Robertson County Budget Committee
Minutes of June 2, 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 May 19, 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.

Michelle Adcock, Director of the Stokes Brown Public Library, distributed supporting information and presented the Library's request for an additional $45,270 in the FY2027 budget. Following a brief question-and-answer session, the Committee agreed to take the request into consideration.

Chantele Gonzales, Founder and Director of the Critter Fixers Foundation, distributed supporting information and presented the Foundation's initial FY2027 funding request of $7,000. Following a brief question-and-answer session, the Committee agreed to take the request into consideration.

Angel Bebout, Chief Financial Officer, and Rachel Ellis, Regional Programs Manager for Middle Tennessee, representing the Governor's Early Literacy Foundation (GELF), also known as Robertson County Reads, distributed supporting information and presented the Foundation's FY2027 funding request of $40,000. The Foundation provides books to children under age five in Robertson County to help prepare them for kindergarten. Following a brief question-and-answer session, the Committee agreed to take the request into consideration.

Robert Gardner, Board President, and Tiffany Thomas, Programs Manager for the Bransford Community Center, distributed supporting documentation and presented the Center's request for a one-time County contribution of $1,000,000. This amount would match the City of Springfield's $1,000,000 allocation approved in May 2020, pending County approval. Robert stated the project's total cost is $3,000,000, with the initial $2,000,000 designated to construct the shell; additional funds will be raised to complete the project. They also noted the program has operated for fourteen years, and four youth participants from the Bransford Pride after-school program shared positive experiences. Following a brief question-and-answer session, the Committee agreed to take the request into consideration.

Jordan Osborne, Interim Director of the Robertson County Economic Development Board (RCEDB), requested approval of a resolution to be forwarded to the County Commission for consideration at its June 15, 2026 meeting. Jordan previously presented this information at the May 19, 2026 Budget Committee meeting. The resolution authorizes a transfer of $1,695,772 from Red River Preserve Fund 172. Exhibit A outlines the Airport Infrastructure Projects and local matching funds for Economic Development.

1. It was moved by Eric Roberts and seconded by Faye Stubblefield to recommend approval of the RCEDB resolution to the County Commission, including the release of $1,695,772 from Red River Preserve Fund 172. See the paragraph above for details. All voted yea.

Jordan Osborne stated the next RCEDB agenda item was the Cider Grove Mixed-Use Development Tax Increment Financing (TIF) project in White House. She introduced Dr. Saumil Patel, who presented the proposal. Printed copies of the TIF impact plan and PowerPoint summary were distributed to Committee members. Dr. Patel stated the project is located at the intersection of 31W and Raymond Hirsch Boulevard in White House, Tennessee, and that initial approvals were obtained in 2024.

Following the presentation, the Committee held a question-and-answer session and then voted to forward the TIF request to the County Commission for consideration.

2. It was moved by Faye Stubblefield and seconded by Bob Stroud to recommend approval of the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) resolution to the County Commission. See the paragraph above for details. Four voted yea and one voted nay; therefore, the motion carried.

Eric Roberts informed the Committee about the bid for the Re-Roof for the Highway Department. Eric said there were seven (7) bids and the lowest bidder was Roof Choice, LLC in the amount of $86,401. He stated they would start work within the next couple of weeks and the work should be completed within two weeks after the starting date.

Summary of Contribution to Agency requests for the FY2027 Budget totaled $1,092,270.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Bobby Coutts, Chairman

Jody Stewart, Finance Director