

# HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

## BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

JANUARY 21, 2025 | 6:00 PM | TC COMMUNITY CENTER

### MINUTES

Members Present: 7/7

Landon Gulley, Chair

Bubba Gregory, Vice Chair

Beverly Atwood

Will Dennis

Chris Gregory

Jerry Ford

Lesley Overman

Amy Thomas (*nvm*)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Gulley with seven members present.

Review Minutes from the November 18 meeting.

Overman made a motion to accept minutes as presented; seconded by C Gregory.

**MINUTES ACCEPTED**

### **Purchasing**

The Purchasing subcommittee reviewed purchases greater than \$5,000 to one vendor for the second quarter of fiscal year 2025.

It was noted that CMS Uniforms for the Sheriff department was up due to the spending of the Mental Health Transport (MHT) grant for the Jail staff. Institutional Wholesale increase is due to rising food costs.

Motion by B Gregory to accept the purchasing report as presented; seconded by Atwood.

**2Q REPORT ACCEPTED**

### **Financial Statements**

Committee reviewed the following:

- Trustee Cash Balance Statement – December 2024
- Financial Summaries – December 2024 *50% of budget*

**101 General Fund** – C Gregory inquired on certain revenue line items that were noticeably below the 50% mark. Most were associated with Court cases and the fees incurred. Several of these lines may have been overestimated during the budgeting process and will be reevaluated for the upcoming FY26 process. He also inquired on 46190 Other General Government Grants. This item is budgeted at \$145,005 and is the total of the Three-Star Grant (45,005) and the Broadband Ready Grant (\$100,000). These grants are in process and reimbursements have not been submitted at this time.

There were no other concerns with the other funds.

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

**STATEMENTS ACCEPTED**

### **Budget Amendments**

FUND 101 – GENERAL FUND

101-10R	Opioid Contributions	\$	75,000
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Opioid Abatement funds received in February 2022 to be distributed by February 2025.

Mayor is proposing to contribute \$50,000 to Hartsville Hope and Healing Alliance to support their efforts of educating and prevention of substance abuse in the community and \$25,000 to Haven House Rehabilitation Center to support the treatment and recovery of addicts in the community.

C Gregory asked if Haven House serves local individuals. Bellar was able to confirm that it serves regionally. Individuals from Smith, Trousdale, and across the state are sent to Haven House for treatment.

There is a list of Opioid Remediation uses supplied by the Abatement Council that is to be referenced for the distribution of the funding. Thomas will supply this to the Commission. The contributions listed would fall under the "Support People in Treatment and Recovery" and "Research".

Motion by C Gregory to recommend BA 101-10R to the full commission; seconded by B Gregory.

**MOTION CARRIED**

101-11G	TNRMT Safety Grant – Fire Dept	\$	6,700
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Fire Department received the TNRMT Safety Grant to purchase 2 sets of turnout gear.

Motion by B Gregory to recommend BA 101-11G to the full commission; seconded by Atwood.

**MOTION CARRIED**

101-12	Insurance Recovery	\$	3,665
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Insurance recovery for an incident that occurred on November 7: Patrol vehicle damaged by collision with deer.

Motion by Ford to recommend to the full commission; seconded by C Gregory.

**MOTION CARRIED**

FUND 141 – GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL

141-06	TISA Bonuses	\$	158,480
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Revenue from TISA to be used for strategic compensation payments. C Gregory requested a list of distributions. Gulley explained all teachers are on the alternative bonus program. The Rubric for the program was discussed at the Board of Education meeting in December. In November, the BOE discussed the average for teachers at each of the campuses.

Motion by Atwood to recommend to the full commission; seconded by Ford.

**MOTION CARRIED**

141-07	Special Education Program	\$	36,729.02
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Revenue from a grant to be used for the school's special education programs

Motion by C Gregory to recommend to the full commission; seconded by B Gregory.

**MOTION CARRIED**

141-08	Education Incentive Funds	\$	48,538
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Interfund transfers for teacher incentive pay.

Motion by B Gregory to recommend to the full commission; seconded by Atwood.

**MOTION CARRIED**

141-09	uTrust Funding	\$	5,500
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Revenue being appropriated to employee appreciation program and summer learning camp incentives

Motion by Atwood to recommend to the full commission; seconded by C Gregory.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### Discussion

**Impact Fee.** The Codes and Zoning Committee has been working on an ordinance to increase the Impact Fees, also known as the Adequate Facilities Tax. Gulley stated his concern is where this revenue is being appropriated. Currently, the revenue goes to 101 General Fund. When originally set by Ordinance 10-2003, the funds were assigned to the 156 Education Debt Services fund. In 2018, the Impact Fee was increased, and Ordinance 163-2018-09 directed the revenue to go into the general fund beginning July 1, 2018.

Commissioner David Thomas, Chair of Codes & Zoning, addressed the Committee to give a brief background on the decision to increase the rates. With more growth in the County, more infrastructure will be needed to keep up with the demand.

Gulley stated he wanted to keep the focus of this conversation on where the revenue should go. The proposed ordinance states the General Fund.

C Gregory asked if the revenue or a portion could go towards the Capital Project Fund. Dennis also inquired about Debt Services.

Members noted that having the difference of the increase moved to capital projects would assist in future projects.

Motion by Dennis to recommend the difference of the increase to be credited to Fund 171

Capital Projects to the full commission; seconded by Atwood.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### Public Comment

- *None presented*

### Adjourn

*Motion by B Gregory; second by C Gregory*

*Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm*