2015

6:00 PM

APPROVED

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

The meeting was called to order by Sonja Culler.

Quorum present.

Motion made by Buford Peters, second by L.C. Tester to adopt the agenda. Motion carried with a no vote from Ronnie Trivett.

Motion made by Ross Garland, second by Buford Peters to approve minutes from the June 8, 2015 hearing. Motion carried with six ayes and a no vote from Ronnie Trivett.

Public Comments: no comments were made.

- **Donations:** Motion was made by Nancy Brown, second by L.C. Tester to accept \$593.59 donated to the Animal Shelter. All ayes, motion carried.
- **County Postage Meter Lease Agreement:** Finance Director Ingrid Deloach explained that the former postage meter has reached the end of its life and it is a necessity to get a new postage meter to service the county. She explained a lease agreement needs to be approved for a new postage meter. Mayor Humphrey said the monthly cost is a slight increase but noted the old unit had large repair costs. Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, second by Nancy Brown to approve a forty-eight month lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for a new postage meter. All ayes, motion carried.
- **Park & Rec Committee Recommendation:** Commissioner Randal Jenkins said the Park and Recreation Committee is requesting to enter into an agreement with Johnson City to contribute \$10,000 towards the completion of the Carter County section of the Tweetsie Trail. Mr. Jenkins stated the funds will be coming from Park and Rec reserves. Park and Recreation Chairman Ken Gough said the committee would like to put their money to use by contributing to the Tweetsie Trail. Motion to approve the agreement with the City of Johnson City for a \$10,000 Tweetsie Trail Donation. All ayes, motion carried.

Nancy Brown	Aye	John Lewis	Absent
Robert Carroll	Aye	Buford Peters	Aye
Sonja Culler	Aye	L.C. Tester	Aye
Ross Garland	Aye	Ronnie Trivett	Aye

- **General Fund 101 15-16 Budget Approval:** Ingrid Deloach said she received a bill for workman's comp and property and liability insurances with an increase. She requested the committee approve the presented amended budget to cover the increase. She said the change still keeps the General Fund very close to being balanced for the 2015-16 year. Nancy Brown asked why there is an increase. Mrs. Deloach said the increase is a result of the addition of properties such as the old 911 building and normal premium increases. Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, second by Robert Carroll to approve the presented change to the County Building 2015-16 budget. A voice roll call was as follows:

Nancy Brown	Aye	John Lewis	Absent
Robert Carroll	Aye	Buford Peters	Aye
Sonja Culler	Aye	L.C. Tester	Aye
Ross Garland	Aye	Ronnie Trivett	Aye

Motion Carried.

- **Debt Service Fund 151 15-16 Budget Approval:** Finance Director Ingrid Deloach said the request to approve a revised Debt Service budget is simply due to human error. She overlooked a note payment when she originally

calculated 2015-16 expenditures in Debt Service. The requested change to the budget does not create additional expenditures, but rather accurately reflects debt service payments the county is obligated to make. Mrs. Deloach apologized for the oversight.

Motion was made by Ross Garland, second by Buford Peters to approve the Debt Service 2015-16 budget as presented. A voice roll call was as follows:

Nancy Brown	No	John Lewis	Absent
Robert Carroll	No	Buford Peters	Aye
Sonja Culler	Aye	L.C. Tester	Aye
Ross Garland	Aye	Ronnie Trivett	No

Motion failed.

Mrs. Deloach said the Debt Service budget as presented for the public hearing is what the committee just voted down. So, a public hearing cannot be held because what was advertised does not match the approved budget. Robert Carroll said he would have liked to have a meeting before the budget was published. Mrs. Deloach noted there were no meetings scheduled before the public hearing. She said the requested change does not alter the tax rate, it just properly budgets for expenditures. Nancy Brown said she still feels cuts can be made to the budget.

Motion was made by Buford Peters, second by L.C. Tester to vote on the Debt Service budget again. A voice roll call was as follows:

Nancy Brown	No	John Lewis	Absent
Robert Carroll	Aye	Buford Peters	Aye
Sonja Culler	Aye	L.C. Tester	Aye
Ross Garland	Aye	Ronnie Trivett	No

Motion carried.

Mayor Humphrey said he believes another vote is needed to actually approve the Debt Service budget as the previous vote was solely for voting on the budget again.

Motion was made by Buford Peters, second by L.C. Tester to approve the Debt Service 2015-16 budget as presented. A voice roll call was as follows:

Nancy Brown	No	John Lewis	Absent
Robert Carroll	No	Buford Peters	Aye
Sonja Culler	Aye	L.C. Tester	Aye
Ross Garland	Aye	Ronnie Trivett	No

Motion failed.

A recess was taken to listen to the recording of the previous motions. The meeting was called back to order after several minutes.

Sonja Culler asked the committee to set a date to meet again so a public hearing can be held. The next meeting will be on July 21, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn was made by Buford Peters, second by Ronnie Trivett. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christa Byrd

APPROVED


Sonja Culler, Approved for File
Passed Aug 19, 2015