

# HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

## BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 1, 2022 | 7:00PM | MAYOR'S OFFICE

### MINUTES

Members Present: 5/5

Beverly Atwood

Will Dennis

Jerry Ford

Bubba Gregory

Landon Gulley

Mayor Jack McCall

Amy Thomas, CCFO

As the designated member, Commissioner Bubba Gregory called the meeting to order at 7pm. A quorum was determined to be present with all members in attendance.

The first order of business was to elect officers.

#### **Chair – Landon Gulley**

Motion to cease nominations and elect by acclamation made by Ford; seconded by Dennis

MOTION APPROVED

#### **Vice Chair – Bubba Gregory**

Motion to cease nominations and elect by acclamation made by Ford; seconded by Atwood

MOTION APPROVED

#### **Secretary – Amy Thomas**

Motion to cease nominations and elect by acclamation made by Dennis; seconded by Ford

MOTION APPROVED

Minutes from the August 22, 2022 meeting were reviewed.

Motion to accept as presented by Ford; second by Gregory.

MOTION APPROVED

Chairman Gulley read over the purpose of the committee.

*"Combines the Budget and Purchasing Committees into one Finance Committee. Oversees the County's financial position throughout the fiscal year. Will keep to 5 members to keep in line with the County's Charter and Purchasing guidelines Charter § 4.07"*

#### Discussion Items

##### 1. Upcoming Projects

Thomas stated that she and the previous administration had been reviewing the Purchasing and Travel policies. Drafts have been worked up and will be presented to the Committee in a future meeting.

##### 2. Budget FY2024

The process begins in January. The committee needs to begin discussions on tax rates, expense goals, projects throughout departments, etc.

##### 3. Scheduled meetings

Traditionally, the Finance Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 6pm. The committee agreed to continue with that time beginning in January 2023.

##### 4. Mayor McCall suggested for the CTAS representative to come talk with the Committee and give insights into our budget and debts. The committee agreed and asked the Mayor's office to schedule that meeting.

##### 5. Criminal Justice Center project – as long as the County is showing activity on rectifying the Jail situation, the timeline to get the project completed is not as rushed as first thought. The county is in the early stages of planning, but meetings with the architecture firm and related committees are in progress.

##### 6. Thomas asked the Committee if there are any other reports she can provide the Committee for future meetings. All agreed the monthly statements and layout were appreciated.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm with a motion from Beverly Atwood.

*Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 5, 2022 at 6pm in the Mayor's Office.*