Robertson County Budget Committee
Minutes of February 1, 2022 Meeting

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

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

The minutes of January 4, 2022 were approved.

1. It was moved by Faye Stubblefield and seconded by James Bowens to recommend balanced budget amendment #29 for $17,840, Homeland Security Grant Funds to the County Commission. All voted yea.

2. It was moved by Bobby Couts and seconded by Faye Stubblefield to recommend balanced budget amendment #31 to place donated funds in the Animal Control Department budget in the amount of $1,915 and to purchase a used truck for $20,000 to the County Commission. All voted yea.

3. It was moved by James Bowens and seconded by Burton Glover to recommend balanced budget amendment #32, for $75,000 of State Grant Funds for a permanent awning at the Health Department to the County Commission. All voted yea.

4. It was moved by Bobby Couts and seconded by Burton Glover to recommend balanced budget amendment #33 in the amount of $25,087 for a Compactor at the Cross Plains Convenience Center to the County Commission. All voted yea.

5. It was moved by Faye Stubblefield and seconded by James Bowens to authorize transferring $47,826.96 from the 2018 Energy Efficiency Bond to the Coopertown Elementary Project as requested by Dr. Chris Causey, School Director. All voted yea.

6. It was moved by Bobby Couts and seconded by Faye Stubblefield to approve the FY2023 Budget Adoption Schedule as Presented. This will be the third year for the new procedure of passing the County's Operating Budget prior to June 30, 2022. All voted yea.

Judge Joel Perry was not available to present balanced budget amendment #30 for the Drug Court in the amount of $29,000 for line item 53330-322, evaluation and testing. Burton Glover asked the name of the vendor for the evaluation and testing. Because Judge Perry was absent and the question was not answered, all agreed to place this budget amendment as the first item on the March 1, 2022 agenda.

Jody Stewart stated the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 funds for Robertson County were received at the end of August 2021 and this same amount of $6,974,416.50 will be requested in September 2022. Also, the one-time $10,000,000 Revenue loss and the $5,000,000 for the Emergency Radios for all Emergency Services located in Robertson County have been submitted into the U.S. Treasury Portal.

Keith said the Animal Control Facility proposals were opened and are being evaluated. They may need a special called budget meeting on February 22nd, as it currently appears the prices may have increased again. A Joint Personnel/Budget Committee Meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, February 8th to discuss the Worksite Medical Clinic. Also, there are Budget Committee Meetings Scheduled for March 8th, 22nd and 29th in order to meet with Department Heads.

Jody and the Sheriff discussed the Prisoner Boarding Revenue estimates for FY2022 will be approximately $1,400,000 with a budget amount of $3,500,000. These low revenues are a direct cause of COVID, because the State moved their State prisoners due to COVID. Jody informed the Committee that the County pay plan study information will be available to discuss at the March 1, 2022 Budget Committee Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Keith Hoover, Chairman

Jody Stewart, Finance Director