

BUDGET COMMITTEE

January 14, 2019

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Willie Campbell, Patty Woodby, Ronnie Trivett, Isaiah Grindstaff, Ross Garland,
Travis Hill, Ray Lyons and Kelly Collins
ABSENT: None
CALL TO ORDER: Ross Garland, Chairman
ROLL CALL: Quorum Present

- Approval of Agenda: Ross Garland requested the agenda be amended by adding a Resolution for the Register's office under New Business. Motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve the agenda with the amendment. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Approval of Minutes: Noting a misspelled name on page two (2), motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Kelly Collins to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2018 meeting. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Public Comments: Roy Livingston asked if all income/revenue coming in was considered when the new budget process began. He was told yes.
- Old Business: None
- New Business: Financial Director Brad Burke stated the county maintained a small Courthouse and Jail Maintenance Fund #112 that had only one (1) transaction per month. He stated the auditors recommended that account be closed and moved to the General Fund and separated in a reserve account for Courthouse and Jail Maintenance. Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Willie Campbell to approve the auditor's recommendation. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Willie Campbell	aye	Patty Woodby	aye
Ronnie Trivett	aye	Isaiah Grindstaff	aye
Ross Garland	aye	Travis Hill	aye
Ray Lyons	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

Attorney Hardin explained the Register of Deeds charged a 5% fee on all transactions. He said a few years ago the state took 52% of the fee for a retirement fund that no longer exists but the state were still retaining those fees. He presented a "Resolution in Support of State Legislation to Repeal the Provision Reducing the Commission Retained by the County Register of Deeds". Motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve the resolution to be forwarded to the full commission. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Willie Campbell	aye	Patty Woodby	aye
Ronnie Trivett	aye	Isaiah Grindstaff	aye
Ross Garland	aye	Travis Hill	aye
Ray Lyons	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

Sheriff Lunceford reported he had contacted three (3) companies for air quality tests at the jail and only heard back from one (1), Hepaco. He stated a representative came and did a walk thru of the jail, giving him a quote of \$4,000 to do air quality and surface testing. Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Ray Lyons to approve the \$4,000 quote and present it to the

Budget Committee to determine where the funds should be taken from. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Willie Campbell	aye	Patty Woodby	nay
Ronnie Trivett	aye	Isaiah Grindstaff	aye
Ross Garland	aye	Travis Hill	aye
Ray Lyons	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

Caroline Hurt, representing the Carter County Health Department, stated bids had been taken for the final phase of the renovations. She said she chose the lowest bid with Construction Partners LLC and was given nothing but positive feedback when she checked out previous jobs they had done. Brad Burke stated the start up funding would come from the General Fund and would be 100% reimbursed back to the county. Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Willie Campbell to approve the bid from Construction Partners LLC in the amount of \$179,500. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Willie Campbell	aye	Patty Woodby	aye
Ronnie Trivett	aye	Isaiah Grindstaff	aye
Ross Garland	aye	Travis Hill	aye
Ray Lyons	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

- Budget Amendments: Motion was made by Ray Lyons, seconded by Ross Garland to approve General Fund #101, Budget Amendment #7, Items #1 thru Item #8 as presented. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Willie Campbell	aye	Patty Woodby	aye
Ronnie Trivett	aye	Isaiah Grindstaff	aye
Ross Garland	aye	Travis Hill	aye
Ray Lyons	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

Motion was made by Ray Lyons, seconded by Ronnie Trivett, to approve Drug Control Fund #122, Budget Amentment #3, Item #1 as presented. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Willie Campbell	aye	Patty Woodby	aye
Ronnie Trivett	aye	Isaiah Grindstaff	aye
Ross Garland	aye	Travis Hill	aye
Ray Lyons	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Patty Woodby to approve Highway/Public Works Fund #131, Budget Amendment #2, Items #1 thru #4 as presented. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried

Willie Campbell	abstain	Patty Woodby	aye
Ronnie Trivett	aye	Isaiah Grindstaff	aye
Ross Garland	aye	Travis Hill	aye
Ray Lyons	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

Motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Ray Lyonsto approve General Purpose School Fund #141, Budget Amendment #5, Items #1 thru #6 as presented. By voice roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Willie Campbell	aye	Patty Woodby	aye
Ronnie Trivett	aye	Isaiah Grindstaff	aye
Ross Garland	aye	Travis Hill	aye
Ray Lyons	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

Motion was made by Ross Garland, seconded by Willie Campbell to approve School Federal Projects Fund #142, Budget Amendment #1, Items #1 thru #5 as presented. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried

.Willie Campbell	aye	Patty Woodby	aye
Ronnie Trivett	aye	Isaiah Grindstaff	aye
Ross Garland	aye	Travis Hill	aye
Ray Lyons	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

Motion was made by Randall Jenkins, seconded by Travis Hill to approve the December 2018 donations for the Animal Shelter in the amount of \$4,497.00, the Drug Fund in the amount of \$185.00 and non-cash donations to the Animal Shelter from Walmart in the amount of \$1,617.34 as presented. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Willie Campbell	aye	Patty Woodby	aye
Ronnie Trivett	aye	Isaiah Grindstaff	aye
Ross Garland	aye	Travis Hill	aye
Ray Lyons	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

- Committee Comments: Ray Lyons addressed the committee regarding employee raises in the next budget process. He stated he had been collecting data and said we had 233 employees in the county. His thought was to set a threshold at \$25,000 and the 179 employees making this amount or more would be given a 3% raise and the 54 employees below this amount be given a 5% raise. He stated he was just putting this out there as food for thought but urged the committee to get creative and find a way to fund this without a tax increase. Ginger Holdren informed the committee the Financial Management Committee was looking at this in the form of comparing step raises in other locations to what Carter County now has. She said each step should be no less than 3%. Ronnie Trivett added we have to come up with insurance for the employees and were looking at some different insurances in an effort to lower the cost. He stated he was all for the employees getting a raise but as a Budget Committee member the taxpayers had to be considered. Several committee members voiced the opinion that if employees had regular step raises they would have more incentive to stay committed to our county.

Dr. Acuff informed the committee Caroline Hurt from the Health Department was putting together a work shop to inform people of services offered to them by the health department if they qualified. He stated our largest portion of our budget other than salaries was insurance. He said if a alternative could not be found, employees may have to pay more on their insurance premiums and there would be no funds for raises.

Kelly Collins informed the committee of an issue at the Animal Shelter where the wiring of the HVAC system that they were having such a problem with caught fire. She said it was caught fast and early or could have been a major disaster.

Mayor Barnette stated the parts to fix the boiler should be in tomorrow and the HVAC at the courthouse would be repaired. He said the issue at the Animal Shelter may be covered by insurance and he would check on that.

By motion and second, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzi Wallace

Approved for entry:

Ross Garland, Chairman