

BUDGET COMMITTEE
May 11, 2020
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Willie Campbell, Patty Woodby, Mark Tester, Isaiah Grindstaff, Ross Garland, Travis Hill, Aaron Frazier and Kelly Collins
ABSENT: None
CALL TO ORDER: Ross Garland, Chairman
ROLL CALL: Quorum Present

Disclaimer: Chairman Garland asked to be entered into the minutes the electronic meeting was necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Approval of Agenda: Financial Director, Brad Burke, asked to amend the agenda to include Amendment #10B in the General Fund 101. Motion was made by Aaron Grindstaff, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve the agenda with the amendment. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Kelly Collins, seconded by Travis Hill to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2020, Budget Committee meeting. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Old Business: Regarding the possible debt refunding, Financial Director, Brad Burke, stated he had heard from Raymond James representatives and was told at that time the County could save around a million dollars. He stated RFP's had been sent to four (4) financial services companies and the results would be presented to the Budget Committee next month.

New Business: A list of Surplus Items at the Sheriff's Department was submitted to the committee which included computers, scanners, radios, etc. Brad Burke stated these items had to be declared "surplus" by the committee to be disposed of and approved by the full Commission. Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Willie Campbell to declare the items listed as surplus. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.

Brad Burke presented the 2020 Annual Inflation Adjustment of the Financial Assurance for the City of Elizabethton and Carter County Sanitary Landfill as required annually by the Regulations of the Division of Solid Waste Management. As the "Contracts of Obligation in Lieu of Performance Bonds" must be adjusted annually for inflation, Brad Burke stated the inflation adjustment for the County this year was an amount \$1,638,085.99, a decrease of \$131,947.99 from the previous year. Motion was made by Kelly Collins, seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve the contract. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Budget Amendments: Motion was made by Kelly Collins, seconded by Patty Woodby to approve General Fund #101, Budget Amendment #10, Items #1 thru #17 in the amount of \$113,666.25. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve General Fund #101, Budget Amendment #10A, Items #1 thru #2 in the amount of \$3,650.56. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Willie Campbell, seconded by Kelly Collins to approve General Fund #101, Budget Amendment #10B, Item #1 in the amount of \$1,503.44. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Patty Woodby, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve Solid Waste/Sanitation Fund #116, Budget Amendment #9, Items #1 thru #2 in the amount of \$10,000. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve Sports and Recreation Fund #123, Budget Amendment #6, Item #1 in the amount of \$25,000. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve Highway/Public Works Fund #131, Budget Amendment #10, Item #1 in the amount of \$3,000. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Patty Woodby, seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve General Purpose School Fund #141, Budget Amendment #10, Items #1 thru #4 in the amount of \$63,813.30. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve General Purpose School Fund #141, Budget Amendment #11, Items #1 thru #3 in the amount of \$86,277.21. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Donations: Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to accept the donations to the Animal Shelter for the months of March and April 2020, in the amount of \$2,363. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

The requests from the Building & Grounds Committee passed over in the agenda until Chairman Austin Jaynes was present were now addressed. The first request was to set aside from the Courthouse and Jail reserve funds an amount of \$32,050 to replace the boiler in the current Courthouse. He stated they were working with an architect to try to help with costs and a more energy efficient replacement system. Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve their request. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Next, he requested that \$25,000 be set aside in Capital Projects for the EMS substation project on the Sluder property in Elk Mills. He stated the Buildings & Grounds Committee were of the impression this had already been done but could not find it in any minutes. Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff, seconded by Patty Woodby to approve their request. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, Commissioner Jaynes requested that funds be appropriated in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the purchasing of disinfectant, chemicals and paper products in the Custodial Supplies line item in order to properly maintain the courthouse facilities. Motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve the request. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Barnett informed the committee that the Forensic Contract had increased in an amount of approximately \$2,300, the total contract price being \$121,462.08. As Attorney Hardin stated this was most likely not negotiable, motion was made by Kelly Collins, seconded by Patty Woodby to accept the amended contract. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Regarding the Governor's one-time distribution of monies to the counties, an amount of \$936,000, Chief Parrish addressed the committee stating that money could well be used to update the communication systems of all county agencies using radio contact. He stated the present system was antiquated and needed to be integrated for proper contact between agencies should an emergency occur.

After a discussion of several of the upcoming budget workshop items, motion was as made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Travis Hill to adjourn. By voice roll call the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:
Suzi Wallace

Approved for entry:

Ross Garland, Chairman