

BUDGET COMMITTEE

March 8, 2021

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Willie Campbell, Julie Guinn, Charles VonCannon, Austin Jaynes, Ross Garland
Travis Hill, Aaron Frazier and Robin McKamey

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Austin Jaynes, Chairman

ROLL CALL: Quorum Present

AGENDA: Chairman Jaynes amended the agenda to include the Trash Trout Jr. litter collection system, a request from the Parks and Rec and funding for architects/engineers at the Workforce Development Complex. Motion was made by Ross Garland, seconded by Robin McKamey to approve the agenda with the three (3) additions under New Business. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Robin McKamey to approve the minutes of the February 2021, meeting. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The City of Elizabethton submitted a proposal for the purpose of the installation of Trash Trout Jr. (a non-permanent, floating, passive litter collection system on the Doe River. The Project Description is on file in the office of the County Clerk. As the cost of the project is \$4,000, the City asked if the County would consider splitting the cost of the project to help catch trash and keep it out of our rivers and streams. Motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Ross Garland to approve the City's request in the amount of \$2,000. By a roll call vote of all eyes, motion carried.

Mayor Woodby stated she had discussed an appraisal of the old Chamber of Commerce building with Daniel Estes and would want to get it inspected before any consideration was made for the purchase of the building by the County for possible record storage. She said the location was good and it was dry underneath but needed the approval of the committee before advertising for quotes for an inspection for any possible damage. Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Willie Campbell to authorize the Mayor to entertain quotes for the inspection of the old Chamber building. By a roll call vote of all eyes, motion carried.

Financial Director, Brad Burke, presented the allowable use(s) of fund reserves, General Fund #101, Details for Reserves, FYE June 30, 2021, as of February 28, 2021. He also presented a listing of Appropriation of Unassigned Fund Balance for the same period with a balance of \$1,219,863.56.

Brad Burke explained the County could owe the City an amount of \$45,547.66 due to an error in collecting Local Option Sales Tax from the Dollars General Store. The Tennessee Department of Revenue inadvertently changed the collecting jurisdiction of this business from the City to the County and the LOST was incorrectly credited to the County from 2017 to early 2020. The City reported the error in January 2021.

Brad Burke next referred the committee to document he had placed in their packet titled "County Local Option Sales Tax Allocated for Education Capital Projects". He explained the Local Option Sales Tax



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(LOST) was increased from 2.25% to 2.75% beginning on January 1, 2009. He stated the first 50% of all collections was designated for education and the county's portion was available for appropriation by their governing bodies. He stated the County Commission chose to restrict 18% of its ADA determined share of the county's portion for County Education Capital Projects. However, after reviewing the minutes of the County Commission meeting on September 5, 2008, Mr. Burke said he was led to believe that the Commission's intent was most likely to restrict all county proceeds from the 18% solely for the Carter County Board of Education's Capital Projects. At this time Austin Jaynes stepped down as Chairman and was replaced by Ross Garland. Motion was then made by Austin Jaynes, seconded by Charles VonCannon for the County to no longer allocate the 18% of the county's LOST funds to the schools. In his motion he further requested the committee approve the option presented stating "retain entire amount (50%) of the County's LOST for the General or other County Fund, then allocate/budget some other available County revenue to the ECP Fund" beginning July 1, 2021. By a roll call vote of 5 ayes and 3 nays (Ross Garland, Travis Hill & Robin McKamey), motion carried. The entire document presented by Director Burke will be in the Commissioner's packet for the full commission meeting.

Brad Burke told the committee he and the Mayor had discussed the work Shanks & Shaw were doing on the Workforce Development Center stating funds needed to be appropriated for architects/engineers for these projects. Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Robin McKamey to appropriate \$55,000 to be transferred to the Architect line item from the Capital Projects line item for this work. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Supt. Colbaugh presented a quote from Columbia Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Fiat for a new 5500 REG CAB CHASSIS 4x4 dump truck in the amount of \$66,068.26. He informed the committee the Highway Committee approved the purchase of two (2) new dump trucks for the Highway Department at their last meeting and asked the Budget Committee for their approval. He stated the money was to come from the CARES grant balance. Motion was made by Willie Campbell, seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve their request for two (2) vehicles in the amount of \$132,136.52. Travis Hill then mentioned the County stood to receive a Federal Grant in an undetermined amount in the future and stated he felt we should wait until these funds were received to purchase the trucks. His thought was the use of the remaining CARES grant funds were no longer restricted as to how they could be used and felt like the Federal Grant would have stipulations and one of them may apply to the purchase requested by the Highway Department. If so, the CARES grant funds could be used anyway the Commission decided. Motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Aaron Frazier to TABLE the previous motion until the next meeting. By a roll call vote of 5 ayes, 2 nays (Willie Campbell & Charles VonCannon) and 1 abstaining (Julie Guinn), motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Ross Garland to approve General Fund #101, Budget Amendment #9, Items #1 thru # 17 in the amount of \$84,883.56. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Robin McKamey to approve General Fund #101, Budget Amendment #9A, Item #1 in the amount of \$359. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Ross Garland to approve Highway/Public Works Fund #131, Budget Amendment #3, Item #1 in the amount of \$4,000. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Willie Campbell to approve General Purpose School Fund #141, Budget Amendment #8, Items #1 thru #9 in the amount of \$282,165.26. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve the monetary donations to the Animal Shelter for the month of February 2021, in the amount of \$1,350. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Ross Garland, seconded by Robin McKamey to approve the non-monetary donations to the Animal Shelter from WalMart for the month of February, 2021, in the amount of \$711.90. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: At this time there was a moment of silence in honor of Barbara Melton who recently passed away. She is the wife of long time Park & Rec member Mike Melton. Willie Campbell led the committee in prayer.

On motion by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Ross Garland and by voice roll call vote, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved for entry:

Suzi Wallace

Austin Jaynes, Chairman