

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**BUDGET HEARINGS FY2027**

MAY 12, 2026 | 6:00 PM | TC COURTHOUSE

**MINUTES**

Members Present: 8/9

Chris Gregory, Chair

Bubba Gregory, Vice Chair

Amy Thomas (*nvm*)

Beverly Atwood Jerry Ford

Jeff Gregory

Landon Gulley

Lesley Overman

Members Absent:, Will Dennis

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

Others in attendance: Mayor Jack McCall, Cliff Sallee, Jennifer Cothron, Robby Atwood, John Kerr, Angie Williams, Demetrice Badru, Betty Burch, Darrell Smith

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

Committee handouts:

- Updated Hearing Schedule
- Public Works Wages/Hourly Rates
- Sales Tax History and YTD

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**FUND 101 GENERAL SERVICES**

51800 County Buildings

- Lines 335/336. Concerns over the proposed amounts in 336 Repair/Maintenance Equipment and 335 Repair/Maintenance Buildings. Sallee explained there were a few HVAC units that were on their way out and may not make it through the year – Senior Center and Administration Building. This function budgets for contingencies in the year. Line items 335/336 were reduced to \$15,000 each.
- Line 707 Building Improvements. Includes flooring in rooms of the Courthouse, painting for buildings, flooring at the Archives, flooring at Administration, and repairs.
- Line 724 Site Development includes mulching and landscaping at different locations. Line 724 was removed from proposed budget.

**Motion to approve 51800 County Buildings as amended by Overman; seconded by Gulley.**

**51800 RECOMMENDED**

55120 Animal Shelter – Director proposes a new Spay/Neuter program to assist low income, senior citizens, or disabled citizens to afford alterations to their animals. Fix Trousdale does assist with similar situations but has limited funding. Proposed salary includes a targeted adjustment and covers hours for the week and weekends. Overman asked if moving the Shelter to a non-profit organization was still in discussion. The idea was with the previous director and needs to be revisited. Mayor praised the current director for working with the community and handling the animal population. Sallee added that the department is constantly answering calls and questions on strays.

**Motion to approve 55120 Animal Shelter as amended by Gulley; seconded by Atwood.**

**55120 RECOMMENDED**

56700 Parks & Recreation

- Line 149 Laborers move to \$115,000
- Line 168 Temporary Staff move to \$10,000  
able to work with state program for teenagers/young adults and moves to county payroll when program funds are exhausted

**Motion to approve 56700 Parks & Recreation as amended by Gulley; seconded by Overman.**

**56700 RECOMMENDED**

**FUND 111 URBAN SERVICES**

55731 Residential Waste Services

- Line 149 move to \$82,000

**Motion to approve 55731 Residential Waste Services as amended by B Gregory; seconded by J Gregory.**

**55731 RECOMMENDED**

**FUND 116 SOLID WASTE**

55732 Convenience Center

- Line 149 Laborers – The listed part-time employees are subject to income limitations and do not request the increased rate. However, would like to budget for future employees or prospects.

**Motion to approve 55732 Convenience Center as amended by B Gregory; seconded by J Gregory.**

**55732 RECOMMENDED**

55751 Recycling Center

**Motion to approve 55751 Recycling Center by Gulley; seconded by Overman.**

**55751 RECOMMENDED**

55759 Other Waste Disposal

**Motion to approve 55759 Other Waste Disposal by Gulley; seconded by Overman.**

**55759 RECOMMENDED**

55770 Post Closure Care Costs

**Motion to approve 55770 Solid Waste Disposal Fees by Gulley; seconded by Ford.**

**55770 RECOMMENDED**

58400 Other Charges

**Motion to approve 58400 Other Charges by Overman; seconded by J Gregory.**

**58400 RECOMMENDED**

**FUND 131 HIGHWAY**

Road Superintendent Scruggs listed the projects for the year that included the bridge at Second Creek amongst others. Commissioner Thomas asked about Thompson Lane that was requested to be widened by the Planning Commission in 2024; Scruggs did not have this project on the current list.

The property tax amount support the Asphalt/Hot Mix line item.

**Motion to approve Fund 131 Highway by Overman; seconded by Atwood.**

**FUND 131 RECOMMENDED**

**FUND 141 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOLS**

C Gregory summarized the advice from CTAS representative Wes Robertson on decreasing the Property Tax appropriation and increasing the sales tax appropriation. C Gregory also had met with members of the Board of Education to discuss this possibility and apologized to them for not reaching out before stating the possibility at an earlier budget hearing.

Discussions were had over the sales tax distribution and history showing that the schools receive an average of 57% and County receives an average of 43%.

**Motion to approve Fund 141 Schools without changes by Overman; seconded by Gulley**

**FUND 141 RECOMMENDED**

**Vote 5/2**

**Yes | Atwood, B Gregory, J Gregory, Gulley, Overman**

**No | Ford, C Gregory**

Director of Schools Jennifer Cothron thanked the Committee and noted that the funding will go towards renovating the old fieldhouse restrooms, raises for noncertified staff, and projects at the middle school campus.

**Adjourn 7:16pm**

**Motion by Atwood; second by Gulley**