Robertson County Budget Committee
Minutes of April 7, 2026 Meeting

The Budget Committee met at 4:30 P.M. with the following members present: Bobby Couts, Eric Roberts, Billy Ray Dorris, Bob Stroud and, Faye Stubblefield. 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 February 10, 2026 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 a resolution to approve balanced budget amendment #33 in the amount of $10,500 for the fire hydrant abatement fees in Planning and Zoning's budget to the County Commission. All voted yea.

2. It was moved by Faye Stubblefield and seconded by Billy Ray Dorris to recommend a resolution to approve balanced budget amendment #34 in the amount of $86,600 and balanced budget amendment #41 in the amount of $786,316 to the County Commission. Dr. Danny Weeks explained #34 was for grants and miscellaneous housekeeping and #41 was for damages to the cooling tower at White House Heritage House High School. Danny explained these damages and other miscellaneous damages were caused by the ice storm and have already been reimbursed to the School System by the insurance company. All voted yea.

3. It was moved by Bob Stroud and seconded by Eric Roberts to recommend a resolution to approve balanced budget amendment #35 in the amount of $41,938 for miscellaneous housekeeping due to the motors in the compactor breaking at the Solid Waste Department to the County Commission. All voted yea.

4. It was moved by Eric Roberts and seconded by Faye Stubblefield to recommend a resolution to approve balanced budget amendment #36 in the amount of $406,538 for the Highway Department to the County Commission. These are additional State Aid funds received for Road Infrastructure. These funds are for the Mint Springs Road project and because the Highway Department prepares all necessary paperwork for this project, the fund balance will Increase by $20,986. All voted yea.

5. It was moved by Bob Stroud and seconded by Billy Ray Dorris to recommend a resolution to approve balanced budget amendment #37 in the amount of $26,500 for the Elections Department to the County Commission. These additional funds are for the May primary election and the expenses for this May primary will be reimbursed by the State. All voted yea.

6. It was moved by Faye Stubblefield and seconded by Billy Ray Dorris to recommend a resolution to approve balanced budget amendment #42 in the amount of $19,482 for the Emergency Management's budget to the County Commission. Blake Pierce, Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director, presented information explaining an emergency notification software system he will purchase with Homeland Security grant funds that will be available for all County wide emergency agencies and emergencies. All voted yea.

7. It was moved by Eric Roberts and seconded by Bob Stroud to recommend a resolution to approve balanced budget amendment #38 in the amount of $6,736 for postage in the Trustee's budget to the County Commission. All voted yea.

8. It was moved by Bob Stroud and seconded by Billy Ray Dorris to recommend a resolution to approve balanced budget amendment #39 in the amount of $19,659 for the American Disability Act (ADA) software required for the County's website to the County Commission. Chet Biggers, IT Director, presented information and explained how this software operates for the County's website to become ADA compliant. All voted yea.

9. It was moved by Eric Roberts and seconded by Faye Stubblefield to recommend a resolution to approve balanced budget amendment #40 in the amount of $15,500 for the Sheriff Department law enforcement supplies line item to the County Commission. Per TCA 39-17-4647 the disposition and sale of confiscated weapons must be deposited into the County General Fund and allocated solely for law enforcement supply purchases. All voted yea.

10. It was moved by Faye Stubblefield and seconded by Eric Roberts to approve the Sheriff's request to make capital purchases not in the FY2026 budget, because the Sheriff stated his budget will have significant salary savings. The Sheriff explained he will need to add two (2) new Court Officer positions to the newly renovated old Historic Courthouse building. The Sheriff also stated he will purchase four (4) marked patrol units for approximately $281,000 in the FY2026 budget, therefore he will not need to add these 4 units into the FY2027 budget. The last item the Sheriff requested was a new Command Trailer costing approximately $180,000. All voted yea.

11. It was moved by Bob Stroud and seconded by Faye Stubblefield to recommend a resolution to approve balanced budget amendment #43 in the amount of $30,000 to repair a broken sewer pipe at the Robertson County Office Building to the County Commission. After some discussion, everyone determined this was an emergency purchase need, because this broken sewer pipe has raw sewage seeping into the ground. All voted yea.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Bobby Coutts, Chairman

Jody Stewart, Finance Director