

Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
Minutes for November 2, 2023

Members Present: Laura Nettles, Joey Hobbs, Dennis Hunt, Holly Jones, Tim Stubblefield, Tim Brown, Tina Reed.

Members Absent: Lynn Sebourn, Missy DeFord

Others present include: Mike Bonner, Marianna Edinger, Dr. Charles Lawson

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Hunt.

A motion was made to approve the agenda. Joey Hobbs made a motion to add Volunteer Fire Department discussions; Tim Brown made a motion to clarify item # 6 to include the part-time grant writer position as 20 hours per work and up to \$25.00 per hour. Dennis made a motion to include as 9.b. a recommendation of \$3500.00 for a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment for the donated land to be used for the new animal shelter (the Fann property), which has been approved by Capital Outlay. Also approved by Capital Outlay, to be included as 9.c., is replacing the carpet in the Codes and Enforcement office at a rough estimate of \$6100.00. The motion was made by Tim Stubblefield and seconded by Laura Nettles to approve the amended agenda. All agreed unanimously.

Public comments: None

The minutes from the August 24, 2023, meeting were approved unanimously.

School Budget Amendments: Dr. Lawson explained the school budget amendments and answered any question that were posed by the group: #141-2024-3

#141-2024-4

#141-2024-5

#141-2024-6

All were approved unanimously.

Budget amendments: #171-2024-04: approved unanimously as written

#101-2024-06: Commissioner Hobbs made a motion in increase line #357 to \$15,000.00 and to increase line #401 to \$5000.00. Amended approval was unanimous.

Library grant requests: \$6,000.00 Nourishing Minds, and \$20,000.00 Libraries Transforming Communities, both approved unanimously.

The part-time grant writer was approved unanimously as amended; 20 hours per week, up to \$25.00 per hour.

Recovery & Prevention Court: Amendment #101-2024-05: Formerly Anti-drug Coalition, this agency will be using the same space at the CCAP building. All approved unanimously.

Ambulance/EMS funding request for Stryker Maintenance Agreement presented by Michael Bonner. Budget Amendment to be prepared for an annual maintenance agreement. All agreed unanimously.

The Committee agreed unanimously that a resolution is needed to send to the Legislative Committee for the \$2.00 fee proposed by Donna Toney.

Volunteer Fire Dept. funding: Commissioner Joey Hobbs referred to a 1995 resolution concerning funding for VFDs with a base pay of \$5,000.00 per building according to ISO ratings. He asked for clarification as to why they are receiving more money in recent budget years. Marianna explained that due to COVID additional funding was approved, then for the current budget year the Commission approved even more. Joey proposes a formula approved by HWR taking into consideration the ISO ratings be used to calculate the amount of money to be assigned. Using the formula Hillsboro and New Union would receive \$97,000.00 each per year; North Coffee would receive \$77,000.00; Summitville \$117,000.00; Hickerson Station \$112,000.00. Joey Hobbs made the motion to send this proposal to the Legislative Committee to amend the current resolution to be ready for the January 2024 Commission meeting. Tim Stubblefield seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by all present members.

Joey made a motion to put back in the budget from Rural Capital Projects \$250,000.00 for Phase I Environmental Site Assessment. The ARP money will be the source of funding. Tim Stubblefield seconded; all approved unanimously.

Flooring for the Codes and Enforcement office: Tina Reed made a motion to approve up to \$8,000.00 from General Funds or Capital Projects. Tim Stubblefield seconded. Holly Jones abstained. Laura Nettles, Joey Hobbs, Dennis Hunt approved. Tim Brown voted "No", stating that other offices may have carpet replacement requests; also if money cannot be found to give pay raises to employees, he feels money should not be spent on carpet.

Dennis Hunt adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by Connie Goethe