

BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 8, 2019

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Willie Campbell, Patty Woodby, Ronnie Trivett, Isaiah Grindstaff, Ross Garland, Travis Hill, Aaron Frazier for Ray Lyons and Kelly Collins

ABSENT: Ray Lyons

CALL TO ORDER: Ross Garland, Chairman

ROLL CALL: Quorum Present

- Approval of Agenda: Road Supt. Roger Colbaugh asked that an engineering proposal be added to the agenda. Motion was made by Travis Hill seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve the agenda with the amendment. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Approval of Minutes: With the corrections of Mike Hill being changed to Travis Hill on pages 2, 3, and 4, motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve the minutes of the March 2019, meeting as presented. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Public Comments: Roy Livingston asked if it would be possible to get a worksheet showing all income added as it came in, where it comes from and whether it was designated or undesignated. Brad Burke, Financial Director, said he would try to take the monthly revenue report one step further in an effort to simplify it.
- New Business: On recommendation of the Financial Management Committee, Brad Johnson requested bids for two (2) new vehicles for the Planning Department be let in an amount not to exceed \$55,000. He stated the funds were to come from additional revenues received from permit fees placed into the General Fund by the Planning & Zoning Department. After much discussion, motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff, seconded by Kelly Collins to move forward with the Financial Management's request. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried

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

On recommendation of the Financial Management Committee, Brad Johnson referred to a letter attached to the agenda from the Chairman of the Planning & Zoning office, Jerry Pearman, and the Mayor requesting a pay increase for the Director of the Planning to \$65,000 beginning April 1, 2019. The increase was an amount of \$17,359.90 plus benefits of \$3,921.60. This was due to the additional responsibilities of the Planning Department now named the Carter County Planning and Zoning, Economic and Community Development. Motion was made by Kelly Collins to approve the request from the Financial Management Committee and approve the salary increase for the Planning Director. As there was no second to her motion, Chairman Ross Garland stepped down as Chairman turning the meeting over to the Vice-Chairman Isaiah Grindstaff and seconded Ms. Collins motion. By roll call vote as follows, motion failed.

Willie Campbell	abstain	Patty Woodby	nay
Ronnie Trivett	nay	Isaiah Grindstaff	nay

Ross Garland	aye	Travis Hill	nay
Aaron Frazier	nay	Kelly Collins	aye

After more discussion, motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Ross Garland to give Mr. Schuettler a pay increase of one-half the amount requested, \$8,679.95, from the present budget and revisit the issue during the budget process for next year. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Willie Campbell	abstain	Patty Woodby	aye
Ronnie Trivett	nay	Isaiah Grindstaff	aye
Ross Garland	aye	Travis Hill	aye
Aaron Frazier	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

Rita Ford, a 34 year employee for the county, was recognized by the committee stating during the budget hearings there was a request for a 7 ½% salary increase for a clerical position and why that couldn't be given for positions such as her own. She stated seniority seemed to mean nothing to most, but it did to her. She respectfully stated anything the committee could do for county employees would be appreciated. Travis Hill stated the system was broken and the consensus of all the commissioners was a pay scale with step raises and cost of living compensation needed to seriously be looked into. It was stated the office holders also needed to be involved in the process.

Josh Hardin explained to the committee Ann Ebert, now living in Charleston, SC, had sold two (2) tracts of land to the Forestry Service sixteen (16) years ago. He stated somehow there was an error and only one (1) tract of land was taken out of her name. Since the Forestry Service does not pay taxes, it went unnoticed for all these years. She had been billed yearly for the property tax on that one (1) tract of vacant mountain land and had paid over the years a total of \$2,465.30 in taxes on land she did not own. He said he felt it was the right thing to do to reimburse her for this amount. Brad Burke, Financial Director, said when it was paid back it needed to be taken from the appropriate portion of this year's tax rate. Motion was made by Patty Woodby, seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve the reimbursement. 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
Aaron Frazier	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

At this time Superintendent Colbaugh presented to the committee a proposal for a contract with Mattern & Craig for complete engineering services for the Riverview Road project damaged by the flood and presently closed. He stated the total of the engineering project was stated as \$92,000 but felt his department could perform the duties included in the \$30,000 item on page three (3) and he was asking for \$62,000. He said if and when the county was reimbursed by FEMA the funds would be put back into his budget. As the engineering/design services is the first step of the project, motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Patty

Woodby, to approve the Highway Department's request for \$62,000. 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
Aaron Frazier	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

- Budget Amendments: Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Patty Woodby to approve General Fund #101, Budget Amendment #10, Items #1 thru #21, in the amount of \$1,217,964.24 as presented. By roll call vote as followed, motion carried:

Willie Campbell	aye	Patty Woodby	aye
Ronnie Trivett	aye	Isaiah Grindstaff	aye
Ross Garland	aye	Travis Hill	aye
Aaron Frazier	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff, seconded by Kelly Collins to approve Solid Waste/Sanitation Fund #116, Budget Amendment #1, item #1, in the amount of \$119,328.00 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
Aaron Frazier	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve Health Department Fund #117, Budget Amendment #2, Items #1 thru #2, in the amount of \$139,475.00 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
Aaron Frazier	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

Motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve Drug Control Fund #122, Budget Amendment #6, Item #1, in the amount of \$517.88 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
Aaron Frazier	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

Motion was made by Patty Woodby, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve Highway/Public Works Fund #131, Budget Amendment #5, Item #1, in the amount of \$169,657.00 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
Aaron Frazier	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

Motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Willie Campbell to approve General Purpose School Fund #141, Budget Amendment #8, Items #1 thru #13, in the amount of \$549, 841.09 as presented. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried:

Willie Campbell	aye	Patty Woodby	aye
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Ronnie Trivett	aye	Isiah Grindstaff	aye
Ross Garland	aye	Travis Hill	aye
Aaron Frazier	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve School Federal Projects Fund #142, Budget Amendment #4, Items #1 thru #3, in the amount of \$101,875 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
Aaron Frazier	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff, seconded by Willie Campbell to approve Central Cafeteria Fund #143, Budget Amendment #2, Items #1 thru #2, in the amount of \$1,750,372.00 as presented. By roll call vote a follows, motion carried:

Willie Campbell	aye	Patty Woodby	aye
Ronnie Trivett	aye	Isaiah Grindstaff	aye
Ross Garland	aye	Travis Hill	aye
Aaron Frazier	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

Motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve the March 2019 donations as listed below:

Animal Shelter	\$ 75.00
Drug Fund	517.88
Carter County Schools	523.01
Total	\$ 1,115.89

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
Aaron Frazier	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

- Comments: Mayor Barnett informed the committee there was \$119,000 in Title III funds accumulated in the budget, earmarked for emergency equipment that needed to be spent. He was told we use it or lose it and no more funds would be made available until these were used. He said he wanted to help the county get a rescue truck, give some to the Fire Departments and help the Sheriff's Department purchase a couple of drones. Motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Aaron Frazier to allow the Mayor to make these emergency equipment purchases with these accumulated funds. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried:

Willie Campbell	aye	Patty Woodby	aye
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Ronnie Trivett	aye	Isaiah Grindstaff	aye
Ross Garland	aye	Travis Hill	aye
Aaron Frazier	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

The Mayor stated the grant for the Dry Hollow project, in the amount of \$375,000, had been received and the project was moving forward. He stated he had contacted the Mayors of Johnson and Unicoi counties and they were going to start meeting in a "roundtable" fashion to see how they could be of help to each other. He defended the EMA employees stating the Johnson County Director was paid more than Carter County's. He said he was told that was because our EMA had two (2) employees instead of one (1) but he felt they were underpaid for what they do.

Brad Burke stated the outside agencies schedule had been revised as the Honor Guard had requested \$10,000.

On motion by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Suzi Wallace

Approved for entry:

Ross Garland, Chairman

