Robertson County Budget Committee
Minutes of December 7, 2021 Meeting

The Budget Committee met at 4:30 P.M. with the following members present: James Bowens, Burton Glover, Keith Hoover, Faye Stubblefield and Dennis Wade were all present in person. Jody Stewart was also present in person. Mayor Billy Vogle was absent.

Mr. Hoover called the meeting to order and the following main discussions and actions took place during the meeting:

The minutes of November 2, 2021 were approved.

1. It was moved by James Bowens and seconded by Faye Stubblefield to recommend balanced budget amendment #20 for $39,626 for the yearly Tennessee Highway Safety Grant and $55,000 for Drug Education funds for Robotronics, DUI Simulator and Fatal Vision Kits as explained by the Sheriff to the County Commission. All voted yea.

2. It was moved by Faye Stubblefield and seconded by Dennis Wade to recommend budget amendment #21 from the Drug Fund 122 for the Canine, Cellebrite Investigative Software and a Drone with FLIR capabilities in the amount of $10,500 to the County Commission. This budget amendment requires two readings and the Sheriff has requested for the rules to be suspended. All voted yea.

3. It was moved by Dennis Wade and seconded by James Bowens to recommend balanced budget amendment #24 for additional funds needed for the Jail Plumbing Project in the amount of $125,000 to the County Commission. Because the second sealed bid was over budget by a larger amount than the first sealed bid, Traye Fann, County Engineer, estimates the total additional need of $125,000 for this project. The Sheriff will deduct $75,000 from his prisoner food budget line item and in the Capital Projects Fund the Election Room Project will deduct $50,000 in order to add $125,000 to the Jail Plumbing Project in the Capital Projects Fund 171. All voted yea.

4. It was moved by Burton Glover and seconded by Dennis Wade to recommend budget amendment #22 in the amount of $64,569 for the extra Primary Election required on May 3, 2022 as explained by Cathy Hamsley, Administrator of Elections, to the County Commission. All voted yea.

5. It was moved by Burton Glover and seconded by James Bowens to recommend balanced budget amendment #23 in the amount of $20,000 to the County Commission. Angie Groves, County Clerk, explained the need to increase the postage line item in her budget is due to the fact that the State requires all new license plates effective January 3, 2021. Citizens will request their plates be mailed directly to them electronically, pay for the postage and then plates will be mailed. All voted yea.

6. It was moved by Burton Glover and seconded by Faye Stubblefield to recommend balanced budget amendment #25 in the amount of $47,110 to the County Commission. Joe Fort, Building and Grounds Director, stated the Building and Grounds Committee approved the Historic Clock Tower to be repaired with new electronic technology. Election Room funds will be used for this project. All voted yea.

7. It was moved by Burton Glover and seconded by Dennis Wade to recommend funding an Emergency 800-Megahertz (MHz) Radio System County Wide, per State Wide Contract pricing. These are Motorola Mobile and Portable Radios and they will be National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliant for an estimated cost of $5,000,000. The County received $6,974,416.50 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 funds. The County will be making the purchase of necessary infrastructure, radios for the Sheriff Department and also pay one-half (1/2) of the amount for each city. Each city will order the number of radios they are replacing and pay their other one-half (1/2) for their city radios. All voted yea.

8. It was moved by Dennis Wade and seconded by James Bowens to recommend funding an EMS Station in the White House Area with the remaining funds in the amount of $1,974,416.50. All voted yea.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Keith Hoover, Chairman

Jody Stewart, Finance Director