

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

JULY 21, 2025 | 6:00 PM | TC COURTHOUSE

MINUTES

Members Present: 8/8

Landon Gulley, Chair

Bubba Gregory, Vice Chair

Beverly Atwood

Will Dennis

Chris Gregory

Jerry Ford

Lesley Overman

Amy Thomas (*nvm*)

Others Present: Sheriff Ray Russell, Commissioner Linda Bruce, Commissioner Lonnie Taylor (virtually), and Branden Bellar (virtually)

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

Committee reviewed minutes of the June 16 meeting and all budget hearings.

Motion by C Gregory to accept all minutes as presented; second by Atwood.

MINUTES ACCEPTED

Purchasing Report 4th Quarter FY 2025 – The five person subcommittee reviewed purchases over \$5,000 to a single vendor. A question was raised over the 4th quarter amount to Smith County Landfill. The \$60,297 amount includes expenses April-June for County and Urban dumps at the landfill. The increase is due to an uptick in items thrown away. The tipping fee increase went into effect on July 1 and does not have an impact on the 4th quarter amounts.

Motion by Atwood to accept all minutes as presented; second by B Gregory.

MINUTES ACCEPTED

J Ford abstained from voting due to arriving at the end of the discussion.

Financial Statements – June 2025

Committee reviewed the June 2025 Trustee Trial Balance and Financial Statements. The Financial Statements are not final numbers as revenues and invoices are still being received for end of year processing. A final report will be supplied at a later meeting. Committee was reminded that revenues and expenditure percentages are skewed by grants that are still in progress.

Fund 101 - Concerns were noted on sales tax receipts. Gulley stated other counties have noted lower revenues. HTC is still meeting or exceeding budget amounts. Purchases online also come back to the County.

Fund 111 – Committee asked about the decrease in 40390 Wholesale Liquor Tax. This is the Beverage Wholesale Tax that wholesalers are responsible for paying. Revenue is a month behind, and final numbers were not available at the time of the meeting.

Fund 116 – Tipping Fee increase will be in effect as of July 1 at \$50/ton.

Fund 118 – Gulley advised the Committee to keep an eye on the use of the Part Time Employee line item throughout the year. Department should be using this funding to keep overtime down.

Fund 121 – It was stressed that this fund is purely a pass-through fund, and the County does not profit from these transactions. Ms. Thomas went over the monthly process. CoreCivic bills the County for the inmate daily board, the County in turn sends the report to the Department of Corrections (TDOC), TDOC processes the report and sends funding to the County, County sends the funding to CoreCivic. There is no time to earn interest on the funding.

No other concerns were noted about the remaining funds.

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

STATEMENTS ACCEPTED

Public Comments – None presented

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Atwood, second by C Gregory

Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm