

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MAY 15, 2023 | 6:00PM | TC COMMUNITY CENTER

MINUTES

Members Present: 5/5

Landon Gulley, Chair

Beverly Atwood

Jerry Ford

Bubba Gregory, Vice Chair

Will Dennis

Others Present: Amy Thomas, Mayor Jack McCall, Hon. Branden Bellar, Comm Lonnie Taylor, Comm David Thomas, Comm David Nollner, Comm Mark Presley, Comm Chris Gregory, Comm Lesley Overman

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Gulley. Quorum was determined with all 5 members present.
- 2. Minutes from the April 17, 2023 regular meeting were reviewed.

Motion to accept the minutes as presented by TB Gregory; second by Atwood.  
**Minutes accepted as presented.**

3. Financial Statements

- A. **Trustee Cash Balance | April 2023** Committee Reviewed the April 2023 Statement. No concerns were noted.

Motion to accept the cash balance as presented by Ford; second by Atwood.  
**Trustee Trial Balanced accepted as presented.**

B. **April 2023 Financial Summaries**

101-40161 PILOT TVA line item is higher than budgeted at 245.6%. Ms. Thomas will double check with the Trustee to see if it was receipted correctly. *(Trustee verified the amount is correct)*

101-54420 RESCUE. Last month's BA for turnout gear has not yet been expended. The department will need to open a PO by June 30.

No other concerns were noted within the other funds.

Motion to accept the financial statements as presented by Ford; second by Atwood.  
**April 2023 financial statements accepted as presented.**

4. Budget Amendments

<b>2023-101-21</b>	<b>Insurance Recovery</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,291</b>
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Insurance recovery on two structures from March 3 wind damage and a patrol incident

<b>2023-101-22</b>	<b>Clean Up Entries</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,500</b>
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Clean up line items for Register of Deeds Retirement and Jail Overtime.

<b>2023-101-23</b>	<b>Rescue Vehicle / ARPA transfer</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>53,610</b>
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Appropriating funding to purchase a new vehicle for the Rescue Squad. BA includes lighting. Full amount of transfer will be held until purchase is made. Committee does not want the full amount to completely come from ARPA funding, but understands the need for its availability.

<b>2023-101-24</b>	<b>Fire: Brush Truck</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>300,033</b>
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This includes the insurance recovery of \$174,033 and transferring \$126,000 to the purchase of a Fire Brush Truck. Moving from FY24 to FY23 to procure the purchase.

Motion to recommend BA 101-21 through 101-24 to the full Commission by TB Gregory; second by Atwood  
**MOTION APPROVED**  
*w/o opposition*

<b>2023-151-01</b>	<b>JSMS Additional Principal</b>	<b>\$ 108,794</b>
Appropriating the additional principal payment made in November 2022.		

Motion to recommend BA 151-01 to the full Commission by Atwood; second by Dennis.  
**MOTION APPROVED**  
*voice vote w/o opposition*

<b>2023-141-08</b>	<b>Attendance Software</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
Additional costs of student attendance software		

<b>2023-141-09</b>	<b>Employee Health Insurance</b>	<b>\$ 4,200</b>
Transfer necessary to pay for additional employee health insurance.		

<b>2023-141-10</b>	<b>Textbooks</b>	<b>\$ 110,000</b>
Completing the purchase of the textbook adoption cycle.		

Motion to recommend BA 141-08 through 141-10 to the full Commission by Atwood; second by TB Gregory  
**MOTION APPROVED**  
*voice vote w/o opposition*

5. Other Discussion

A. **Budget FY2024 Ordinances**

i. General Services Appropriations for FY2024

Ford made comment on the 2.5% wage increase including consideration of the ARPA bonuses in 2022. The County has made two years of raises. He believes that we should not do the step increase this year. Does not believe we should continue to give a continuous annual increase. Asks the committee to consider a bonus situation so it will not be obligated the following year.

Estimated expense for all funds (101, 111, 116, 118) is \$376,128 or roughly 10.2 cents. Ford suggests \$500-\$600 per employee as a bonus.

Gregory feels that two weeks have been spent on going over the numbers and the employees need to be appreciated with the proposed increased.

Mayor’s opinion is that everything is going up and employees are also affected by this. The proposed increase should stay.

Dennis opined that he agrees with Ford that the amount may not be sustainable. However, we have made headway on adjusting the wages to a market rate and have employee retention. Doesn’t believe we need to change this though on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour and we should look at this in the FY25 budget.

Atwood motioned to recommend the Ordinance to the full Commission; seconded by TB Gregory  
**MOTION CARRIED**  
*w/ opposition 4 yes / 1 no (Ford)*

ii. General Services Tax Levy 2023

The levy is proposed to remain at 1.9377 for General Services.

Gulley stepped down as chair to speak to the levy and Gregory took the chair. Due to the rising interest rates for our variable debt and the pending debt to be taken for the TCES roof, Gulley would like to increase the tax levy by 5¢ to be dedicated to Fund 151 Debt Services. This would make the total General Tax Levy 1.9877.

Gulley motioned to increase the levy by 5 cents to be dedicated to Debt Services and making the levy 1.9877; seconded by Dennis.  
**MOTION CARRIED**  
*w/o opposition*

iii. Urban Services Appropriations FY2024

The Urban Services Council met at an earlier meeting and recommended the ordinance for the full Commission.

Gregory motioned to recommend the Ordinance to the full Commission; seconded by Atwood

**MOTION CARRIED**

*w/ opposition 4 yes / 1 no (Ford)*

iv. Urban Services Tax Levy 2023

*Urban Services Council has approved this rate.*

6. Public Comment

- Comm David Thomas: to the discussion of the raises. Feels that a contribution toward the benefits would be more palatable. Employees aren't taking this benefit due to the expense.
  - Gulley has also investigated this thought and found that half of the employees take this benefit. Contributing to the insurance would not benefit all employees.

7. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Ford; seconded by Gregory.  
Adjourned at 6:53 pm

*Minutes submitted by  
Amy Thomas*