Robertson County Finance Committee
Minutes of July 9, 2024 Meeting

The Finance Committee met at 4:00 P.M. with the following members present: Bob Hogan, Ray Hart, Troy Adkins, Brent "Doc" Martin, and Kevin Gray. Mayor Billy Vogle and Jody Stewart were also present. Dr. Danny Weeks was absent.

Commissioner Bob Hogan called the meeting to order, and the following main discussions and actions took place during the meeting:

The minutes of June 18, 2024 were approved.

Jody Stewart informed the Committee that she signed two separate sole source purchase orders for the School System:

The first purchase order was issued to Instructure, Inc. for Mastery View Predictive assessments, and other Mastery products. A letter was provided stating this Company is the sole distributor of these products in nine (9) different States. The total purchase amount was $151,141.74 and the detailed paperwork about the purchase was made available for the Committee members to review.

The second purchase order was issued to NCS Pearson, Inc. for products listed on six (6) pages from their Clinical and Classroom Assessments catalogs. Their letter states as the sole source/single supplier, Pearson has been granted copyright or exclusive rights to these products, and these products and related materials are not available from any other source by lawful means. The total purchase amount was $31,500.00 and detailed paperwork about the purchase was made available for the Committee members to review.

Jody Stewart informed the Committee that she reached out to the State Auditors as requested by the Building and Grounds Committee at their June 24, 2024 meeting. Jody explained that the law regarding an emergency states an unforeseen situation, like the Courthouse roof being damaged by the storm causing the leakage into the main courtroom, does constitute an emergency. She explained that Jeff Bailey, State Auditor, thought it was an emergency and it may be best to have all or one of her oversight committees declare the Courthouse situation an emergency. The Committee members all agreed that it was an emergency and decided to also declare the storm damage at the Courthouse an emergency in the same manner as the Budget Committee and the Building and Grounds Committee.

There was also a letter from Robert Bateman, Presiding Judge, 19th Judicial District, thanking the County for working to address the present lack of courtrooms for Circuit and Chancery Court due to the storm damage at the Courthouse. He stated in the letter that they must have adequate temporary courtroom facilities within a few weeks to prevent a crisis in the resolution of both criminal cases and civil cases that will directly impact the public.

1. It was moved by Kevin Gray and seconded by Troy Adkins to declare the storm damaged roof at the Courthouse an emergency. All voted yea.

The meeting adjourned at 4:06 P.M.

Robert Hogan, Chairman

Jody Stewart, Finance Director