

BUDGET COMMITTEE

November 6, 2019

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PRESENT: Willie Campbell, Patty Woodby, Charles VonCannon for Ronnie Trivett, Isaiah Grindstaff, Ross Garland, Travis Hill, Aaron Frazier (came late & not present at the beginning of meeting) and Kelly Collins

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Ross Garland, Chairman

ROLL CALL: Quorum Present

- Approval of Agenda: Chairman Garland stated the Drug Fund's Budget Amendment needed to be removed from the agenda. Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff, seconded by Willie Campbell to approve the amended agenda. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Approval of Minutes: Noting a change of November to October on page 2, motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff, seconded by Patty Woodby to approve the October 14, 2019, meeting minutes. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Public Comments: None
- Old Business: None
- New Business: Chief Parrish addressed the committee requesting their approval of a "lease to purchase" seven (7) Dodge Chargers for the Sheriff's Department. He stated their intent was to replace the seven (7) Crown Vic's presently in their SRO fleet that were older and problematic as far as maintenance. He stated the new Dodge Chargers would be put in the primary patrol fleet and the Ford Taurus's would be put in the SRO fleet pushing the Crown Vic's out. He presented a sample lease agreement that had been approved by the County Attorney. He stated the last page was an "addendum" to the lease in order to address Attorney Hardin's concerns regarding said lease. When the financial aspects of the lease were being discussed, Travis Hill asked Mr. Burke if he thought the County maybe could get a cheaper interest rate by applying for another note. Chief Parrish stated the Sheriff's Department had always purchased vehicles through a State Contract in order to not have to bid out the vehicles. Austin Jaynes suggested the County fund the Sheriff's Department the money for the vehicles and let them in turn pay the County back with whatever interest rate they determined, if any. As this plan was agreeable to the Sheriff's Department and the committee, motion was made by Kelly Collins, seconded by Travis Hill to "loan" the Sheriff's Department the funds needed to purchase the seven (7) vehicles, an amount of approximaely \$272,186.88, from unassigned fund balance to be repaid within four (4) years with 0% interest. Brad Burke, Financial Director, stated he would draw up a repayment schedule. By a vote of 7 ayes and 1 absent (Aaron Frazier) the motion carried.

On behalf of the Buildings/Grounds Committee, Austin Jaynes addressed the committee stating the amount of the lowest bid from Armstrong Construction for the courthouse security project in the amount of \$169,105 had been received. He said the budget amendment for the project approved by the commission was \$168,000 and left a balance of \$1,105. He requested the committee approve the additional funds. Motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve the request of \$1,105 coming from restricted fund balance. By a vote of 7 ayes and 1 absent (Aaron Frazier) motion carried.

At the request of Randall Jenkins, Chairman of the Rules/Bylaws Committee, Isaiah Grindstaff addressed the committee to recommend a three (3) year purchase in the amount of \$6,395 to upgrade Roll Call Pro to the latest version. This is a contract where the county purchases a three (3) year subscription and is given two (2) additional years by the company. The committee discussed the many additional options of the latest Roll Call Pro version and the fact the present system is at an "end of life" stage. Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to set aside funds from unassigned fund balance to pay for the upgrade. By a vote of 7 ayes and 1 nay (Willie Campbell) motion passed.

Financial Director Brad Burke presented the committee a quote from IT decisions in the amount of \$9,964.82 for hardware/software for archiving e-mails. He stated the county is required to retain records for a certain period of time depending on what they pertained to and the same thing required for hard copies also applied to e-mails. Anthony Lawrence explained the technical aspects of this system and stated if the county used and maintained the appliance for four (4) years the device would be refreshed. He said all e-mails would be stored in a "cloud" and could be recovered by the company on a new device should there be a malfunction and information lost. Motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to fund the e-mail archiver with the funds coming from restricted account 34510-002, Archives and Records Management fees. By a vote of all ayes, motion carried.

- Budget Amendments: Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Patty Woodby to approve General Fund #101, Budget Amendment #4, Items #1 thru #13 and #15 in the amount of \$461,667.01. Item #14 was removed from the amendment. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Willie Campbell to approve the Solid Waste/Sanitation Fund #116, Budget Amendment #3, Item #1 in the amount of \$11,668.05. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Patty Woodby to approve the Sports and Recreation Fund #123, Budget Amendment #2, Item #1 in the amount of \$4,000. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve Highway/Public Works Fund #4, Items #1 thru #2 in the amount of \$38,437.76. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff, seconded by Patty Woodby to approve the General Purpose School Fund #141, Budget Amendment #4, Items #1 thru #5 in the amount of \$849,587.30. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Willie Campbell, seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve General Purpose School Fund #141, Budget Amendment #4-A, in the amount of \$79,077.47 pending approval by the BOE. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff, seconded by Kelly Collins to approve School Federal Projects Fund #142, Items #1 thru #6 in the amount of \$485,793.26. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Willie Campbell to approve Central Cafeteria Fund #143, Budget Amendment #3, Items #1 thru #3 in the amount of \$90,443.94. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve Head Start Fund #145, Budget Amendment #2, Item #1 in the amount of \$29,000. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve the October 2019 Donations to the Animal Shelter in the amount of \$635 and the Drug Fund in the amount of \$58.63, a total of \$693.63. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Willie Campbell to approve the non-cash donation to the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$68.40 for treatment of the department's dog. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

- Comments: Aaron Frazier informed the committee he was meeting the guy who started the Small Business Incubator in the Great Lakes Building on Friday at 9:00. He stated he was interested in expanding the program and opening it up for more businesses once the county became responsible for the building again.

Austin Jaynes stated with the next budget process approaching, he would like to see a budget for Capital Outlay addressed.

Travis Hill stated they had received five (5) proposals for the compensation study. He said the top two (2) would be interviewed in January 2020 and presented to the full commission at the next meeting.

Mayor Barnett informed the committee he had gone to a meeting with NES to Walter's State to obtain information on a culinary program they had that NES was interested in.

On motion by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Travis Hill, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzi Wallace

Approved for entry:

Ross Garland, Chairman