Robertson County Budget Committee
Minutes of December 2, 2025 Meeting

The Budget Committee met at 4:30 P.M. with the following members present: Bobby Couts, Eric Roberts, Bob Stroud, Faye Stubblefield, and Billy Ray Dorris. Mayor Billy Vogle and Jody Stewart were also present.

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

The Budget Committee minutes of November 4, 2025 were approved as presented.
Bobby Couts asked if the Public had any comments about the agenda, there were no Public Comments at this time.

1. It was moved by Eric Roberts and seconded by Billy Ray Dorris to recommend balanced budget amendment #18 as presented by Cathy Hamsley, Administrator of Elections, to the County Commission. Balanced budget amendment #18 in the amount of $145,404 is required for two (2) special elections and Cathy's payout upon her retirement on February 27, 2026. Approximately $115,000 is for a special primary and special general election, because Congressman Mark Green resigned. Cathy's payout is $28,243 plus Social Security and Medicare taxes. All voted yea.

2. It was moved by Faye Stubblefield and seconded by Bob Stroud to recommend a resolution to approve balanced budget amendment #19 in the amount of $187,700 to the County Commission. Chief Charlie Clark stated balanced budget amendment #19 was for two (2) separate State grants and for insurance recovery revenues for wrecked patrol vehicles. All voted yea.

3. It was moved by Bob Stroud and seconded by Eric Roberts to recommend a resolution to approve balanced budget amendment #20 in the amount of $1,390 to the County Commission. Kendra Shelton, Trustee, stated the $1,390 is the cost to repair the outside property tax collection tube. Kendra also requested recommendation to approve a second resolution allowing the Trustee's Office to round property taxes and interests to the County Commission. All voted yea.

4. It was moved by Faye Stubblefield and seconded by Eric Roberts to recommend a resolution to approve balanced budget amendment #21 in the amount of $70,000 to the County Commission. Brent Dyer, Ambulance Service Director, stated the EMS Committee approved decreasing the Uniforms and Various Capital Outlay line items to increase the Part-Time line item by $70,000. All voted yea.

5. It was moved by Eric Roberts and seconded by Billy Ray Dorris to table the discussion about the Elected Officials "Letter of Agreement/Compensation of Employees". A "Letter of Agreement Template" and an email from Wesley Robertson, Robertson County's County Technical Assistant Service (CTAS) Consultant, were attached to the agenda for the Committee Members to review. The Committee wants Clyde Richert, the County Attorney, to research this matter and place this item on January 6, 2026 Budget Committee Meeting Agenda. All voted yea.

Vesper Village – Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Project - The details about this Project were explained by Ms. Madison Haynes, Partner of Bradley's Law Office, Mr. Jake Muse, Cypress Roots Development Representative, and Jason Repsher, Barge Engineer/Design Representative. Clyde Richert, the County Attorney, was also available. There was a forty-five minute presentation which included a question/answer session. Barge prepared an engineering study and traffic study for this Project. This TIF Project will allow the Developer to use future property taxes for planning public infrastructure to develop the Vesper Village Project. This TIF accelerated growth Project includes a new road where Highway 49 will connect to Main Street. The Developer has one year after approval to start construction on this road and there is a three year limit for the road to be completed. The road will be bonded to ensure the road will be built through completion. This TIF involves $27,500,000 in future property taxes over a twenty year period for the Developer. This TIF Project to build 3,369 homes will be built whether this TIF Project is approved or not.

6. It was moved by Faye Stubblefield and seconded by Bobby Couts to recommend a resolution to approve the Vesper Village Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Project as presented by the three representatives listed in the above paragraph to the County Commission. Bobby Couts, Faye Stubblefield, Bob Stroud, and Billy Ray Dorris all voted yea. Eric Roberts voted nay. Therefore, this motion passed by a majority vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

Bobby Couts, Chairman

Jody Stewart, Finance Director