

BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 10th, 2017

6:00 P.M.

(Spelling and Names)

Per: Robert Acuff

**CORRECTED COPY

Present: Robert Acuff, Al Meehan, Ronnie Trivett, L.C. Tester, Bobbie Dietz (Ross Garland), John Lewis, Sonja Culler

Absent: Robert Carroll

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sonja Culler. In the absence of Ross Garland, Chair Culler asked Robert Acuff to serve as Secretary.

Roll call. One absent. Quorum present.

- **Adopt Agenda:** Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, second by L.C. Tester to adopt amended agenda.
All ayes. Motion carried.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by John Lewis, second by L.C. Tester to approve minutes from the March 13th meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
- **Public Comments:** None offered.
- **Old Business:** No old business.
- **New Business: Debt Service Discussion** – Finance Director Christa Byrd presented the committee with Debt Service Principal Payment Impact on a note held by Federal Capital. She compared the principal and interest rates from two perspectives: 1) continuing to pay the note through 2019-20, which would yield a \$20,965.31 total interest payment or 2) to pay \$80,000 in principal this year in order to lower the interest payout over the life of the note to \$9,969.83. By selecting the second option, the savings to the citizens of Carter County would be \$10,995.48. L.C. Tester made the motion to select the second option and pay \$80,000 toward the principal. John Lewis seconded the motion and Chair Culler called for a roll call vote.

Robert Acuff	Aye	Bobbie Dietz	Aye
Al Meehan	Aye	John Lewis	Aye
Ronnie Trivett	Aye	Sonja Culler	Aye
L.C. Tester	Aye		

Motion carried.

- **County Medical Insurance Renewal:** Director Byrd presented the committee with the past medical insurance history (2013-16; and the new projection for 2016-17) with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Tennessee (BCBST). The rate changes have varied from 0% (2014-14) to 13.65% (2015-16). The rate for 2016-17 is an increase over the previous year by 8.65% or \$1,801,400. John Lewis expressed his opinion that the plan should be sent to the county's broker for a rate request from other companies. Several on the committee expressed that county employees are satisfied with BCBST and it would possibly mean changing providers and other issues that could result in a higher cost for employees. L.C. Tester made the motion to remain with BCBST and accept the percent increase. The motion was seconded by Al Meehan. Chair Culler called for a roll call vote.

Robert Acuff	Aye	Bobbie Dietz	Aye
Al Meehan	Aye	John Lewis	No
Ronnie Trivett	Aye	Sonja Culler	Aye
L.C. Tester			

Motion carried.

- **General Fund 101 Amendment #8:** Multiple line items 1-15. Item 37 brought discussion because the Towing Service amounts were not the same (increase/decrease). After discussion and questioning Chief Parrish, the corrected line item amount should be \$150. Motion made by L.C. Tester, second by Ronnie Trivette to approve General Fund 101 Amendment #8. Chair Culler called for a roll call vote.

Total: \$96,806.65

Robert Acuff	Aye	Bobbie Dietz	Aye
Al Meehan	Aye	John Lewis	Aye
Ronnie Trivett	Aye	Sonja Culler	Aye
L.C. Tester	Aye		

Motion carried.

- **Sheriff's Department:** Chair Culler at the request of Chief Parrish representing the Sheriff's Department, added one agenda item. The purchase for a walk through X-Ray machine; payment would come from the Sheriff's Reserve account. Asked why by committee as to the need of this item, Chief Parrish indicated that inmates are becoming creative in how they hide contraband. John Lewis made the motion to accept, seconded by L.C. Tester. Chair Culler called for a roll call vote.

Total: \$120,000.00

Robert Acuff	Aye	Bobbie Dietz	Aye
Al Meehan	Aye	John Lewis	Aye
Ronnie Trivett	Aye	Sonja Culler	Aye
L.C. Tester	Aye		

Motion carried

- **Highway Fund 131 Amendment #3:** To allocate for allocate for the purchase of highway equipment (tractor mowers vis State contract and reallocate within several line items for the purchase. Motion made by L.C. Tester, second by Ronnie Trivett to approve Highway Fund 131 Amendment #3. Chair Culler called for a roll call vote.

Total: \$335,357.55

Robert Acuff	Aye	Bobbie Dietz	Aye
Al Meehan	Aye	John Lewis	Aye
Ronnie Trivett	Aye	Sonja Culler	Aye
L.C. Tester	Aye		

Motion carried.

- **General Purpose School Fund #141 Amendment #8:** To reallocate within Central and Other Budget with some items coming from the School Fund Balance and others from the 1/2 cent referendum monies. Motion was made by John Lewis, second by L.C. Tester to approve General Purpose School Fund Amendment #8.

Total: \$1,386,422.75

Robert Acuff	Aye	Bobbie Dietz	Aye
Al Meehan	Aye	John Lewis	Aye
Ronnie Trivett	Aye	Sonja Culler	Aye
L.C. Tester	Aye		

Motion carried.

- **Federal Projects Fund #142 Amendment #4:** One item to recognize additional Focus School revenue. Motion made by Ronnie Trivett, second by L.C. Tester to approve Federal Projects Fund 142 Amendment #3.

Total: \$3,000.00

Robert Acuff	Aye	Bobbie Dietz	Aye
Al Meehan	Aye	John Lewis	No
Ronnie Trivett	Aye	Sonja Culler	Aye
L.C. Tester	Aye		

Motion carried.

- **Food Service Fund #143 Amendment #1:** To allocate for purchase of Food Service Equipment, not to exceed \$125,000.00. Motion made by Ronnie Trivett, second by Bobbie Dietz to approve Food Service Fund 143 Amendment #2.

Total: \$125,000.00

Robert Acuff	Aye	Bobbie Dietz	Aye
Al Meehan	Aye	John Lewis	Aye
Ronnie Trivett	Aye	Sonja Culler	Aye
L.C. Tester	Aye		

Motion carried.

- Director Byrd instructed the committee that the next budget session would be on May 1, 2017. She also asked that members submit any questions or requests in order to clarify budget material as soon as possible.
- The motion to adjourn made by John Lewis, second by Al Meehan. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Acuff for Ross Garland

Sonja Culler,

Approved for File