

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

BUDGET HEARINGS FY2027

MAY 4, 2026 | 6:00 PM | TC COURTHOUSE

MINUTES

Members Present: 8/9

Chris Gregory, Chair

Bubba Gregory, Vice Chair

Amy Thomas (*nvm*)

Will Dennis

Jerry Ford

Jeff Gregory

Landon Gulley

Lesley Overman

Members Absent: Beverly Atwood

Commissioners in attendance: Tommy Belcher, Shane Burton, Linda Bruce, Judy Kerr, David Nollner, David Thomas, Steve Whittaker

Others in attendance: Betty Burch, Lisa Steva, Jay Gregory

Meeting was called to order at 6pm by C Gregory.

Committee reviewed Property Tax revenue estimates and a breakdown on the effect of a tax increase on property owners. A fund balance summary was also reviewed. It was noted that Fund 121 – a pass-through fund for Trousdale Turner Correction Center – is shown on County financials, but the County does not retain any of this funding. Funds 127 and 128 contain remaining ARPA funding and is being proposed to close these funds in FY27 and disburse to Fund 101 General and Fund 171 Capital Projects.

FUND 151 DEBT SERVICE

No additional debt is being taken this year. Initial proposal is to move 10¢ of the property tax rate to General Fund 101 from Debt Service 151. Committee did not want to move this rate.

Motion by Gulley to keep Fund 151 at a 0.1480 rate; second by Ford

MOTION CARRIES

All debt is financed on fixed rates. The Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) will be paid off June 30, 2027. These funds were used for improvements at the schools in 2009-11.

Fund Balance updated to reflect \$776,631.

Motion to approve Fund 151 Debt Service in its entirety by Overman; seconded by Gulley

FUND 151 RECOMMENDED

FUND 121 SPECIAL FUND – TTCC

This fund is a pass-through for the TN Dept of Corrections and CoreCivic.

Motion to approve Fund 121 Special Fund by Gulley; seconded by Overman.

FUND 121 RECOMMENDED

FUND 101 GENERAL SERVICE FUND

51220 Beer Board – No concerns

Motion to approve 51220 Beer Board by Gulley; seconded by B Gregory.

51220 RECOMMENDED

51400 County Attorney – No concerns

Motion to approve 51400 County Attorney by Gulley; seconded by Overman

51400 RECOMMENDED

51910 County Archives

Motion to approve 51910 County Archives by Gulley; seconded by B Gregory

51910 RECOMMENDED

54610 Coroner

Motion to approve 54610 Coroner by Overman; seconded by Ford

54610 RECOMMENDED

58190 Community Development – This function is mainly comprised of grants. The Broadband Ready Communities Grant and the THDA HOME Grant Program are the major players.

Motion to approve 58190 Community Development by Overman; seconded by Gulley.

58190 RECOMMENDED

58400 Other Charges – This holds several miscellaneous expenses such as shared office supplies, fuel expenses, shared postal expenses, and the premiums for Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurances. The Trustee Commission also resides in this function. The Trustee by statute collects 1% from various revenues from all funds and this amount is funded back to the General Fund. It was noted that line 336 and 425 contains expenses related to the repairs and maintenance of the County fuel pump. Issue has been taken up by the Public Works Committee and is in early stages of researching the problem and solution.

Motion to approve 58400 Other Charges by Gulley; seconded by Ford

58400 RECOMMENDED

58600 Employee Benefits – This is for unemployment claims and is the only line item in the function.

Motion to approve 58600 Employee Benefits by Gulley; seconded by Ford 58600 RECOMMENDED

58900 Miscellaneous – This function holds the County's annual non-profit contributions. The non-profits include Chamber of Commerce, HATS, Fix Trousdale, Arts Council, and the TC Fair Board.

Motion to approve 58900 Miscellaneous by Ford; seconded by Overman.

58900 RECOMMENDED

Hearing concluded at 7:26pm Overman, Gulley

ADJOURNED