

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

MARCH 17, 2026 | 6:00 PM | TC COURTHOUSE

**MINUTES**

**Members Present: 9/9**

Chris Gregory, Chair

Beverly Atwood

Jeff Gregory

Bubba Gregory, Vice Chair

Will Dennis

Landon Gulley

Amy Thomas, Secretary

Jerry Ford

Lesley Overman

Others in attendance: County Attorney Branden Bellar, Mayor Jack McCall, Sheriff Ray Russell

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by C Gregory with all members present.

2. Review Minutes of January 20

**Motion by Ford to accept minutes as presented; second by J Gregory**

**MINUTES ACCEPTED**

3. Financial Statements

A. Trustee Cash Balance Statement – February 2026

Financial Summaries – February 2026

Committee reviewed revenue and expense summaries for each fund. Guideline for the eighth month is 66.7% of budget.

No major concerns were raised.

**Motion to accept Financial Statements as presented by B Gregory; second by Atwood**

**MOTION CARRIED**

4. Budget Amendments

**FUND 141 – GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOLS**

141-14 (30) Bonus Payout	\$	62,091
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For strategic compensation bonus payout in the amount of \$62,091.42.

141-15 (37) JSMS Classroom Transition	\$	40,000
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Conversion of an existing JSMS science lab to a classroom in the amount of \$40,000.00.

Gulley also noted that this is grant funding.

141-16 (39) "Grade A" Program Funding	\$	303,571
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Revenue from "Grade A" funding from TDOE in the amount of \$303,571.43.

**Motion by Atwood to recommend all budget amendments to the full Commission;**

**second by Overman**

**MOTION CARRIED**

5. Discussion Items

A. **LPRF Grant Funding - Resolution** A resolution to support the TDEC LPRF grant application was recommended by the Parks & Recreation Committee on March 5. The BF Committee discussed funding options for the \$2.4 million project of renovating the county pool facilities and tennis/pickleball courts. Members were hesitant to pledge funding towards a project that has lost money every year. Thomas will reach out to grant contacts to obtain answers to questions raised by the Committee.

**Motion by C Gregory to send without funding recommendation to the full Commission;**

**second by B Gregory.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

B. **Emergency Tower at Gravel Hill** Sheriff and the 911 Board have requested the construction of a new emergency tower at Gravel Hill to increase coverage. The Law Enforcement Committee requested for this project to go to bid at their February meeting. The estimated expense is \$400,000, but won't know the true amount until proposals are gathered. Chairman C Gregory advised the committee to keep this project in mind during the upcoming FY27 budget process.

6. Public Comments

**Joan Tierney** With the anticipated revenue streams from the Enbridge project and the CoreCivic administration fees, how is the committee not able to set funding for the discussed projects?

C Gregory explained that the two funding sources are different issues and go into different funds. The Core Civic contract is in the renewal phase, and we do not know what the new contract will look like at this time. The ad valorem from Enbridge is also unknown at this time. The Commission has been told to expect an amount, but no official financial statement has been set. The Commission should not count on projected money until received.

7. **Adjourn – Motion by Ford, second by Gulley**

Meeting adjourned at 6:56pm

Next meeting scheduled for April 20 at 6pm

*Minutes presented by  
Amy Thomas, CCFO*