

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

JULY 18, 2022 | 6:00PM | TC COURTHOUSE

**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*

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

2. Minutes from the June 20, 2022 regular meeting were reviewed.

**Minutes accepted**

3. County Trustee Report / Financial Summary – June 2022

The Committee reviewed the June 2022 Trustee Trial Balance. The Financial Summaries were not available as the accounting offices were still processing year end transactions.

Jerry Ford asked how much of the current cash balance of Fund 151 was committed. The \$300,000 administrative fee from CoreCivic will need to be moved to Fund 171 Capital Services for the upcoming Justice Center project. The remaining balance is committed to pay off the current debt of the County that includes the JSMS Roof project, Admin Building Loan, QSCB loan, EESI note, and the CJC note.

Bill Fergusson asked if there was an estimate for the engineering services. Dwight Jewell answered that a firm had just been chosen and the County is still in the beginning stages of the process. The expenses will come out of Fund 171.

4. Discussion Items

A. ORD 244-2022-14 General Services Appropriations Amendment. A fourth reading will need to be held to amend the appropriations ordinance in order to include the Schools' Fund 143 Cafeteria Services.

Motion to recommend to full Commission by Landon Gulley; second by T. Bubba Gregory

**MOTION APPROVED**

B. ARPA Spending Approval \$30,000. Mayor is requesting funding to set aside for the EMS Continuing education program. Ideally up to 10 employees would be able to benefit from the program. The Commission could appropriate funding each year depending on interest.

Gulley mentioned the other grant or scholarship opportunities available for education and specified programs available though Vol State in Gallatin. Mayor Chambers noted that the funding from the County is for those who do not qualify for other opportunities.

Part of the agreement is for the employee to stay with the County for three years. Buckmaster inquired if this was only available to employees. Mayor Chambers said when the program was set up back in 2013 it only applied to employees. It was set up specifically for one EMS employee at that time and they did not complete the program or reimburse the County at that time. This program is open to EMTs and Paramedics to further their certification and can be used as an incentive.

Buckmaster supports the program, but would like to see it opened to potential employees as well, with preference going to current employees.

*Item 4.B. Discussion Items – ARPA Spending continued*

Motion to recommend ARPA spending approval for the EMS educational program by Rachel Jones; second by Richard Harsh.

**MOTION APPROVED** with Opposition

*Hand Raise Vote: 10 Yes / 1 No (Buckmaster)*

5. Other Discussion. Claridy announced that the Schools will be opening received bids on the TCHS paving project on July 19 and asked if anyone from the Commission would be present. No one committed to being in attendance.

6. Public Comments - None

7. Adjourn: With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Beverly Atwood.

Adjourned at 6:36 pm

*Minutes submitted by*

*Amy Thomas*