



BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES  
May 5, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT  
Matthew Shoaf, Chairman  
Jeremy Mansfield, Vice Chairman  
Jerry Becker  
Bob Brown  
Mark Harrison  
David Klein  
Don Schmit  
OTHERS PRESENT  
David Lawing  
Bethany Browning  
Jessica Allison-Minute Taker  
Merrol Hyde  
Eric Sitler  
Steve Weiner  
John Isbell

- I. CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Shoaf at 8:30am in Room 112 of the Sumner County Administration Building in Gallatin, TN.
  - A. Invocation-Led by Commissioner Brown.
  - B. Approval of Agenda-Motion to approve by Commissioner Mansfield, second by Commissioner Schmit, unanimous approval.
  - C. Recognition of Public
- II. REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN- Chairman Shoaf made a motion to suspend the rules, second by Commissioner Mansfield, unanimous approval.
- III. REPORT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR- None.
- IV. BUDGET HEARINGS – NONPROFITS
  - A. Oak Grove Volunteer Fire-Wayne Drown and Denise Denning presented.
  - B. Highland Volunteer Fire-Tav Matthews presented.
  - C. White House Volunteer Fire- Joe Williams presented.
  - D. Cottontown Fire- Joe McGlaughlin presented.
  - E. Southeast Bethpage and Castalian Springs-Charlie Johnson presented.
  - F. Number One Volunteer Fire-Chris Edgerton presented.
  - G. Gallatin Volunteer Fire-Chad Frazier presented.
  - H. Shackle Island Volunteer Fire-David Frost presented.
  - I. City of Westmoreland for Volunteer Fire-Mark Jenkins presented.
  - J. Forward Sumner- Jimmy Johnston presented.
  - K. TN Rehabilitation Center- Chris Slater presented.
  - L. Sumner County Museum-Ryan Baker presented.
  - M. Mid Cumberland- Sharon McDaniel presented.
  - N. TN Small Business Development Center- Charles Alexander presented.
  - O. Ashley’s Place-Amy Burke Salyers presented.
  - P. Tourism- Jean Montgomery presented.

The committee had a working lunch.

- A. County Mayor (including capital projects)- Mayor Isbell presented.
    1. County Mayor
    2. County Buildings
    3. CH & Jail Maintenance Fund
  - B. Finance- Finance Director Lawing presented.
    1. Finance
    2. County Commission
  - C. County Attorney- Law Director Sitler presented.
- V. WORKSHOP
- The committee agreed to a 2% cost of living adjustment for all county employees who did not receive COVID-19 hazard pay; the ones that did, the committee agreed to 1%.
  - The committee agreed to defund the human resources department.
  - The committee agreed to move risk management to the county law director’s office.
  - The committee added one new employee to the finance department.
  - The committee agreed to adjust the liability and the on-the-job-injury sub fund approved expenditures to the same amount as prior year.
  - The committee agreed to remove \$85 from maintenance and repair buildings in the county mayor’s budget.
  - The committee agreed to remove \$15,000 from the county buildings budget. \$5,000 of that was added to the county mayor’s budget and \$5,000 was added to the finance department’s budget.
  - The Sumner County Budget Committee removed \$2.8M for the admin roof in capital projects.

- The committee agreed to remove part-time funds from the veterans services office, and add back into the director's salary line item.
- The committee agreed to fund Forward Sumner at \$100,000 contingent upon the Sumner County Commission appointing at least ½ of the board members. Motion to approve by Commissioner Becker, second by Commissioner Shoaf, motion passes 5-2, with Commissioner Mansfield and Commissioner Schmit opposing.
- The committee agreed to fund the Tennessee Vocational Rehabilitation Center at \$50,000.
- The committee agreed to fund tourism at \$731,680 subject to this amount cannot exceed 60% of the prior year revenue.
- The committee agreed to fund meals on wheels at \$5,000, and recommended they apply for the charitable funding request in October for the additional \$10,000.
- The committee agreed to remove \$50,000 from the capital projects fund for a truck for the assessor of property.
- The committee requested consolidated dispatch attend the next budget hearing to explain the raises above COLA and hazard pay percentages.
- The committee agreed to remove one custodian position from the county building's budget, but added one custodian and one maintenance personnel.
- The committee agreed to reduce the heat and air equipment to \$100,000 in the capital projects fund.
- The committee agreed to remove the Hendersonville Health Department from the capital projects fund and move to ARPA.
- The committee agreed to reduce the archives roof in the capital projects fund to \$50,000.
- The committee agreed to reduce the parks and recreation in the capital projects fund to \$97,000.
- The committee agreed to move \$100,000 for plumbing parts from the capital projects fund to the courthouse and jail maintenance fund.
- The committee requested Development Services Director Suddath be present at the next budget hearing to speak about the staffing changes and discuss his plans for the new proposed fee structure.
- The committee agreed to add \$5,000 to charitable nonprofits not allocated.
- The committee agreed to remove the part-time magistrate and the part-time intake officer from the general sessions II budget.
- The committee agreed to remove the crew cab truck for EMA from the capital projects fund.
- The committee agreed to remove 4% from all libraries nonsalary line items, and remove that amount from electricity. The committee instructed finance to email each library to see where they want the difference to come from.
- The committee agreed to remove the replacement of current EMS station seven, construction of a new White House station, and replacement of two command vehicles from capital projects; however, one of the constructions for a new EMS station was tentatively placed in the ARPA funding.
- The committee agreed to remove the two new requested command vehicles for EMS from the capital projects fund.
- The committee agreed to reduce the amount of motor vehicles in the capital projects fund to \$499,750 for the sheriff's office budget.
- The committee agreed to remove \$300,000 for software to the capital projects fund from the sheriff's office budget.
- The committee agreed to remove the requested IT personnel from the sheriff's office.
- The committee agreed to remove three of the requested road deputies for the sheriff's office.
- The committee agreed to remove the requested lieutenant position for the sheriff's office.
- The committee agreed to move the utilities for the jail from the county building's budget to the jail's budget.
- The committee agreed to remove any additional funding for salaries above COLA for the libraries.
- The committee agreed to remove the additional funding above COLA for the vacant position in the trustee's office.

Commissioner Schmit, made a motion to remove the COLA from Law Director Sitler, second by Commissioner Becker. Chairman Shoaf proposed an amendment for the Law Director to receive half of the COLA percentage, the makers of the first and second motions agreed. Motion passes 4-3, with Commissioner Klein, Commissioner Mansfield, and Commissioner Brown opposing.

Commissioner Mansfield made a motion to move the grant administrator to the finance department, second by Chairman Shoaf, motion fails with Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Klein, Commissioner Becker, and Commissioner Schmit opposing.

Finance Director Lawing stated at the next hearing, we will have another month's sales tax, and if it is below last year, the committee may need to consider adjusting sales tax projections.

The committee agreed to have the joint budget and education meeting on June 5, 2023, at 6:00pm in the commission chambers. The committee agreed to meet again on May 16, 2023 at 5:30pm.

The committee agreed to discuss the budget publication at the next hearing.

VI. ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn at 7:00pm by Commissioner Mansfield.