

Budget Committee Minutes

January 06, 2014 5:00 PM

Members Present: Ron Woody, Chairman; Bobby Collier; Steve Kelley; Randy Ellis, Ron Berry

Members Absent: None

Additional: Kaley Walker, Director of Accounts and Budgets

Meeting Convened: Meeting called to order by Chairman Woody @ 5:00 PM

Economic Indicators: for the period: July-November, 2014

Sales tax especially from Oak Ridge is still low. Accounting Department has been in touch with the State Department of Revenue and is reviewing SITUS reports to see if any changes have occurred.

Fee Offices – The fee offices in the General Fund together add money to the fund with the Trustee and Clerk & Master making up the losses from the other fee offices.

Motion to have Budget Director to draft a resolution to migrate the offices from the budget system to the fee system and ask the County Attorney to be present at the next meeting: Berry

2nd: Kelley

New Resolutions:

1. **RESOLUTION 01-15-15** to amend the General Fund (101) to amend the budget of the Election Commission to cover additional advertising costs.

Motion to recommend resolution to the full commission: Ellis

2nd: Collier

Voice Vote: Motion Passed

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2. **RESOLUTION 01-15-16** to amend the General Fund (101) to adjust the revenue and expenditures related to Riley Creek Campground

This is the first time that winter camping has taken place. The caretakers are remaining on site through the winter. There is additional work being done with the parks part time labor to complete some capital projects at the campground.

Committee asked if it was feasible to locate a dry dock boat storage building at the campground.

Motion to recommend resolution to the full commission: Ellis

2nd: Kelley

Voice Vote: Motion Passed

3. **RESOLUTION 01-15-17** to amend the Wastewater Fund (204) to provide a raise for an employee based on additional certification achievement.

Motion to recommend resolution to the full commission: Kelley

2nd: Ellis

Voice Vote: Motion Passed

4. **RESOLUTION 01-15-18** identifying an appropriation to a nonprofit charitable organization of Roane County which was left off the original nonprofit resolution.

Motion to recommend resolution to the full commission: Ellis

2nd: Collier

Voice Vote: Motion Passed

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5. **RESOLUTION 01-15-19** to authorize an employer participating in the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System to change from its existing regular defined benefit plan to either the alternate defined benefit plan or the local government hybrid plan in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 35, Part 2, or the hybrid retirement plan for state employees and teachers.

The County Executive's office has done a Decision Making Analysis on the topic of changing retirement systems. There is still a question as to the different types of new plans available and the confusion created by the wording of the resolution as created by the State.

As far as a cost differential between types of retirements, it appears there is a minimal cost difference and it is not enough to sway the decision towards or away from a change.

Motion to recommend resolution to the full commission: Ellis

2nd: Collier

Voice Vote: Motion Passed

6. **RESOLUTION** to set a policy for giving of nonprofit donation through the Roane County Commission and any of its committees or boards.

Budget Committee would like to have a different resolution drafted and presented for the February Commission meeting.

Motion to draft a resolution to cap nonprofit resolutions at \$140,000 which can only be changed by commission: Kelley

2nd: Berry

Voice Vote: Motion Passed

7. A **RESOLUTION** allowing the County Executive to execute a building inspection contract with city(ies) governments within Roane County.

The County currently contracts with Oliver Springs. This resolution will be drafted for the February Commission Meeting.

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Other Business:

Property Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 is \$27,581,563 and the budget was based on \$27,465,886 a variance of 0.4%

County Executive's Office has completed a Decision Making Analysis on the change in retirement systems, it is a correspondence in the January Commission packet.

The Clerk & Master is not having a delinquent tax property sale this year so a resolution will be forthcoming to adjust all revenues related to this sale.

How has the county done selling back tax property once it comes to us?

Revenue:	\$31,790
Expense:	<u>(\$28,245)</u>
Net:	\$3,545

A budget calendar has been passed out please look at it and see what dates work and do not work for your schedules, these will be reviewed at the February meeting as well. The plan is to start the FY16 budget in March with the Debt (151,152,156) and Capital (171) budgets.

The 3rd party billing company who is billing for ambulance transports is coming into town to meet with the EMS staff and Accounting staff to work out some communication issues that have occurred in this transition.

Reappraisal Impact

State DPA Compliance

Historical Data on Reappraisal – attached graph

Committee discussed having a current office holder take over probation and bring that revenue inhouse.

Budget Committee asked the County Executive to draft a letter to the schools outlining the information they would like to see from them early on in the budget process. Additionally the budget committee would like to meet with the schools in March to have a preliminary budget meeting to discuss the FY16 budget.

Motion made to close the meeting @ 7:00p.m.

Motion: Ellis 2nd: Collier Voice Vote: Motion Passed

Minutes submitted by Director Walker