

Hartsville/Trousdale Steering Committee Regular Meeting

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2025 - 6:00 P.M. – Trousdale County Community Center

Present: Lonnie Taylor, T. Bubba Gregory, Beverly Atwood, Landon Gulley, Lesley Overman and David Thomas

Absent: Amber Russell

1. **Meeting opened by Lonnie Taylor**

2. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion by Thomas and seconded by Overman with one revision of a typo that Impact Fees **goes** to the 171 funds (*not **foes** to the 171 funds.*) All in favor.

3. **Status of Previous Items**

A. **Impact Fees**

Thomas stated that the impact fees were brought back to Codes and Zoning from budget and Finance to change anything exceeding the \$1500.00 that goes into 171 funds. Favorable from the committee and prices remain as the original amount was set.

B. **Other** None

4. **Items of Consideration**

A. **Upcoming Budget**

Departmental are coming in right now. Suppose to be doing evaluations by every employee as they should be getting submitted as well. That was included by the steps of the wage study. This has been a request from Budget and Finance. Mrs. Thomas is working on the worksheets for the department heads. Meetings should start being scheduled in April.

B. **Jefferson County Resolution Consideration**

This is dealing with Eminent Domain, but it is just getting started. Not a good thing to get involved with now. Bellar is reviewing this is just something to review currently. House Bill has been attached but nothing on a Senate Bill at this time. County Clerk Rita Crowder brought to Lonnie for us to review, although nothing to move forward with at this time. Just a discussion piece.

Discussion about private entities trying to take over things of this nature.

Motion to let this die by Overman and seconded by T. Gregory. All in favor.

C. **Other**

Mayor – future revenues. Enbridge just lacks a few little permits. They have received the FERC permit. Start date is still November and project would be completed within 9 months of start date.

Jail – trying to see if we will be spending the money to get final numbers/blueprints. Other locations may cost more money. If you put it in the parking lot, you are landlock between a street and creek. Across the street you can have possibility room for expansion.

Spirit Architecture is the way to go they received a beaming referral.

Just note there is no plan for paying for jail. 2 years ago, we were looking at \$25 million on a 30-year note looking at .60 cent property tax increase. Now we are looking at \$35 million- 40 million cost. You are now looking at a .90-1.00 property increase. May can use the 171 funds to cover the architecture drawings. We are approved for another year as we are working on it. Much discussion to keep working on it. We need a plan in place where the funds will come from. The possibility of some funding coming in from Enbridge. Are there any grants for the jail? The mayor is unaware of any. Just need to stay attentive and look at options. We have had growth, but it is slowing down. Looking at Cliff to clear out some of the trees. The sheriff is not overcrowded at the time. Lonnie is working on different avenues for the possibility of revenues. The sheriff is working on hard numbers to be able to negotiate the new contract with Core Civic. When reviewing impact fees, we are at 13% growth, but it could slow down. May need to look at getting the water department to run water and sewer down this new road. We are losing property, but we are doing 3 acre building lots. May need to look at private entity options to save money.

5. **Other Discussion**

Courthouse HVAC awaiting compressor and we do have many leaks to fix.

6. **Public Comment** None

7. **Adjourn** Made by Atwood and seconded by Overman. All in favor

Minutes Submitted by Committee Secretary Beverly Atwood