Robertson County Budget Committee
Minutes of July 14, 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 June 23, 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.

The Committee discussed the request to increase County Commissioner compensation. Discussion included transparency, attendance expectations, continuing education requirements, current compensation levels, comparable counties, commissioner recruitment and retention, and whether any increase should be considered by the full County Commission rather than included only as part of the budget process.

1. It was moved by Faye Stubblefield and seconded by Eric Roberts to forward the County Commissioner compensation matter to the full County Commission for discussion and consideration at its next meeting on Monday, July 20, 2026. All voted yea.

Jody Stewart presented final statements of estimated fund balance for the FY2027 budget. She advised that some FY2026 year-end actual figures may still improve before final closeout, including school grant receipts and other year-end adjustments.

The Committee reviewed General Fund 101, Solid Waste Fund 116, Highway/Public Works Fund 131, School Fund 141, Debt Service Fund 151, Capital Projects Fund 171, and PILOT Fund 172. Jody reviewed revenues, expenditures, projected ending fund balances, and reserves for each fund. She noted that the County's fund balances remain in very good condition compared with prior years.

During the Solid Waste Fund review, the Committee discussed disposal fee revenue, free trash volume, convenience centers, transfer station costs, city usage, hauling cost increases, and whether related costs should be reviewed in future budget cycles.

2. It was moved by Faye Stubblefield and seconded by Eric Roberts to approve the FY2027 budgets as presented. Based on the fund balance summaries, the Committee considered approval of the FY2027 budgets for Funds 101, 116, 131, 151, 171, and 172. The School Fund 141 FY2027 budget had previously been approved. All FY2027 budgets were approved to be forwarded in a resolution format to the County Commission for their approval. All voted yea.

3. It was moved by Bob Stroud and seconded by Billy Ray Dorris to approve the FY2027 property tax rate distribution totaling $1.80, allocated as $0.97 to General Fund 101, $0.02 to Solid Waste Fund 116, $0.59 to School Fund 141, and $0.22 to Debt Service Fund 151 and forward the resolution onto the County Commission for their approval. All voted yea.

The Committee discussed the General Fund budget and whether to transfer two cents of the property tax rate from Debt Service Fund 151 to General Fund 101. There was a brief discussion.

4. It was moved by Eric Roberts and seconded by Bob Stroud to move two cents from Debt Service Fund 151 to General Fund 101. Eric Roberts and Bob Stroud voted yea; Billy Ray Dorris, Faye Stubblefield, and Bobby Couts voted nay. The motion failed.

Following the failed motion, the previously approved FY2027 property tax rate distribution remained unchanged.

Jody stated that the County remains in a strong financial position, supported by conservative budgeting and healthy fund balances. Next steps include publication of the FY2027 budget summary and contribution-to-agencies list in the newspaper, the public hearing on August 11, 2026, and final budget consideration at the August 17, 2026 County Commission meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 P.M.

Bobby Couts, Chairman 9.8.2026

Eric Roberts, Chairman

Jody Stewart, Finance Director