Robertson County Budget Committee
Minutes of September 8, 2026 Meeting

The Budget Committee met at 4:30 P.M. with the following members present: Eric Roberts, Billy Ray Dorris, and Faye Stubblefield. Mayor Keith Hoover and Jody Stewart were also present.

Mayor Keith Hoover called the meeting to order, and the following main discussions and actions took place during the meeting:

Call to Order and Quorum. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M. It was noted that three members were present and two committee seats were vacant; therefore, a quorum was declared.

Election of Chairman. The Committee proceeded with the election of a Chairman as the first item of business.

1. It was moved by Billy Ray Dorris and seconded by Faye Stubblefield to elect Eric Roberts as Chairman; there was no further discussion. All voted yea.

Newly elected Chairman Eric Roberts presided over the remainder of the Budget Committee meeting. The Committee then proceeded with the remaining agenda items and related actions for consideration.

The Budget Committee minutes of July 14, 2026 were approved as presented.
Eric Roberts asked if the Public had any comments about the agenda, there were no Public Comments at this time.

County Attorney Appointment and Contract Review. Mayor Keith Hoover advised the Committee that former County Attorney Clyde Richert retired effective June 30, 2026. Clyde Richert and Jarod Richert have continued assisting the County with legal matters during the transition. Mayor Hoover reported that Jonathan Garner has agreed to serve as County Attorney substantially under the same terms and conditions as the previous agreement. Jonathan Garner addressed the Committee and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve Robertson County.

2. It was moved by Faye Stubblefield and seconded by Billy Ray Dorris to recommend approval of the County Attorney contract with Jonathan Garner and to forward the contract to the full County Commission for consideration and approval. All voted yea.

County Holiday Schedule. The Committee discussed the County holiday schedule, including whether to restore the Friday after Thanksgiving as a paid County holiday. Discussion included the closure of County offices on that day, the effect on employees who have previously been required to use leave time, and the desire to align the County's holiday schedule more closely with the State schedule.

3. It was moved by Billy Ray Dorris and seconded by Faye Stubblefield to recommend restoring the Friday after Thanksgiving as a paid County holiday and to forward the appropriate resolution to the County Commission for approval. All voted yea.

Employee Health and Wellness Clinic Eligibility. The Committee discussed eligibility for services provided through the Employee Health and Wellness Clinic. Discussion included current eligibility for full-time County employees, their spouses, and dependents ages 2 through 26, as well as extending eligibility to County Commissioners, their spouses, and dependents ages 2 through 26. The Committee also discussed whether part-time employees should be included and noted the potential cost impact of expanding eligibility.

4. It was moved by Billy Ray Dorris and seconded by Faye Stubblefield to recommend formalizing Employee Health and Wellness Clinic eligibility for full-time County employees, County Commissioners, their spouses, and dependents ages 2 through 26, and to forward the appropriate resolution to the County Commission for approval. All voted yea.

Finance Department Cabinet Budget Amendment. The Finance Director reported that the cabinet used to store Finance Department records is broken and needs replacement. The estimated cost to replace the cabinet is $1,390. The Committee discussed identifying available funding for the purchase and addressing the expenditure through the appropriate budget amendment or resolution.

5. It was moved by Faye Stubblefield and seconded by Billy Ray Dorris to recommend identifying funds for the Finance Department cabinet replacement and preparing the necessary budget amendment #1 in the amount of $1,390 to be presented to the County Commission for approval. All voted yea.

Trustee Office Salary Budget Revision in the FY2027 Budget. Kendra Shelton, Trustee presented a proposed revision to the Trustee Office detailed salary budget. She explained that a previously budgeted hourly amount was not assigned to a specific employee that she terminated on Friday September 4, 2026, and that a portion of those funds had been allocated to three employees who had assumed additional duties. She advised that the proposed changes would remain within the approved budget.

The Committee discussed the proposed salary budget revision, staffing needs during the upcoming tax collection period, the timing for hiring a replacement employee, and whether future across-the-board raises should allow discretion for department heads or elected officials in certain circumstances. The Committee also discussed the need for possible future policy language, with the understanding that legal and administrative review may be needed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 P.M.

Eric Roberts, Chairman

Jody Stewart, Finance Director