

Coffee County Commission

Budget and Finance Committee Meeting

Minutes for May 18, 2023 at 5pm

Members Present: Lynn Sebourn, Joey Hobbs, Laura Nettles, Tina Reed, Tim Stubblefield, Tim Brown, Missy DeFord, Dennis Hunt, Holly Jones

Members Absent:

Chairman Sebourn called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

The first item of business was approval of the agenda. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Stubblefield and seconded by Commissioner Nettles. The motion was approved unanimously.

The second item of business was the approval of the minutes from the joint committee meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee with the Health, Welfare, and Recreation Committee on April 18th. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Nettles and seconded by Commissioner Stubblefield. The motion was approved unanimously.

The third order of business was the consideration of requests for funding from 3 additional non-profit organizations.

- a. The Coffee County Child Care Center with a request for \$10,000. Ms Katie Bates presented the request along with a brief overview of the operations of the Coffee County Child Care Center. The motion to approve the request was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Stubblefield.
- b. Tullahoma Fine Arts Center and the Tennessee Equine Rehabilitation Center were not present. Both organizations are represented by Joshua Cole. After a brief discussion, Chairman Sebourn suggested requesting Mr. Cole attend the next Budget and Finance meeting so the committee could better understand the request.

The fourth order of business was a continued review of the 2024 Fiscal Budget. Discussion items included:

- Commissioner Sebourn reported that he, the budget director, and the mayor, went through the budget and identified any individual salaries that needed an adjustment. After these adjustments were made, a 4% county employee pay raise across the board was given to county employees.
- Discussion on a 1 cent reduction in the property tax rate.
- Review of the bottom line fund balances remaining with the currently proposed budget lines.

- Discussion of the next meeting time. After a brief discussion with the Mayor and staff, Chairman Sebourn set meetings for June the 1st and June the 6th. (This was the 5th agenda item).
- Review of the ambulance fund.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.