Robertson County Budget Committee
Minutes of September 9, 2025 Meeting

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

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

The Budget Committee minutes of July 22, 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 Bob Stroud to recommend two (2) resolutions to approve balanced budget amendments #2 and #3 to the County Commission. Balanced budget amendment #2 in the amount of $301,250 is for a $1,250 housekeeping item transfer to Debt Service Fund 151, and for transferring $300,000 into the School Capital Projects Fund 177 for the Coopertown Ballfield Project. Balanced budget amendment #3 in the amount of $1,909,703 is State appropriated funds for a $2,000 bonus for Classroom Instruction Teachers. Dr. Danny Weeks stated the School Board approved both budget amendments unanimously. All voted yea.

2. It was moved by Eric Roberts and seconded by Billy Ray Dorris to recommend a resolution to approve balanced budget amendment #4 in the amount of $214,701 for a new Loader for the Solid Waste/Sanitation Department to the County Commission. This new Loader will replace the Loader that burned up last year and capital funds being placed in a reserve account on an annual basis will be used to make the purchase. All voted yea.

Kristy Chowning, Circuit Court Clerk, presented balanced budget amendment #5 in the amount of $15,717 to transfer funds into her clerical personnel line item for inequities from her part-time personnel line item. There was some discussion and all agreed this budget amendment was not necessary because Kristy's total budgeted salary amount will not increase. Kristy plans to send the changes for these eight (8) employees salary increases to the Finance Department's Payroll Accountant in October.

3. It was moved by Billy Ray Dorris and seconded by Bob Stroud to recommend a resolution to approve budget amendment #6 in the amount of $22,360 for Joe Fort, Building and Grounds Director, payout upon his retirement in November 2025 to the County Commission. This budget amendment requires two (2) readings. All voted yea.

4. It was moved by Eric Roberts and seconded by Billy Ray Dorris to recommend a resolution to approve budget amendment #8 in the amount of 37,429 for an Agriculture Extension employee the Federal Government has funded since 1998 (they will no longer provide the funding) to the County Commission. This budget amendment requires two (2) readings. All voted yea.

5. It was moved by Billy Ray Dorris and seconded by Eric Roberts to recommend a resolution to approve balanced budget amendment #7 in the amount of $2,882 to move funds internally in the Juvenile Court Department - Safe Baby Court, State Grant to the County Commission. All voted yea.

6. It was moved by Eric Roberts and seconded by Bob Stroud to recommend a resolution to approve budget amendment #9 in the amount of $3,848 for the Elections Department to the County Commission. This budget amendment increases Cathy Hamsley's pay by 3%, same as fee office Elected Officials. It was discussed to suspend the rules at the September meeting, because this budget amendment requires two readings. All voted yea.

7. It was moved by Bob Stroud and seconded by Billy Ray Dorris to recommend a resolution to approve balanced budget amendment #10 in the amount of $574 to pay overtime to a Security Guard at the Drug Recovery Court Fest to the County Commission. All voted yea

8. It was moved by Eric Roberts and seconded by Billy Ray Dorris to recommend a resolution to approve balanced budget amendment #5 (Changed from #11 because #5 as listed above was not needed) in the amount of $70,000 to the County Commission. These funds are being added back to the FY2026 Budget's Fund Balance and subtracted from the Sheriff Department's Deputies salary line item 54110-106. All voted yea.

Eric Roberts explained that the Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) plans to build a $40,000,000 Trade School Facility in Robertson County. The County needs to provide the land for the State to build the Trade School. Eric explained the proposed land was located on Highway 76 near Springfield High School. Eric stated there will be a resolution for the County Commission to vote to convey the land to the State to build the proposed Trade School at the September 15, 2025 meeting.

Bobby Couts discussed a handout that Mayor Billy Vogle provided listing Planning and Zoning charges for various inspection fees. There was a discussion about the various inspection fees and the fact that these fees have not been updated since 2017. All agreed these fees will need to be increased and the Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC) will be able to help guide the County with any necessary fee increases or changes. The Mayor stated that he will contact GNRC.

Jody stated there were no significant findings from the FY2025 Audit. She also informed the Committee about two separate pay study quotes. Jody then stated she is expecting a check for approximately $220,000 from the insurance company for the roof repair on the historic Courthouse.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

Bobby Couts, Chairman

Jody Stewart, Finance Director