

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

JANUARY 22, 2024 | 6:00 PM | TC COMMUNITY CENTER

MINUTES

Members Present: 8/8

Landon Gulley, Chair

Bubba Gregory, Vice Chair

Beverly Atwood

Tommy Belcher

Grant Cothron

Will Dennis

Jerry Ford

Lesley Overman

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Gulley. A quorum was determined with all members present.

The original meeting was scheduled for January 16, however due to inclement weather, the Finance Committee met on January 22, 2024.

Review Minutes from the November 20, 2023 meeting.

Jerry Ford made a motion to accept minutes as presented; seconded by Dennis.

MINUTES ACCEPTED

Financial Statements

Committee reviewed the following:

- Trustee Cash Balance Statement – December 2023
- Financial Summaries – December 2023 *50.0% of budget*

Members did not have find any concerns with the two reports.

Motion by Gregory to accept financial statements as presented; seconded by Atwood.

STATEMENTS ACCEPTED

Budget Amendments

101-08FB	Insurance Premiums for Employee Health	\$	14,580
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Insurance premiums for the group health insurance plans increased effective January 1, 2024.

Commission agreed to contribute the amount of the Limited PPO Employee only tier; this amount increased from \$588 to \$617.23.

Motion by Ford to recommend BA 101-08FB to the full commission; seconded by Dennis.

MOTION CARRIED

101-10G	Senior Center GNRC Grant	\$	11,958
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Appropriating the funding from an amendment to original GNRC Aging Program contract to provide for salary compensation and community support services.

Motion by Ford to recommend BA 101-10G to the full commission; seconded by Belcher.

MOTION CARRIED

101-11	Insurance Recovery	\$	14,495
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Insurance Recovery for two incidents in the Sheriff Department. One with a patrol vehicle and another with September storm damage at the jail.

Motion by Ford to recommend BA 101-11 to the full commission; seconded by Gregory.

MOTION CARRIED

101-12G	Emergency Management Performance Grant	\$	2,035
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Appropriating the remaining funding of the EMPG to EMA Other Equipment. The full amount of the grant is \$5,535. A portion was appropriated in November through BA 2024-101-07G for \$3,500.

Motion by Gregory to recommend BA 101-12G to the full commission; seconded by Cothron.
MOTION CARRIED

101-13	Overtime Adjustments	\$	52,782
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Moving funds from vacant positions to cover OT for departments.

Committee questioned why OT has become an issue in recent years. Due to short staffing and the new personnel policy that makes holiday pay counted as time worked, OT will continue to increase.

Motion by Gregory to recommend BA 101-13 to the full commission; seconded by Cothron.
MOTION CARRIED

127-01FB	Fire Dept: Air Compressor	\$	35,000
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Originally presented as BA 2024-101-15FB, Committee approved the use of American Rescue Plan Funding (ARPA) for this purchase.

Chief Beeler is requesting the purchase of a breathing air compressor for the Fire Department. The department had a recent incident where the existing compressor failed. The existing compressor was manufactured in 1997. Beeler was able to have a technician evaluate the compressor and order parts for a temporary fix. Due to the need for this type of equipment, he asks for funding to be available for this purchase.

Motion by Ford to recommend BA 127-01FB from the ARPA funding to the full commission; seconded by Gregory.
MOTION CARRIED

111-02FB	Insurance Premiums	\$	2,340
116-01FB	Insurance Premiums		1,440
118-02FB	Insurance Premiums		16,632

Insurance premiums for the group health insurance plans increased effective January 1, 2024. Commission agreed to contribute the amount of the Limited PPO Employee only tier; this amount increased from \$588 to \$617.23.

Motion by Atwood to recommend BA 111-02FB, BA 116-01FB, and 118-02FB to the full commission; seconded by Cothron.
MOTION CARRIED

141-07 (BOE 23)	Vocational Education Program	\$	36,400
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Schools to purchase vocational greenhouse supplies & materials, and to add a retaining wall and sidewalk to the new greenhouse.

Motion by Atwood to recommend BA 141-07 to the full commission; seconded by Cothron.
MOTION CARRIED

Discussion

- A. During the FY23 Audit discussions with the Comptroller's office, it was requested that HTC fully budget the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. HTC has two funds that hold these funds: Fund 127 – ARPA General and Fund 128 – ARPA Urban. Ms. Thomas presented the 3 column budget worksheets to the committee for review. The worksheets showed what has been appropriated through Commission, The actual numbers for FY22, Estimated numbers for FY23, and proposed spending for FY24. The worksheets also showed the estimated fund balances for each – Fund 127 \$125,187 and Fund 128 \$452,081. Ms. Thomas also stated that this will need to be presented as an ordinance in February to the full commission due to this being an official budget. No other action was taken for this item.

In the interest of time, Chairman Gulley postponed Budget discussions and financing of the proposed jail project to later meetings. Discussions surrounding the purchase of property for the proposed jail site will be had at the January 22 Commission meeting.

Public Comment – *none presented*

Adjourn

*Motion by Overman; second by Atwood
Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm*

*Minutes presented by
Amy Thomas*