Robertson County Budget Committee
Minutes of January 6, 2026 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 December 2, 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.

Clyde Richert, County Attorney, sent an email of explanation to the budget committee members about the "Letter of Agreement/Compensation of Employees" prior to the meeting. Bobby Couts stated this was a discussion item and all agreed no changes are needed per Clyde's recommendation. The Mayor stated any changes to departmental salaries should be communicated to the budget committee for transparency.

1. It was moved by Faye Stubblefield and seconded by Billy Ray Dorris to recommend balanced budget amendments #22 and #23 as presented by Melanie Stark, Juvenile Court Magistrate, to the County Commission. Balanced budget amendment #22 is a $1,000 donation to the Safe Baby Court from Dr. Sabi Kumar. Balanced budget amendment #23 is a $3,000 transfer into clerical line item 162. All voted yea.

2. It was moved by Eric Roberts and seconded by Bob Stroud to recommend a resolution to approve budget amendment #24 for $3,984 for other local revenues and various housekeeping items on page one (1), and $2,300,000 from fund balance for a roof required at Woodall Primary School to the County Commission. Dr. Danny Weeks explained that TRANE will be managing this project, because the amount of $2,300,000 is from fund balance there will be two (2) readings required. All voted yea.

3. It was moved by Billy Ray Dorris and seconded by Faye Stubblefield to recommend a resolution to approve balanced budget amendment #25 in the amount of $263 to the County Commission. This is payment for an Air Conditioner service call at the Cross Plains tower from opioid settlement funds disbursed at the County Mayor's discretion. All voted yea.

4. It was moved by Faye Stubblefield and seconded by Eric Roberts to recommend a resolution to approve balanced budget amendment #26 in the amount of $12,707 less expenses in the Finance Department to the County Commission. This balanced budget amendment pays for a part-time employee in the Finance Department for one-half (1/2) a year of FY2026 for 26 weeks at 15 hours per week. All voted yea.

5. It was moved by Bob Stroud and seconded by Eric Roberts to approve the Letter of Intent as presented by Brent Dyer, Ambulance Service Director, and he stated the EMS Committee has already approved this letter. There was a discussion that the process to manufacture this Ambulance is approximately fifteen (15) months and historically there is one Ambulance in Brent's annual operating budget. All agreed there will be an Ambulance in the FY2027 budget same as previous years. All voted yea.

6. It was moved by Eric Roberts and seconded by Billy Ray Dorris to recommend a resolution to approve balanced budget amendment #27 in the amount of $30,303 to the County Commission. This is a TN Department of Health Grant for the Ambulance Service Department line item 799. 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 #28 in the amount of $3,115 to the County Commission. Althea Sickel, Drug Court Coordinator, explained a staff change caused team members to work overtime. All voted yea.

Eric Roberts explained the Building and Grounds Committee plans to replace only two (2) hot water heaters in the jail instead of all four (4). The Building and Grounds Committee will have an adjusted dollar amount to present next month at the February budget committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 P.M.

Bobby Couts, Chairman

Jody Stewart, Finance Director