

# HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

## BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

### BUDGET HEARINGS FY2027

MAY 5, 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,

Others in attendance: Sheriff Ray Russell, Mayor Jack McCall, Betty Burch, Jay Gregory

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

Committee received handouts:

- Sheriff Revenue and Expense Summary, Sheriff Staff Hourly Rates
- FY27 Budget Notes, Major Expense Listing, Fund 101 Function Comparison to FY26 Budget

Mayor, A Thomas, and C Gregory had met with CTAS Consultant Wes Robertson Tuesday morning to review the budget and gain insight. It was suggested to look at Fund 141 Sales Tax and Property Tax appropriations and possibly move pennies around while maintaining the MOE. Committee is to review and consider this move over the course of the hearings.

### **SHERIFF DEPARTMENTS**

#### **FUND 101 GENERAL SERVICES**

53920 Courtroom Security – Discussion was over requested staffing in the department. Sheriff would like to keep it at 3 part time and 1 full time.

**Motion to approve 53920 Courtroom Security by Overman; seconded by Gulley.**

**53920 RECOMMENDED**

54110 Sheriff – Sheriff is requesting 2 vehicles out of Fund 101. Gulley asked if this could be taken from Fund 122 County Drug Fund. Thomas will research this possibility. Lengthy discussion had over Insurance benefit contributions. Committee was in agreement to not offer bonuses/supplements to those who elect to not take the benefit. Committee elected to change the following:

- Line 106 Deputies fund 16 staff positions at \$942,000
- Line 188 Bonus strike from budget (all functions)
- Line 431 Law Enforcement Supplies to \$8,500.
- Line 718 Motor Vehicles to fund 1 vehicle from Fund 101.

**Motion to approve 54110 Sheriff as amended and pending insurance figures by Overman; seconded by Dennis**

**54110 RECOMMENDED**

54120 School Resource Officers

**Motion to approve 54120 School Resource Officers by Gulley; seconded by Dennis**

**54120 RECOMMENDED**

54150 Drug Enforcement

**Motion to approve 54150 Drug Enforcement by Gulley; seconded by B Gregory**

**54150 RECOMMENDED**

54160 Sexual Offender Registry.

**Motion to approve 54160 Sexual Offender Registry by C Gregory; seconded by Overman.**

**54160 RECOMMENDED**

54210 Jail – Sheriff informed Committee that the generator at the Jail has finally given out. He is going through Cummins and received a quote for \$40,000. This will need to go on the current fiscal year and be replaced as soon as possible due to it being the main backup power source for their systems. Gulley asked if this could also be purchased from the Fund 122 funds. Thomas added to her list to research.

**Motion to approve 54210 Jail by Gulley; seconded by Overman**

**54210 RECOMMENDED**

54220 Workhouse.

**Motion to approve 54220 Workhouse by Overman; seconded by B Gregory 54220 RECOMMENDED**

55170 Alcohol and Drug Programs

**Motion to approve 55170 Alcohol and Drug Programs by Overman; seconded by Gulley**

**55170 RECOMMENDED**

**FUND 111 URBAN SERVICES**

54110 Sheriff – Sheriff requesting to add back a position to increase current staff from 4 to 5.

**Motion to approve 54110 Sheriff – US by Overman; seconded by Gulley.**

**54110-US RECOMMENDED**

**FUND 122 COUNTY DRUG FUND**

**Motion to postpone Fund 122 County Drug Fund until more information is provided on requested purchases by Gulley; seconded by Overman.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Hearing concluded at 7:17pm Overman, Dennis**

**ADJOURNED**