

BUDGET COMMITTEE

May 16, 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: None

CALL TO ORDER: Ross Garland, Chairman

ROLL CALL: Quorum Present

- Approval of Agenda: Chairman Garland informed the committee that representatives from Carter County 911 would not be speaking to the committee this evening due to a medical issue with Director Dale Blevins. Chairman Garland deleted the presentation by Carter County 911 from the agenda for the meeting and then opened the floor for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was made by Aaron Frazier and seconded by Ronnie Trivett to accept the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.
- Public Comments: Roy Livingston asked the committee members to speak up and use their microphones because people in the gallery had difficulty hearing them.
- Old Business: None
- New Business: Chairman Garland said he had received an email from Carter County 911's Deputy Director Matt Bailey regarding concerns 911 had with some misinformation that had been received by the committee that 911 employees had received a \$10,000 bonus last year. Chairman Garland read the email message to the committee which explained employees of Carter County 911 received a \$5,000 bonus last year as a result of some one-time funds from the state which had to be expended and would not be recurring and therefore had to be given as a bonus and not as a pay raise. The email also expressed concern that Carter County 911 is losing trained employees to higher paying jobs.

Chairman Garland then invited Ken Gough, chairman for the Carter County Parks and Recreation Board, to the podium for a presentation regarding the Board's request for funding to purchase a tractor for use on county park property. Mr. Gough thanked the committee for their generous budget appropriate so far and said he was there to make a plea for an additional \$30,000 in funding to purchase a tractor with accessories for mowing and other work on park property. He said the tractor would be stored at the Roan Mountain Community Park and be used by volunteers and would be available for any county department that needed to use it.

Aaron Frazier said he believed no one on the committee felt the tractor was not needed but he had concerns regarding liability and insurance of a non-county agency having control of county-owned equipment and non-county employees transporting and utilizing the county owned equipment. Finance Director Brad Burke stated he did not believe the county's insurance policy would cover a non-employee using county-owned equipment.

Mr. Gough then asked the committee to allocate the money for the tractor to the Roan Mountain Recreation Foundation so they could purchase the tractor which would allow non-employees to use it. He said the tractor would still be made available for county departments to use. Brad Burke said he felt that would be a question for County Attorney Josh Hardin to research to see whether or not the county's insurance would cover a county employee using non-county-owned equipment. Chairman Garland said

he believed the equipment would benefit the county but there are questions that need to be answered regarding liability and insurance. Committee members also had questions regarding who would be responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the equipment.

- **Budget Approval**

Finance Director Brad Burke presented the budget to the committee which he said included a 3 percent raise across the board for county employees.

Aaron Frazier inquired about insurance renewal costs. Brad Burke said they did not have the final numbers yet but that it would be at least a 10 percent decrease over the previous year's cost. Prior to getting into the budget, Chairman Garland gave a brief overview on the process and voting to approve the budgets.

Outside Agencies

◇ **Volunteer Fire Departments –**

Mayor Rusty Barnett reported all seven of the county's volunteer fire departments as well as the Butler VFD were represented during a meeting he recently held to speak with the departments about their needs and how to help get ISO ratings down for residents.

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Aaron Frazier to allocate \$420,000 to be distributed among the county's seven volunteer fire Departments – Stoney Creek, Hampton/Valley Forge, Elk Mills, Roan Mountain, Watauga, Central, and West Carter for fire protection services. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye

Ronnie Trivett – Aye

Ross Garland – Aye

Aaron Frazier – Aye

Patty Woodby – Aye

Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye

Travis Hill – Aye

Kelly Collins – Aye

◇ **Butler Volunteer Fire Department -**

Isaiah Grindstaff said he feels the county needs to have a strong contract with Butler Volunteer Fire Department before funds are distributed. Isaiah Grindstaff and Patty Woodby both expressed concerns regarding the response time Butler VFD had demonstrated on calls as well as situations where they failed to respond to calls. Commissioner Dr. Robert Acuff reminded the committee to consider the new resort coming in at Watauga Lake and that fire protection for the resort would be needed. Aaron Frazier asked Mayor Barnett about the status of putting a new substation in the Little Milligan area on the property donated to the county by the Sluder family. Mayor Barnett reported the federal Head Start officials have approved the transfer of the old modular unit from the Carter County School System to Carter County for use on the property and he is currently working to get the building moved but the process is slow moving at this time because he is trying to find ways to get the substation up and running without having to use taxpayer dollars.

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier and seconded by Ronnie Trivett to allocate \$5,000 to the Butler Volunteer Fire Department for fire protection services. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye

Ronnie Trivett – Aye

Ross Garland – No

Aaron Frazier – Aye

Patty Woodby – No

Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye

Travis Hill – Aye

Kelly Collins – Aye

◇ **Elizabethton Fire Department –**

The recommendation from the Budget Committee during the budget hearing process recommended zero funding for the Elizabethton Fire Department. Kelly Collins stated to the committee they had just allocated money to an agency outside of Carter County who had not responded to calls but had recommended given \$0 to a fire department that does serve county residents because city residents are also county residents and county taxpayers. Travis Hill stated the funding requested by the Elizabethton Fire Department would not go to operational expenses but would be used to replacing an aging fire truck which was around 20 years old. Chairman Garland said he felt even a little bit of funding from the county would help the Elizabethton Fire Department with their truck purchase.

Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff and seconded by Patty Woodby to leave the funding for the Elizabethton Fire Department at zero. By roll call vote as follows the motion failed due to a tie.

Willie Campbell - No	Patty Woodby – Aye
Ronnie Trivett – Aye	Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye
Ross Garland – No	Travis Hill – No
Aaron Frazier – Aye	Kelly Collins – No

Chairman Garland opened the floor for further motions regarding funding for the Elizabethton Fire Department. Discussion continued regarding the EFD plans for the funds.

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Kelly Collins to allocate \$10,000 to the Elizabethton Fire Department. By roll call vote as follows the motion failed.

Willie Campbell - No	Patty Woodby – No
Ronnie Trivett – No	Isaiah Grindstaff – No
Ross Garland – Aye	Travis Hill – Aye
Aaron Frazier – No	Kelly Collins – Aye

Dr. Robert Acuff spoke about a conversation he and other commissioners have had with officials from the City of Elizabethton regarding the need for a joint meeting between members of the County Commission and Elizabethton City Council to discuss issues surrounding funding and which government pays for what and what percent. Dr. Acuff said several city and county officials are receptive to the idea. Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff and seconded by Patty Woodby to fund at zero pending a joint city and county meeting to discuss funding of agencies. By roll call vote as follows the 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 – No

◇ **Firefighter Grant**

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier and seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve \$15,000 for the firefighter grant fund.

By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Carter County EMS and Rescue Squad**

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier and seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve an allocation of \$272,700 to Carter County EMS and Rescue Squad. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Vocational Rehabilitation**

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve an allocation of \$27,809 to Vocational Rehabilitation. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **The Shepherd’s Inn**

Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff and seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve an allocation of \$12,000 to The Shepherd’s Inn. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Children’s Advocacy Center**

Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett and seconded by Travis Hill to approve an allocation of \$5,000 to the Children’s Advocacy Center. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Isaiah 117 House**

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier and seconded by Patty Woodby to approve an allocation of \$5,000 to Isaiah 117 House. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Assistance Resource Ministries (ARM)**

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Ronnie Trivett to approve an allocation of \$5,000 to Assistance Resource Ministries (ARM). By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **ETSU Forensic Pathology Services (autopsies)**

Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett and seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve an allocation of \$113,603.04 to ETSU Forensic Pathology Services per the contract the county holds with them to perform autopsies. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Kids Like Us Learning Center**

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier and seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve an allocation of \$5,000 to Kids Like Us Learning Center. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Carter County Honor Guard**

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Ronnie Trivett to approve an allocation of \$10,000 to the Carter County Honor Guard. Finance Director Brad Burke said his department would work with the Carter County Honor Guard to get everything set up to where they can begin receiving funds to reimburse expenditures. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **American Red Cross**

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier and seconded by Kelly Collins to approve an allocation of \$4,000 to the American Red Cross. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **First Tennessee Human Resources Agency (FTHRA)**

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve an allocation of \$30,570 to First Tennessee Human Resources Agency. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Retired Senior Volunteer Program**

Motion was made by Patty Woodby and seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve an allocation of \$2,000 to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Senior Citizens Center**

Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff and seconded by Kelly Collins to approve an allocation of \$20,000 to the Senior Citizens Center. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Elizabethton/Carter County Public Library**

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Kelly Collins to approve an allocation of \$75,000 to the Elizabethton/Carter County Public Library. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Elizabethton Parks & Recreation Department**

Motion was made by Kelly Collins and seconded by Travis Hill to approve an allocation of \$25,000 to the Elizabethton Parks & Recreation Department. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Boys & Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County**

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve an allocation of \$20,000 to the Boys & Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Carter County Imagination Library**

Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett and seconded by Kelly Collins to approve an allocation of \$5,000 to the Carter County Imagination Library. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Soil Conservation District**

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Patty Woodby to approve an allocation of \$32,000 to the Soil Conservation District. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Department of Agriculture**

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier and seconded by Travis Hill to approve an allocation of \$1,000 to the Department of Agriculture. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **First Tennessee Development District**

Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett and seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve an allocation of \$13,262 to First Tennessee Development District. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Northeast Tennessee Regional Economic Partnership (NeTREP)**

Chairman Garland by stating the committee had previously discussed cutting funding for the Northeast Tennessee Regional Economic Partnership (NeTREP) from \$40,000 down to zero and then discussed cutting the funding from \$40,000 to \$20,000. He said the City of Elizabethton allocates \$35,000 to NeTREP and he feels that would be a good amount for the county to fund. Kelly Collins stated NeTREP needs accountability to the county for how those funds are expended and what work they are doing on the county’s behalf. Patty Woodby stated in the regional aspect Carter County and NeTREP need to figure out how they work together and suggested giving the funds to the Carter County Joint Economic and Community Development Board (JECDB) and allow them to be the conduit for NeTREP. Isaiah Grindstaff said he believed it is important to continue focus on regional growth. Austin Jaynes asked the committee to consider giving NeTREP another chance to see if they can work better with “the new administration” stating NeTREP reported difficulties working with the prior Mayor’s Office administration. Aaron Frazier stated there needs to be a focus on Carter County from NeTREP. Willie Campbell suggested giving the funds to the JECDB instead of NeTREP. Travis Hill said the county needs to begin setting aside funds to acquire land that can be used for economic development. Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to allocate \$20,000 to NeTREP. By roll call vote as follows the motion failed.

Willie Campbell - No	Patty Woodby – No
Ronnie Trivett – No	Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye
Ross Garland – No	Travis Hill – Aye
Aaron Frazier – No	Kelly Collins – No

Chairman Garland opened the floor for other motions regarding funding for NeTREP. Motion was made by Aaron Frazier and seconded by Travis Hill to approve an allocation of \$20,000 for NeTREP and

place an additional \$20,000 into a fund for Economic Development that can be used by the county later. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye	Patty Woodby – Aye
Ronnie Trivett – Aye	Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye
Ross Garland – No	Travis Hill – Aye
Aaron Frazier – Aye	Kelly Collins – Aye

At this time Chairman Garland announced the committee had completed all the outside agency funding and called for a 10 minute recess.

After returning from recess, Chairman Garland called the meeting back to order and the committee continued reviewing budget requests and recommendations.

◇ **Carter County 911**

Carter County 911 requested \$277,732 in funds from the county this year, noting the increase would go to cover salaries. In their communications with the committee, Carter County 911 officials reported the state regulatory authority has directed them to fund salaries using local dollars instead of funding salaries through the 911 surcharge on phone lines. The budget committee previously recommended funding Carter County 911 at last fiscal year’s allocation level of \$203,663. Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve an allocation of \$213,663 to Carter County 911 for an increase of \$10,000 over last fiscal year’s allocation. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye	Patty Woodby – No
Ronnie Trivett – No	Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye
Ross Garland – Aye	Travis Hill – Aye
Aaron Frazier – Aye	Kelly Collins – No

◇ **Request for funding to purchase a tractor for the Parks & Recreation Board**

Discussion continued on this request regarding matters brought up during the presentation earlier in the meeting by Ken Gough regarding issues of liability, insurance, and legal matters. Motion was made by Patty Woodby and seconded by Frazier to allocate \$20,000 toward the purchase of the tractor for the Parks and Recreation Board to be set aside in reserve to allow the county attorney to research legal issues involved. A friendly amendment to the motion was requested by Travis Hill to set the allocation amount at \$25,000 which would allow the Parks & Recreation Board enough funds to purchase the base model of the tractor they need. Both Woodby and Frazier accepted the friendly amendment setting the allocation at \$25,000. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **General Fund 101**

Committee members began discussing raises for county employees. Finance Director Burke explained the budget as presented contained 3 percent raises for employees. Commissioners Aaron Frazier and Travis Hill expressed their support for raises but added the committee needed to be frugal with the county’s available funds. Finance Director Burke said there were some additional funds available due to the savings the county will see with the health insurance renewal this year. A motion was made by Kelly Collins and seconded by Travis Hill to give county employees covered under the General Fund a 3.5 percent pay raise. Committee members Patty Woodby and Isaiah Grindstaff abstained from the vote for

cause due to being county employees in departments covered under the General Fund. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye	Patty Woodby – Abstain
Ronnie Trivett – Aye	Isaiah Grindstaff – Abstain
Ross Garland – Aye	Travis Hill – Aye
Aaron Frazier – Aye	Kelly Collins – Aye

◇ **Planning Department Budget**

Committee members discussed the budget presented by the Carter County Planning Commission with regards to the raises. Travis Hill stated he is not opposed to raises but he felt the raise included in the budget for Planning Director Chris Schuettler was too large. Members of the committee had been previously advised the committee could vote to accept the budget as presented or reject the budget as presented but not to alter the budget. A motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Aaron Frazier to reject the budget as presented. By roll call vote as follows the 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 – No

Following the vote, Mayor Rusty Barnett asked the committee if they are not approving the additional funds for the Planning Department, a portion of which was to cover the increased duties of economic development, where did they wish for him to place the economic development duties. Travis Hill stated in the Mayor’s Office. Commissioner Robert Acuff reminded the committee that the full Commission had voted in recent months to add increased job duties to the Planning Department by voting to have the office serve as project managers for any construction or remodeling project on county.

◇ **Elizabethton/Carter County Animal Shelter**

Motion was made by Kelly Collins and seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to accept the animal shelter budget as presented with the exception of giving a 3.5 percent raise to county employees instead of the included 3 percent raise. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye	Patty Woodby – Aye
Ronnie Trivett – No	Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye
Ross Garland – Aye	Travis Hill – No
Aaron Frazier – No	Kelly Collins – Aye

Following the vote, Animal Shelter Director Shannon Posada praised the hard work of Planning Director Chris Schuettler in his efforts to find and correct problems at the animal shelter. Director Posada said Director Scheuttler frequently worked after hours and on weekends helping them correct the issues and has helped the Animal Shelter save the county money on the budget which they just approved for the coming fiscal year.

◇ **Highway Department**

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier and seconded by Ronnie Trivett to accept the Highway Department budget as presented with the exception of giving a 3.5 percent raise to county employees instead of the included 3 percent raise. Willie Campbell abstained from the vote for cause due to being a Highway Department employee. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Abstain	Patty Woodby – Aye
Ronnie Trivett – Aye	Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye
Ross Garland – Aye	Travis Hill – Aye
Aaron Frazier – Aye	Kelly Collins – Aye

◇ **Carter County Sheriff's Department**

Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett and seconded by Aaron Frazier to accept the Sheriff's Department budget as presented with the exception of giving a 3.5 percent raise to county employees instead of the included 3 percent raise. Isaiah Grindstaff abstained from the vote for cause due to being an employee of the Sheriff's Department. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye	Patty Woodby – Aye
Ronnie Trivett – Aye	Isaiah Grindstaff – Abstain
Ross Garland – Aye	Travis Hill – Aye
Aaron Frazier – Aye	Kelly Collins – Aye

◇ **Carter County Jail**

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier and seconded by Ronnie Trivett to accept the Jail budget as presented with the exception of giving a 3.5 percent raise to county employees instead of the included 3 percent raise. Isaiah Grindstaff abstained from the vote for cause due to being an employee of the Sheriff's Department. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye	Patty Woodby – Aye
Ronnie Trivett – Aye	Isaiah Grindstaff – Abstain
Ross Garland – Aye	Travis Hill – Aye
Aaron Frazier – Aye	Kelly Collins – Aye

◇ **Drug Control Fund**

Motion was made by Kelly Collins and seconded by Travis Hill to accept the Drug Control Fund budget as requested. This budget includes no funds for employee salaries. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Litter Grant Fund**

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Patty Woodby to approve the Litter Grant Fund budget as presented. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **County Commission**

Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff and seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve the County Commission budget as presented at \$112,552.25. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Board of Equalization**

Motion was made by Kelly Collins and seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve the Board of Equalization budget as presented at \$5,801.55. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Mayor’s Office**

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve the Mayor’s Office budget as presented with the exception of giving a 3.5 percent raise to county employees instead of the included 3 percent raise. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **County Attorney**

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier and seconded by Patty Woodby to approve the County Attorney budget as presented at \$63,235.54.

By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Election Commission**

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier and seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve the Election Commission budget as presented with the exception of giving a 3.5 percent raise to county employees instead of the included 3 percent raise. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Register of Deeds**

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve the Register of Deeds budget as presented with the exception of giving a 3.5 percent raise to county employees instead of the included 3 percent raise. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **County Buildings**

Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff and seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve the County Buildings budget as presented with the exception of giving a 3.5 percent raise to county employees instead of the included 3 percent raise. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye
Ronnie Trivett – Aye
Ross Garland – Aye
Aaron Frazier – Aye

Patty Woodby – Aye
Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye
Travis Hill – Aye
Kelly Collins – Aye

◇ **Finance Department**

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve the Finance Department budget as presented with the exception of giving a 3.5 percent raise to county employees instead of the included 3 percent raise. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye
Ronnie Trivett – Aye
Ross Garland – Aye
Aaron Frazier – Aye

Patty Woodby – Aye
Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye
Travis Hill – Aye
Kelly Collins – Aye

◇ **Assessor of Property**

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Patty Woodby to approve the Assessor of Property budget as presented with the exception of giving a 3.5 percent raise to county employees instead of the included 3 percent raise. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye
Ronnie Trivett – Aye
Ross Garland – Aye
Aaron Frazier – Aye

Patty Woodby – Aye
Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye
Travis Hill – Aye
Kelly Collins – Aye

◇ **Trustee**

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve the Trustee’s budget as presented with the exception of giving a 3.5 percent raise to county employees instead of the included 3 percent raise. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye
Ronnie Trivett – Aye
Ross Garland – Aye
Aaron Frazier – Aye

Patty Woodby – Aye
Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye
Travis Hill – Aye
Kelly Collins – Aye

◇ **County Clerk**

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier and seconded by Kelly Collins to approve the County Clerk’s budget as presented with the exception of giving a 3.5 percent raise to county employees instead of the included 3 percent raise. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye
Ronnie Trivett – Aye
Ross Garland – Aye
Aaron Frazier – Aye

Patty Woodby – Aye
Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye
Travis Hill – Aye
Kelly Collins – Aye

◇ **Circuit Court Clerk**

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve the Circuit Court Clerk’s budget as presented with the exception of giving a 3.5 percent raise to county employees instead of the included 3 percent raise. Patty Woodby abstained from the vote for cause due to being an employee of the Circuit Court Clerk’s Office. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye
Ronnie Trivett – Aye

Patty Woodby – Abstain
Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye

Ross Garland – Aye
Aaron Frazier – Aye

Travis Hill – Aye
Kelly Collins – Aye

◇ **General Sessions Court**

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier and seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve the General Sessions Court budget as presented with the exception of giving a 3.5 percent pay raise to county employees instead of the included 3 percent raise. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye
Ronnie Trivett – Aye
Ross Garland – Aye
Aaron Frazier – Aye

Patty Woodby – Aye
Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye
Travis Hill – Aye
Kelly Collins – Aye

◇ **Drug Court**

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier and seconded by Kelly Collins to approve the Drug Court budget as presented at \$7,300. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye
Ronnie Trivett – Aye
Ross Garland – Aye
Aaron Frazier – Aye

Patty Woodby – Aye
Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye
Travis Hill – Aye
Kelly Collins – Aye

◇ **Clerk and Master (Chancery Court)**

Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff and seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve the Clerk & Master's budget as presented with the exception of giving a 3.5 percent raise to county employees instead of the included 3 percent raise. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye
Ronnie Trivett – Aye
Ross Garland – Aye
Aaron Frazier – Aye

Patty Woodby – Aye
Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye
Travis Hill – Aye
Kelly Collins – Aye

◇ **Administration of Justice**

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve the Administration of Justice budget as presented at \$27,100. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye
Ronnie Trivett – Aye
Ross Garland – Aye
Aaron Frazier – Aye

Patty Woodby – Aye
Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye
Travis Hill – Aye
Kelly Collins – Aye

◇ **Juvenile Services**

Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff and seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve the Juvenile Services budget as presented with the exception of giving a 3.5 percent raise to county employees instead of the included 3 percent raise. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye
Ronnie Trivett – Aye
Ross Garland – Aye
Aaron Frazier – Aye

Patty Woodby – Aye
Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye
Travis Hill – Aye
Kelly Collins – Aye

◇ **Carter County Emergency Management Agency**

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve the Carter County Emergency Management Agency budget as presented with the exception of giving a 3.5 percent raise to county employees instead of the included 3 percent raise. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **OSHA**

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier and seconded by Travis Hill to approve the OSHA budget as presented with the exception of giving a 3.5 percent raise to county employees instead of the included 3 percent raise. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Carter County Coroner**

Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett and seconded by Kelly Collins to approve the County Coroner budget as presented at \$19,102.70. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Civil Service Board**

Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett and seconded by Isiah Grindstaff to approve the Civil Service Board budget as presented at \$4,332.70. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Carter County Health Department**

Motion was made by Kelly Collins and seconded by Travis Hill to approve the Health Department budget as presented at \$649,408.53. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Pauper Burials**

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve the Pauper Burials budget as presented at \$8,400. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Tobacco Grant**

Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff and seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve the Tobacco Grant as presented at \$6,148.40. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Carter County Parks and Recreation Board**

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier and seconded by Kelly Collins to approve the Carter County Parks and Recreation Board budget as presented with \$50,000 for operational expenses and \$50,000 in reserve for grant matching for a total budget allocation of \$100,000. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Carter County UT Extension Office**

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve the Carter County UT Extension Office budget as presented with the exception of giving a 3.5 percent raise to county employees instead of the included 3 percent. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Flood Control**

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier and seconded by Kelly Collins to approve the Flood Control budget as presented at \$1,950. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Tourism**

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Kelly Collins to approve the Tourism budget as presented. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **HOME Grant**

Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett and seconded by Kelly Collins to approve the recognition of \$500,000 for the HOME Grant received by Carter County. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Veterans Services**

Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff and seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve the Veterans Services budget as presented with the exception of giving a 3.5 percent raise to county employees instead of the included 3 percent raise. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Miscellaneous Fund**

Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff and seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve the Miscellaneous Fund budget as presented at \$311,040. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Solid Waste Transfer**

Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff and seconded by Travis Hill to approve the Solid Waste Transfer budget as presented at \$98,935.71. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Solid Waste and Sanitation Fund #116**

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier and seconded by Travis Hill to approve the Solid Waste and Sanitation Fund #116 budget as presented with the exception of giving a 3.5 percent raise to county employees instead of the included 3 percent. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Health Department Fund #117**

Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff and seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve the Health Department Fund #117 as presented at \$169,000. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Sports and Recreation Fund #123**

Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff and seconded by Kelly Collins to approve the Sports and Recreation Fund #123 budget as presented at \$125,000 (\$100,000 to the Carter County Parks and Recreation Board and \$25,000 to the Elizabethton Parks and Recreation Department). By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye

Ronnie Trivett – Aye

Ross Garland – Aye

Aaron Frazier – Aye

Patty Woodby – Aye

Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye

Travis Hill – Aye

Kelly Collins – Aye

◇ **General Purpose School Fund**

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Patty Woodby to approve the General Purpose School Fund budget as presented at \$42,102,101. Kelly Collins abstained for cause on the vote due to being a school system employee and Aaron Frazier abstained for cause on the vote due to his wife being a school system employee. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye

Ronnie Trivett – Aye

Ross Garland – Aye

Aaron Frazier – Abstain

Patty Woodby – Aye

Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye

Travis Hill – Aye

Kelly Collins – Abstain

◇ **Central Cafeteria Fund #143**

Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett and seconded by Travis Hill to approve the Central Cafeteria Fund #143 budget as presented at \$3,239,097. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye

Ronnie Trivett – Aye

Ross Garland – Aye

Aaron Frazier – Aye

Patty Woodby – Aye

Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye

Travis Hill – Aye

Kelly Collins – Aye

◇ **Headstart Fund #145**

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve the Headstart Fund #145 budget as presented at \$1,166,400. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye

Ronnie Trivett – Aye

Ross Garland – Aye

Aaron Frazier – Aye

Patty Woodby – Aye

Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye

Travis Hill – Aye

Kelly Collins – Aye

◇ **Debt Service Fund #151**

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier and seconded by Ronnie Trivett to approve the Debt Service Fund #151 budget as presented at \$1,878,498. By roll call vote as follows the motion carried.

Willie Campbell - Aye

Ronnie Trivett – Aye

Ross Garland – Aye

Aaron Frazier – Aye

Patty Woodby – Aye

Isaiah Grindstaff – Aye

Travis Hill – Aye

Kelly Collins – Aye

◇ **Reserved Funds Transfers**

Motion was made by Travis Hill and seconded by Aaron Frazier to transfer \$25,700 from the unused reserved jury funds within the Circuit Court Clerk’s budget to the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance. By roll call vote as follows the 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 and seconded by Travis Hill to transfer \$3,586 from the unused reserved funds within the Register of Deeds Office budget to the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance. By roll call vote as follows the 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

◇ **Tax Rate**

Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett and seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to set the tax rate at \$2.47 with the breakdown being as follows:

- General Fund 1.04877
- Highway 0.13400
- County Schools 0.69641
- City Schools 0.37582
- Debt Service 0.21500

By roll call vote as follows the 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

After the budget and tax rate were voted on, the committee discussed the next steps regarding the Planning Department’s budget. Planning Director Chris Schuettler advised the committee the Planning Commission was already scheduled to meet on May 28 and will take up the matter of the Planning Department budget at that time to save on the cost of having a special called meeting as the already scheduled meeting fell within 10 business days of the Budget Committee rejecting the Planning Commission’s approved proposed budget. Chairman Garland stated the Budget Committee will need to schedule a meeting after the Planning Commission’s meeting to vote on the Planning Department budget that will be forwarded by the Planning Commission. After some discussion regarding when to set up the next meeting, motion was made by Aaron Frazier and seconded by Patty Woodby to set the next Budget Committee voting meeting for June 3 at 6 p.m. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:53 p.m. following a motion by Willie Campbell to adjourn and a unanimous voice vote.