

BUDGET COMMITTEE  
January 12, 2015  
6:00 P.M.

Passed  
2-9-15  
APPROVED

**Present:** Buford Peters, Nancy Brown, Ronnie Trivett, L.C. Tester, Ross Garland, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Robert Carroll

**Absent:** None

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Sonja Culler.

The roll was called by Secretary Ross Garland.

Quorum present.

- **Adopt Agenda:** Motion was made by John Lewis, second by Nancy Brown to adopt Agenda. Vote by acclamation. All ayes. Motion carried.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Chairwoman Culler asked for corrections to be made to minutes from November meeting to accurately reflect the vote on Amendments' #3 & #4 from the School Fund. Question was brought up by John Lewis concerning cameras for new jail. Question was clarified. Motion was then made by L.C. Tester, second by Buford Peters to approve amended minutes from the November 10, 2014 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
- **Public Comments:** Commissioner Lewis expressed his concerns for Public Comments to be moved to after all Agenda topics were discussed. Commissioner Peters voiced that this question was previously discussed in full Commission meeting. No other public comments made.
- **Budget 101:** Finance Director Deloach presented a Power Point, with attached handout, as an overview of the county's Budget. County Budget acts under the County Financial Management Act of 1981. She explained that much of the information was compiled from CTAS website and that they offer a free Budget class in Johnson City. Mrs. Deloach also offered her services to commissioners with individual questions or concerns. A tentative Budget calendar was included. The beginning of February starts the calendar with outside agency and Department requests and Budget proposals, leading to May hearings within Departments, Public involvement notices, and Budget Committee approval of proposed Budget. Proposed Budget will be distributed to Commission in mid-June and the adoption of Budget on July 20. Committee members are encouraged to attend Department hearings beginning in May. A comment was added by Health Dept. Director Mrs. Caroline Hurt, on details for their figure report showings and previously having to reserve approximately 40% to meet their necessary cash flow needs from that year.
- **Animal Shelter/Sheriff's Dept. Donations:** Motion was made by Nancy Brown, second by Ronnie Trivett to accept donations to the Animal Shelter and Sheriff's Department during November-December 2014. All ayes. Motion carried.  
Donation Totals: \$5,454.00
- **Landfill Financial Assurance Document:** Document requires annual approval through Commissions. Buford Peters made motion, second by L.C. Tester to approve. All ayes. Motion carried.
- **Building and Grounds Recommendation for Health Dept. Building Plans:** B & G Chairman Ray Lyons presented details and requested approval for the design work for needs and repairs to be done at the facility. Project would include drainage work, flushing underground pipelines, guttering, and preliminary design work needed for important facility improvements. They have serious needs for additional office space, seating, and parking. Comments were made by John Lewis, Mayor Humphrey, Ronnie Trivett, and Ray Lyons on drainage project, and help coming from the Highway Dept. Monies would be coming from within their own 117 Undesignated Fund Balance. The importance and benefits of this project were mentioned by several members of the Committee's and Health Dept. Director Hurt. Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, second by Nancy Brown to amend budget and approve \$7,500.00 in expenditures for the Health Department. All ayes. Motion carried.  
Total: \$7,500.00
- **Southern Health Partners Inmate Healthcare Contract Amendment:** Jail inmate daily population has decreased from approximately 285 down to 190. Capt. Tom Smith discussed contract negotiations with SHP to lower number of average inmates on contract. Other details were provided by Capt. Smith and Chief Deputy Parrish. The new contract would save approximately \$17,000.00 for the year. Details were also discussed on population numbers and additional charges for inmate fluctuations. Motion made by Ronnie Trivett, second by John Lewis to accept new contract from Southern Health Partners. All ayes. Motion carried.

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- **General Fund 101 Amendment #7:** Amendment covered several line items. Motion made by Ronnie Trivett, second by L.C. Tester to approve Amendment #7. Amendment total: \$160,524.19 with \$4,991.12 coming from General Fund Balance. All ayes. Motion carried. Total: \$160,524.19
- **Drug Fund 122 Amendment #3:** Funds include the purchase of SRO vehicle radios and one patrol car. Motion made by Ronnie Trivett, second by Nancy Brown to approve Amendment #3. All ayes. Motion carried. Total: \$61,080.00
- **Highway Fund 131 Amendment #3:** Hwy Dept. to hire a new Office Technician position. Position duties will include mapping and Field inventory of Hwy Dept. facilities. No new money required. Motion made by John Lewis, second by L.C. Tester to approve amendment. All ayes. Motion carried. Total: \$13,600.00
- **General Purpose School Fund 141 Amendment #4:** Monies include the purchase of three county school buses. Motion made by L.C. Tester, second by Buford Peters to approve amendment. All ayes. Motion carried. Total: \$737,103.88
- **General Purpose School Fund 141 Amendment #5:** To distribute a one-time \$250.00 bonus to full-time and \$125.00 to part-time School Para-Professional employees (bus drivers, cooks, secretaries, and other staff). Money would come from an Insurance savings within their budget. Motion made by Buford Peters, second by Ronnie Trivett to approve amendment to reallocate funds for Para-Professional bonuses. All ayes. Motion carried. Total of \$148,312.06
- **General Purpose School Fund 141 Amendment #6:** Motion made by L.C. Tester, second by Nancy Brown to approve amendment #6 to recognize and allocate funds received from the sale of CTE (Vocational) Equipment. Specifically, the purchase of woodworking equipment at Hampton High School. All ayes after a change of vote by Ronnie Trivett. Motion carried. Total: \$9,033.18
- **Board of Education Debt Service Recommendation:** School Director Ward first thanked Budget Committee for the approval of the Para-Professional bonuses. Presentation was then given by Director Ward on the topic of their Debt Service proposals. Several options were thoroughly discussed through figure handouts and explanation of School Debt balances. A debt reduction amount was refigured, by the School Board, from \$800,000.00 to \$660,000.00. Several discussions were held by the Finance and School Director's, Mayor Humphrey, and other Budget members on tax rates, Debt Service fund balances, interest rates, and savings on interest and payments owed on certain accounts. Proposals from all sides were reflected with figure details. Motion made by Ronnie Trivett, second by Robert Carroll to leave the \$0.10 of \$800,000.00 money in the Debt Service. Motion carried.
- No other discussions or business.
- Motion to adjourn made by John Lewis, second by L.C. Tester. Unvoiced acclamation. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ross Garland

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Sonja Cullet

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