

BUDGET COMMITTEE  
October 13, 2014  
6:00 P.M.

APPROVED

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Leon Humphrey.

The roll was called by Mayor Leon Humphrey.

Quorum present.

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- **Election of Chairman:** Nomination was made by John Lewis for Ross Garland as Chairman. Mr. Garland declined the nomination. Nomination was made by L.C. Tester for Buford Peters as Chairman. Nomination was made by Buford Peters for Sonja Culler as Chairwoman. Motion was made for nominations to cease. Sonja Culler was elected as the Chairwoman. Mayor Humphrey turned the meeting over to Chairman Culler.
  - **Election of Vice Chairman:** Nomination was made by Ronnie Trivett for Buford Peters as Vice Chairman. Motion was made by John Lewis for nominations to cease. Motion was made by Ronnie Trivette for Buford Peters to be elected by acclamation. Motion carried. Buford Peters was elected as the Vice Chairman.
  - **Election of Secretary:** Nomination was made by Buford Peters for Nancy Brown as Secretary. Mrs. Brown declined nomination. Nomination was made by Ronnie Trivett for Ross Garland as ~~Chairman~~, *Sec-* second by John Lewis. Buford Peters made motion for nominations to cease. Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, second by Nancy Brown for Ross Garland to be elected by acclamation. Motion carried. Ross Garland elected as Secretary.
  - **Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by John Lewis, second by Nancy Brown to approve minutes from the August 11, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.
  - **Public Comments:** No public comments were made.
  - **Animal Shelter Donations:** Motion was made by Nancy Brown, second by Ronnie Trivett to accept \$289.00 donated to the Animal Shelter during September 2014. Motion carried.
  - **General Fund 101-Budget Amendment #4: Item #1** was discussed, in detail, by Finance Director Ingrid Deloach that the County Coroner must be paid through our County payroll, with a suggestion of increasing the amount received per call. Upon information obtained through Finance Dept. and Mayor's office, comparing Coroner's pay, no average amount per call could be determined. Currently, he is paid \$50.00 per call, plus travel mileage. Finance Director Ingrid Deloach stated that with the funds coming from within the General Fund budget, benefits including Social Security, Unemployment Compensation, and Employer Medicare would be included in Coroner's budget. Currently we have \$5400.00 in Coroner's budget, and with amendment more money would be needed in the Coroner's budget to cover remaining calls.

A motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, second by L.C. Tester to pay \$100.00 per call, not including travel mileage from the General Fund. Motion passed.

**Item #2** covered reallocation of funds within Building and Grounds budget for upgraded e-mail system. Line item transfer with no new money.

**Item #3** covered reallocating funds from B & G budget to Mayor's budget to cover cell phone expenses. Transfer of category with no new money.

**Item #4** To reallocate funds from B & G budget to Mayor's budget for purchase of a computer. Transfer of category with no new money.

**Item #5** To reallocate funds for leadership conferences from Misc. Postage to Misc. Other Charges. Line item transfer with no new money.

**Item #6** To reallocate funds for cost of public notices for Animal Shelter Advisory Board from Other Charges to Legal Notices. A 50% reimbursement will come from City with transfer to Animal Shelter budget. Line item transfer with no new money.

**Item #7** Reimbursement to County from Chancery Court for paying wrong water bill.

**Item #8** Recognize revenues at Animal Shelter

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**Item #9** Reallocate funds for spay/neuter services

Motion was made by Nancy Brown, second by Ronnie Trivett to accept General Fund 101-Budget Amendment #4. All ayes, motion carried.

**General Fund 141-Budget Amendment #2: Item #1** To recognize grant from Niswonger Foundation for textbooks at HHS. No matching funds required.

**Item #2** to recognize reimbursement from Vision Athena, Inc. to pay for Virtual Field Trips  
**Item #3** to reallocate funds from General Purpose Fund for completion of fencing project.

Motion was made by Nancy Brown, second by L.C. Tester to accept General Fund 101-Budget Amendment#2. Motion carried.

- Mayor Humphrey brought attention to the Committee about project at Jail Annex about replacing acoustic ceiling tiles in Circuit Court Clerk's office, hallways, and courtrooms. One estimate, of \$6,900, had been given on replacing the ceiling tiles, with no costs coming from labor. Labor to be performed by inmates. Project was discussed with Finance Director, Mayor, Sheriff's office, and Mr. Blankenship and was determined that project was necessary. Mayor Humphrey suggested that \$6,900.00 be transferred from Litigation Fund to B & G Fund to cover cost of materials to complete the project within 30 days. Finance Director Ingrid Deloach agreed with transfer of funds but reiterated that Jail paving project was under deadline and windows need to be replaced. Funds will not come from Fund balance, but is a reserve fund that is used for such renovations.

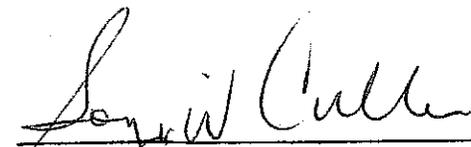
Details concerning Jail parking lot project were then discussed within Committee, and shown that steps have been made to lower estimated cost of paving project and cooperation with City of Elizabethton has been negotiated about curbing for parking lot.

Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, second by L.C. Tester that up to \$6,900 be transferred from Litigation Fund to replace acoustic ceiling tiles at jail. All ayes, motion passed.

- **Regular Meeting Schedule:** Motion was made by John Lewis, second by Nancy Brown to set regular Budget/Nominating meeting schedule, as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 6PM, presiding regular scheduled Commission meeting. All ayes, motion passed.
- **Commission Comments:** Mr. Robert Carroll discussed his interest in attending a training seminar with Finance Director Ingrid Deloach about County Budget. Mrs. Deloach explained that she was waiting for Budget Committee seats to be determined, and that she will gladly have workshop with any interested Commissioners. No date was set at this time. Mr. John Lewis stated that he had been in contact with CTAS concerning County finances and spending and then made motion, with second from Nancy Brown that County Commission contact CTAS to have them come in and do study concerning our County Finances. No majority was reached, motion failed.
- Motion to adjourn made by John Lewis, second from Buford Peters. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ross Garland

  
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Sonja Cullen, Approved for File

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