Robertson County Budget Committee
Minutes of April 5, 2022 Meeting

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

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

The Budget Committee minutes of March 24, 2022 were approved.

Jody Stewart presented balanced budget amendments #39, #40 and #41. Jody explained the three (3) separate balanced budget amendments for the County General Fund 101, the Solid Waste Fund 116 and the Highway Fund 131. She stated that these balanced budget amendments will list the total expense for the County Employee's Medical Insurance in the same manner as the previous 28 years. This means instead of listing the expense in each departmental budget, (As listed in the FY2021 and FY2022 budgets) the total expense will be listed under other charges account number 58400-205 near the last page of each fund's budget same as all previous budgets.

1. It was moved by Burton Glover and seconded by James Bowens to recommend balanced budget amendments #39, #40 and #41 as Jody explained in the above paragraph concerning County Employee Medical Insurance to the County Commission. All voted yea.

2. It was moved by Burton Glover and seconded by Bobby Couts to recommend balanced budget amendment #38 for an additional one-time grant funds in the amount of $25,000 for the Drug Court to the County Commission. All voted yea.

3. It was moved by James Bowens and seconded by Burton Glover to recommend balanced budget amendment #42 in the amount of $20,000 due to the State requiring all new license plates to the County Commission. All voted yea.

4. It was moved by Burton Glover and seconded by Bobby Couts to recommend balanced budget amendment #43 in the amount of $4,070 to the County Commission. These are donated funds to be placed in the Animal Control Department budget for Animal Food and Supplies. All voted yea.

5. It was moved by Burton Glover and seconded by James Bowens to recommend balanced budget amendment #44 in the amount of $22,300 for the sale of equipment (Loader, Pick-Up Truck and Recycle Truck) for Solid Waste Fund 116 to the County Commission. The funds have been allocated to purchase a rotator for the forklift and an open top bin. All voted yea.

Rosemary Sprague, Chancery Court Clerk, discussed her concerns about a potential vacancy in her department with the Budget Committee. Rosemary stated that depending what action the County Commission takes at their April 18, 2022 meeting to appoint a Circuit Court Clerk, she may be requesting additional funds to train a replacement for an open position in her office.

Bobby Couts addressed the Committee concerning taxes on property, especially when property has been rezoned from greenbelt to residential. Currently the property taxes remain being billed at the greenbelt rate (a lesser rate) until the property has been developed into residential. There was some discussion concerning the mannerism property taxes is being billed during an interim period before property is actually developed to become residential. Chris Traughber, Assessor of Property, was available to answer questions about the proper legal procedures that are currently being followed. Chris said the law states property taxes can only be billed at the higher residential rate once the property has been developed into residential property usage.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Keith Hoover, Chairman

Jody Stewart, Finance Director