

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MAY 9, 2023 | 6:00PM | TC COMMUNITY CENTER

BUDGET HEARINGS – NIGHT 4

MINUTES

Members Present: 5/5

Landon Gulley, Chair

Bubba Gregory, Vice Chair

Beverly Atwood

Will Dennis

Jerry Ford

Others Present: Amy Thomas – *Secretary*, Sheriff Ray Russell, Mayor Jack McCall, Comm. Lesley Overman, Comm. Chris Gregory,

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Gulley. A quorum was determined with all 5 members present. Tonight’s agenda concerns all the Sheriff Departments.

FUND 101 – COUNTY GENERAL

53290 Courtroom Security

A decrease in the department is scheduled for this year due to positions transitioning to other areas. He is now using a court liaison to assist in streamlining the process. Court use is picking back up as court was in session every day last week. Cases from TTCC do run through our court system. Most likely will be below the proposed amount.

Motion by Atwood to send to Commission with favorable recommendation; seconded by Ford

MOTION CARRIED

w/o opposition

54110 Sheriff

Increasing the officers by 4 deputies to have an added officer on each shift – 3 in general and 1 in urban services. Aims to hire from the Jail staff. Also increasing the dispatchers to 4. Dispatchers are being asked to stay on the lines longer with more responsibilities. The increase will allow 2 dispatchers for each shift. Staff is spread out amongst different areas including investigation, SO Registry duties, and patrol. The School Resource Officers will be funded through a state grant and have been moved to 54120 Special Patrol. This will allow a more accurate account of expenses.

Each new officer would include a new vehicle. Normally asks for 3 new vehicles, this year is asking for 7 to cover the new officers and keep the momentum of new vehicles.

Committee asked if overtime could be trimmed down to \$100,000 since he is working a full staff. Sheriff agreed to do so. Also reduced the travel line item to \$8,500.

Motion by Ford to use ARPA \$290,000 toward the vehicle purchases and to send to Commission with favorable recommendation; seconded by TB Gregory

MOTION CARRIED

w/o opposition

54120 Special Patrol | SRO

State will be funding School Security positions in the amount of \$230,000. Funding can only be used for school security. Will be moving the SROs from compensated time to an overtime system. To keep a better account of these expenses, the SRO expenses have been separated into their own function.

Motion by TB Gregory to send to Commission with favorable recommendation; seconded by Atwood

MOTION CARRIED

w/o opposition

54150 Drug Enforcement

No major changes. Does include the step increase

Motion by Atwood to send to Commission with favorable recommendation; seconded by TB Gregory

MOTION CARRIED

w/o opposition

54160 SO Registry

Budgeted the same each year. Offset by SOR fees. Includes computers, software, or any items specifically for SOR use.

Motion by Atwood to send to Commission with favorable recommendation; seconded by TB Gregory

MOTION CARRIED

w/o opposition

54210 Jail

Adding a Warrant Clerk to the staff. State is recommending the Sheriff add a specific position to only handle warrants. As it is now, too many hands are in the process and things are getting missed. This position would be housed at the jail facility. Sheriff said the overtime could be dropped to \$15,000. Committee also dropped the travel line item to \$5,000 and the food to \$55,000. New total to \$1,436,564.

Motion by Dennis to send to Commission with favorable recommendation; seconded by Atwood

MOTION CARRIED

w/o opposition

54220 Workhouse

The assessment for the guards found that the staff members are more on the maintenance side of responsibilities. The Sheriff believes they were designated too low per the wage study and requested an adjustment to their rates. The positions have evolved past what they were hired at for their position. Besides overseeing inmates, they do building maintenance, install flooring, paint buildings, maintain equipment, construction, etc. This moves the two positions from a grade 6 to a grade 7. Last year they were classified at a lower rate than an entry level guard and the Sheriff asks to adjust them to where they should be for the work they do. Overtime was moved to \$500.

Motion by TB Gregory to send to Commission with favorable recommendation; seconded by Dennis

MOTION CARRIED

w/o opposition

55170 Alcohol and Drug Programs

Money is used for classes and instruction. Have not held the class in a few years. Funds drug treatment for inmates.

Motion by Atwood to send to Commission with favorable recommendation; seconded by Dennis

MOTION CARRIED

w/o opposition

FUND 111 – URBAN SERVICES

54110 Sheriff

Adjustments were made to the deputy line item, overtime, insurance, and vehicle maintenance bringing the final total to \$743,595.

Motion by TB Gregory to use ARPA for \$100,000 towards the purchase of new vehicles and send to Commission with favorable recommendation; seconded by Atwood

MOTION CARRIED

w/o opposition

FUND 122 – COUNTY DRUG FUND

No major concerns noted

Motion by Atwood to send to Commission with favorable recommendation; seconded by TB Gregory

MOTION CARRIED

w/o opposition

Motion to adjourn by Atwood; seconded by Ford

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm