Robertson County Budget Committee
Minutes of March 1, 2022 Meeting

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

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

The minutes for the Joint Building and Grounds and Budget Committee Meeting on February 22, 2022 were approved.

Judge Joel Perry introduced Althea Sickel, the Drug Court Program Coordinator, and she briefly explained how the Drug Court conducts business, specifically the drug testing of Drug Court participants. She explained that the local drug testing company has not been available since COVID started in March 2020, therefore, drug testing is contracted with a company located in Nashville. Althea Sickel answered questions about the Drug Court operations.

1. It was moved by Faye Stubblefield and seconded by James Bowens to recommend balanced budget amendment #30 for the Drug Court in the amount of $29,000 for the evaluation and drug testing services to the County Commission. All voted yea.

Dr. Chris Causey, School Director, presented budget amendment #35. The School System received extra grant fund revenues and the Safe Schools grant increased fund balance by $310,910, because this expense was already allocated in the original FY2023 budget. There are also miscellaneous housekeeping items listed in this budget amendment.

2. It was moved by Burton Glover and seconded by Faye Stubblefield to recommend balanced budget amendment #35 for the School System as explained by Chris Causey in the above paragraph to the County Commission. All voted yea.

Jody Stewart explained that Korey Drake-Stewart, Solid Waste Director and the Solid Waste Committee are requesting a resolution to establish a reserve account line item in Sanitation Fund 116. The yearly amount being requested is now $100,000 (Previous requests were $80,000) for the next 5 successive budget years in order to save funds for capital outlay purchases. Jody explained the funds Solid Waste borrowed from Debt Service were paid off this past December and Korey wants to get back on track saving money for capital outlay purchases.

3. It was moved by James Bowens and seconded by Burton Glover to recommend a resolution to establish reserve account line item 34675 in the amount of $100,000 in the Robertson County Sanitation Fund 116 to the County Commission. All voted yea.

Jody Stewart explained that Marisa Combs and her Gallagher team were currently all attending a conference in San Antonio, TX. Marisa met with Jody and Keith via TEAMS conference for 30 minutes prior to this meeting. Marisa said they have three items in the works: the first item is the Grievance Policy to discuss with the Mayor on Thursday at 10 A.M. The second item is a 63-page extensive pay plan study description. Jody stated the pay plan study proposal was expensive. Marisa plans to come to a Budget Committee meeting to explain the pay plan study. The third item is the Ambulance Service proposed employee manual and the six issues being compared to approximately 20 counties.

Jody reminded the Committee about three (3) more meetings in March: March 8, 2022 Budget Committee Meeting, March 24, 2022 Joint Personnel and Budget Committee Meeting and on March 29, 2022 Budget Committee Meeting and all meetings scheduled to begin at 4:30 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Keith Hoover, Chairman

Jody Stewart, Finance Director