Robertson County Budget Committee
Minutes of February 10, 2026 Meeting

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

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 January 6, 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 Billy Ray Dorris to recommend a resolution to approve balanced budget amendment #30 in the amount of $25,223 for Opioid funding at the Mayor's discretion to the County Commission. Funds in the amount of $24,000 will be paid to United Way to distribute the funds equally to the following four non-profit agencies: CASA of Robertson County, COPE of Robertson County, My Father's House Mission and 211 Helpline, United Way Greater Nashville. United Way will track all the funds for opioid needs. Also, $1,223 pays for propane. 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 #31 in the amount of $1,003,434 to the County Commission. Dr. Danny Weeks explained the State is sending extra funds for TN Investment In Student Achievement (TISA) in the amount of $854,000, and the School Fund is receiving USDA and other local revenues. Also, miscellaneous housekeeping for expenditure line items is being addressed. All voted yea.

3. It was moved by Eric Roberts and seconded by Billy Ray Dorris to approve the Budget Adoption Schedule for FY2026-2027 budget process as presented. All voted yea.

Bobby Couts stated Department Heads need to work on their FY2027 budgets and present their FY2027 budgets flat overall to the Budget Committee same as the FY2026 budget process. Bobby also requested that any expenditures within the current budget not needed in the last few years for the Department Heads to please not add these amounts in the FY2027 budget: such as part-time personnel, overtime pay, and postage line items to name a few.

4. It was moved by Eric Roberts and seconded by Billy Ray Dorris to recommend a resolution to approve budget amendment #32 in the amount of $200,000 to purchase two (2) water heaters for the Jail to the County Commission. After some discussion, all determined the funds needed for this emergency purchase project to replace two (2) water heaters in the Jail will be from General Capital Projects Fund 171. The Sheriff stated if the two (2) water heaters were not replaced immediately, the Jail operations for the Jail kitchen and laundry room will not allow the Jail to operate properly and the Jail/Sheriff Department will face major violations for the improper operations of the Jail. The rules for two (2) readings need to be suspended at the February 23, 2026 meeting. All voted yea.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

Bobby Couts, Chairman

Jody Stewart, Finance Director