

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

MAY 19, 2025 | 6:00 PM | TC COURTHOUSE

MINUTES

Members Present: 6/7

Landon Gulley, Chair

Beverly Atwood

Jerry Ford

Bubba Gregory, Vice Chair

Chris Gregory

Lesley Overman

Members Absent: Will Dennis, Amy Thomas

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

Committee reviewed minutes of the April 21 meeting.

Motion by C Gregory to accept minutes as presented; second by J Ford. MINUTES ACCEPTED

Financial Statements – April 2025

Committee reviewed the April 2025 statements that included the Trustee’s cash balance and a summary of each fund.

Motion by B Gregory to accept cash balances as presented; second by C Gregory. CASH BALANCES ACCEPTED

Motion by C Gregory to accept financial statements as presented; second by J Ford. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ACCEPTED

Budget Amendments

FUND 101 – GENERAL SERVICES

101-22	Line Items	\$	11,131
101-23G	Senior Center Grant		15,091

Motion to recommend to Commission by Overman; second by Ford. MOTION CARRIED

FUND 141 – GENERAL SCHOOLS

141-13	Maintenance and Repairs	\$	500,000
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Motion to recommend to Commission by Ford; second by Atwood MOTION CARRIED

Discussion Items

A. **Resolution – Per Diem Increase for Fire/Rescue**

C Gregory stated that the First Response Services Committee reviewed at their April meeting and has recommended it to the Budget and Finance Committee. Currently the volunteer organizations receive \$30 per call; this amount has not changed since 2017. This resolution requests \$50 per call.

C Gregory proposed the increase be \$40 as he believes there should be an increase.

B Gregory asked how it was determined who goes to a call. Mark Beeler answered that the pages are “all call” for all members. Not all of the members show; an average of 8 of the 20 members will show. Per M Batey, Rescue has an average of 3-5 of their 20 members will show.

Ford asked how many attend monthly trainings. For Fire, typically 12-15 members show for training.

Per Diem Resolution – Continued

Motion by Atwood to approve Resolution as is at \$50; seconded by Overman.

Due to opposition a roll call vote was requested

B Atwood – YES

B Gregory – YES

L Gulley – NO

W Dennis – ABSENT

C Gregory – YES

J Ford – NO

L Overman – YES

**MOTION CARRIED
4 YES, 2 NO, 1 ABSENT**

B. Budget FY26

1. Capital Projects

- a. 91140 Health Dept Renovations – Carried over from previous budget hearing night due to Committee requesting a statement from the Health Dept. A letter from the TN State Health Department Commissioner was provided that states the ELC funding was terminated; however, the Department is poised to cover the loss of the federal ELC grant dollars and will reallocate funding. Should the state not be able to cover expenses for Trousdale County, money could come from 171 or the remaining ARPA funding. Mayor informed the committee that through meetings the health department is working to pair down the scope of the project to be sure they are coming in under the allotted \$250,000.

C Gregory made a motion to approve the 101 Capital Projects proposed budget with the contingency of using 171 Capital Projects Funds.

MOTION FAILED BY LACK OF SECOND

Overman made a motion to approve the 101 Capital Projects proposed budget with the contingency of using County ARPA funding; second by B Gregory.

90000 CAPITAL PROJECTS RECOMMENDED

2. First Response Department Budgets

- a. Fire 101-54310 – With the recommendation of the Per Diem increase, will need to increase 316 to \$60,000; amendments can be made if needed.

Motion to approve 101-54310 with the per diem adjustment by Ford; second by Atwood.

101-54310 RECOMMENDED

- Fire 111-54310 – Increase for the 499 due to vendor pricing increasing.

Motion to approve 111-54310 by Overman; second by Ford.

111-54310 RECOMMENDED

- b. Remaining First Response Services to be moved to Thursday, May 22.

Public Comments – None presented

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Overman, second by Atwood

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm