

Blount County Government

359 Court Street Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Meeting Minutes - Final

Budget Committee

Mayor Ed Mitchell, Chairperson Commissioner Jared Anderson Commissioner Nick Bright Commissioner Mike Caylor Committee Member Sharon Hannum

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

5:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

Live stream via https://zoom.us/join Zoom Meeting ID: 882 2360 0720

A. ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Commissioner Jared Anderson, Commissioner Nick Bright, Commissioner Mike Caylor, Committee Member Sharon Hannum, and Chairperson Ed Mitchell

- **B. EMERGENCY ANNOUCEMENTS**
- C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON AGENDA
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- 1. February 11, 2025 Budget Committee Minutes

Attachments: February 11, 2025 Budget Committee Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Minutes be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

E. FINANCE - TRANSFERS, INCREASES, DECREASES

1. Resolution 25-03-001, Budget Increase – Various Salary and Benefits - \$43,800.00

(Appropriate funds to county departments to fund post-probation step promotions, and increase to employee health benefits from new hires and personnel who elected an increase to benefits during open enrollment.) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee (5-0).

<u>Attachments:</u> Amendment - Accounting Misc Personnel Adjustments

Resolution - Accounting Misc Personnel Adjustments

Memo - Accounting Misc Personnel Adjustments

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Resolution 25-03-002, Budget Increase – Central Services - \$64,000.00 (Appropriate funds for increased legal service expenses for the County. Fees have risen 40% from FY23 to FY24 and another 26% in the current year due to increase in billed hours to commission, planning and development and the highway department.) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee (5-0).

Attachments: Amendment - Central Services Legal Fees

Resolution - Central Services Legal Fees

Memo - Central Services Legal Fees

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Resolution 25-03-003, Budget Increase – General Services Capital - \$8,800.00

(Appropriate funds to paint the Register of Deeds Office.) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee (5-0).

Attachments: Amendment - Central Services Reg of Deeds Paint

Resolution - Central Services Reg of Deeds Paint

Memo - Central Services Reg of Deeds Paint

Back up Central Services Reg of Deeds Paint

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Resolution 25-03-004, Budget Increase – Juvenile Court - \$2,546.00 (Appropriate funds to increase compensation to Juvenile Court Judicial Assistant to retain experienced employee who recently graduated college and is a credentialed paralegal.) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee (5-0).

Attachments: Amendment - Juvenile Salary Increase

Resolution - Juvenile Salary Increase

Memo - Juvenile Salary Increase

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Resolution 25-03-005, Budget Increase – Law Library - \$2,292.00 (Appropriate funds to 5. continue the contract with LexisNexis for research used by the County Judges and the Circuit Court Clerk Office; this supports the annual increase to the contract.) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee (5-0).

Attachments: Amendment - Law Library

Resolution - Law Library Memo - Law Library

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

6. Resolution 25-03-006, Budget Increase – School Capital - \$300,000.00 (Appropriate contingency funds to support FY25 capital projects; this will ensure timely processing of necessary contract changes and prevent delays on project completion.) Referred to full commission as amended (reduced to \$100,000) by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee (5-0).

Attachments: Amendment - School Capital Contingency Funds

Resolution - School Capital Contingency Funds

Memo - School Capital Contingency Funds

A motion was made by Commissioner Caylor, seconded by Committee Member Hannum, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0 Abstain: 0

F. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTIONS

G. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1 February 2025 Financial Reports (Information Only)

Attachments: ARPA Utility Project Update February 2025

ARPA Tracking 2.28.25
FY24.25 Capital Plan

February 2025 Expense Report
February 2025 Revenue Report

YTD Expense Report as of February 28, 2025
YTD Revenue Report as of February 28, 2025

US Bank Report February 2025

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm.