

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

JUNE 9, 2022 | 6:00PM | TC COURTHOUSE

**2023 BUDGET HEARING - MINUTES**

Members Present: 11/12

Beverly Atwood  
Ken Buckmaster  
Shane Burton  
Gary Claridy  
Bill Fergusson

Jerry Ford  
T. Bubba Gregory  
Landon Gulley  
Richard Harsh  
Rachel Jones

Dwight Jewell, *Comm Chair*  
Mayor Stephen Chambers  
Amy Thomas, CCFO

*Absent: Gary Walsh*

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Dwight Jewell. Quorum was determined with 11 members present.

Tonight’s discussion will be broad to cover what is needed for the FY2023 Budget. Topics to be addressed include the Payroll, Review of the Schools and Water Departments, Tax Levies, and an emergency purchase request by the Solid Waste Department.

**PAYROLL**

Mayor Chambers reviewed the three options for payroll for the 101, 111, 116, and 118 funds.

- Option 1: Compensation Study; original assignments
- Option 2: Compensation Study; original assignments +1 step if employed more than 1 year + 2.5% CoLA
- Option 3: Compensation Study; original assignments +1 step if employed more than 1 year + 5.0% CoLA

Mayor stated that Options 1 and 2 did not require a tax increase but would recommend a tax increase for Option 3.

Landon Gulley asked if the County could sustain the path of Option 2. Mayor Chambers said the funds were holding at least 3 months of operating expenses. Gulley then asked if the 2.5% increases all the steps. Mayor stated that as you do the CoLA, that would adjust the scale. Chairman Jewell offered that a step could be more or less next year as the pay scale is to be on a merit system. Everyone would get the CoLA, but only those who are recommended based on job performance would advance a step.

Richard Harsh made a motion to approve Option 2; seconded by Shane Burton.

MOTION PASSED  
Electronic Vote: 6-Yes, 5-No

**WATER DEPT**

The Water & Sewer Board revised their proposed budget. They agreed to take out employee bonuses and adjusted payroll to the 2.5% option to be in line with the County.

T. Bubba Gregory made a motion to approve the Water & Sewer Department budget with the 2.5% option (*Option2 as stated above*); seconded by Bill Fergusson.

MOTION PASSED  
Electronic Vote: 8-Yes, 3-No

**SCHOOLS**

Mayor Chambers and Dr. Satterfield met to discuss the \$115,000 funding for the paving project. Both parties agreed the Budget approved by the Budget Committee on May 10 would stand and that the \$115,000 would be a one-time contribution to not affect the maintenance of effort calculation. Chairman Jewell said a resolution to amend the previous resolution pertaining to the remaining wheel tax funding would be presented at the next meeting.

Dr. Satterfield stated that a new budget will be presented to include the \$115,000 for the paving project, revised salary schedule with recent adjustments, and there is some equipment expenses that need to be added.

Shane Burton asked directly that the new budget would include the original 4% for the school’s noncertified employees. Dr. Satterfield acknowledged that it did. Chairman Jewell reiterated that it is appropriated, but the Commission cannot give direction to the Board of Education on how to spend their funds.

All expenditures for the FY2023 Budget have been reviewed and recommended to the Full Commission.

**TAX LEVIES**

At this time, there are no firm numbers from the Property Assessor’s office to discuss the Tax Rates. This will be discussed at the June 20<sup>th</sup> Budget Committee meeting.

**SOLID WASTE EMERGENCY PURCHASE**

The front loader trash truck had caught on fire while being serviced. This event totaled out the truck and it is no longer in use. This truck is needed for the daily pick up of dumpster services in the County. Cliff Sallee was able to find a company that had one available, but they needed to know an answer immediately. Estimated cost is \$360,000. Even if ordered today, the County would not receive it until March 2023 at the earliest. If we are unable to get this truck, the next available would be closer to 2024 or 2025. Funding could be taken directly from the 116 funds without a loan.

Richard Harsh made a motion to purchase the truck immediately; seconded by Landon Gulley.

MOTION PASSED  
*Voice Vote: no opposition*

Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm

*Minutes submitted by  
Amy Thomas*

## Meeting details

Date	Start	End	Recording	Room name
06/09/2022	6:00 PM	6:50 PM	YES	unicos_cu

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Beverly	Atwood	District 10
Ken	Buckmaster	District 1
Shane	Burton	District 2
Gary	Claridy	District 7
Bill	Fergusson	District 8
Jerry	Ford	District 3
T Bubba	Gregory	District 4
Landon	Gulley	District 2
Richard	Harsh	District 6
Dwight	Jewell	District 7
Rachel	Jones	District 9
Gary	Walsh	District 3

## Overall votings summary

Voting question	Votes	Start
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	11	6:00 PM
Approve Option 2 Payroll   Wage Study, + one step, +2.5%	11/11	6:20 PM
Approve Water Department Budget Option 2   WS, +step, +2.5%	11/11	6:24 PM

### Electronic Voting

Voting question	Start	End	Results
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	6:00 PM	6:00 PM	PRESENT <b>11</b>
			ABSENT <b>1</b>
			STUDENT REP <b>0</b>

Name	Vote
Beverly Atwood	Yes <span style="color: green;">●</span>
Ken Buckmaster	Yes <span style="color: green;">●</span>
Shane Burton	Yes <span style="color: green;">●</span>
Gary Claridy	Yes <span style="color: green;">●</span>
Bill Fergusson	Yes <span style="color: green;">●</span>
Jerry Ford	Yes <span style="color: green;">●</span>
T Bubba Gregory	Yes <span style="color: green;">●</span>
Landon Gulley	Yes <span style="color: green;">●</span>
Richard Harsh	Yes <span style="color: green;">●</span>
Dwight Jewell	Yes <span style="color: green;">●</span>
Rachel Jones	Yes <span style="color: green;">●</span>
Gary Walsh	Absent <span style="color: red;">●</span>

	Start	End	Results	
Voting question			Yes	<b>6</b>
<b>Approve Option 2 Payroll   Wage Study, + one step, +2.5%</b>	6:20 PM	6:20 PM	Abstain	<b>0</b>
			No	<b>5</b>

Name		Vote
Beverly	Atwood	Yes 
Ken	Buckmaster	Yes 
Shane	Burton	Yes 
Gary	Claridy	No 
Bill	Fergusson	Yes 
Jerry	Ford	No 
T Bubba	Gregory	No 
Landon	Gulley	No 
Richard	Harsh	Yes 
Dwight	Jewell	Yes 
Rachel	Jones	No 
Gary	Walsh	Absent

	Start	End	Results
Voting question			
<b>Approve Water Department Budget Option 2   WS, +step, +2.5%</b>	6:24 PM	6:24 PM	Yes <b>8</b> Abstain <b>0</b> No <b>3</b>

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Beverly Atwood	Yes 
Ken Buckmaster	Yes 
Shane Burton	Yes 
Gary Claridy	No 
Bill Fergusson	Yes 
Jerry Ford	Yes 
T Bubba Gregory	Yes 
Landon Gulley	No 
Richard Harsh	Yes 
Dwight Jewell	Yes 
Rachel Jones	No 
Gary Walsh	Absent