

JOINT MEETING OF
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND
BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 27, 2015

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Joe Gourley
Commissioner Steve Pearcy
Commissioner Jeff Phillips
Commissioner Pettus Read
Commissioner Chantho Sourinho
Commissioner Doug Shafer, C

Commissioner Rhonda Allen
Commissioner Charlie Baum
Commissioner Joe F. Jernigan
Commissioner Will Jordan
Commissioner Robert Peay

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess Robert Arnold
Lisa Nolen Mike Nunley
Jeff Davidson Randy White
Michael Gregory Lynn Duke
Randy Garrett Steve Spence
Larry Farley Virgil Gammon
Darlene Spence Egon Grissom
Rosemary Faulk Mark Tucker
Tommy Thompson John Frost
Lisa Marchisoni Tina Leinard
Candy McCluskey Larry Pace
Brett Reed Todd Sparks

David Haley, Barbara Haley, Joe Liggett, Richard Watson, Guy Goff, Jimmy Cassidy, Scott Culp, Robert Weeks, Barry Hendrixson, Becky Shelton

Chairman Shafer presided and called the joint meeting of the Public Safety Committee and Budget Committee to order at 5:30 p.m. to include presentation of the 15/16 Sheriff's Department budget.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Gourley moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Peay advised the PAWS and Ambulance Service reports should be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda in addition to the Juvenile Detention report.

The Correctional Work Center report, OSHA report, Drug Court report, Fire/Rescue report and Emergency Management Agency report were submitted for approval on a Consent Agenda. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearcy, to approve the Correctional Work Center report, OSHA report, Drug Court report, Fire/Rescue report and Emergency Management Agency report by Consent Agenda. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

JUVENILE DETENTION REPORT:

Lynn Duke presented the Juvenile Detention report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gourley, to approve the Juvenile Detention report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Ms. Duke next presented a proposed contract with the State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, re-establishing the contract for the upcoming fiscal year paying \$132.38 per child per day. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the contract with the State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, as presented and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by

acclamation."

PAWS BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Michael Gregory presented the PAWS report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Percy moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve the PAWS report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Gregory next advised PAWS had been invited to apply for a grant from PetSmart Charities because of participation in Rescue Wagon and had received a \$10,000 grant. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Read moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to accept the PetSmart Charities grant in the amount of \$10,000 and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT:

Mr. Nunley next presented the Ambulance Service report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Sourinho moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve the Ambulance Service report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Nunley next presented proposed budget amendments to transfer funds from Paraprofessionals', Dispatch and Office payroll line items into Overtime advising several personnel have been on FMLA this year. There have also been vacancies in Paraprofessionals and Dispatch therefore leaving a surplus in these line items. There was a request to transfer funds from Office Payroll to Supervisors' payroll. Personnel and salaries changed before the budget passed, but amounts were already submitted.

(1)	From: 118-55130-133 Paraprofessionals' Payroll -	\$ 33,000
	From: 118-55130-148 Dispatch Payroll -	\$ 15,000
	From: 118-55130-119 Office Payroll -	\$ 2,000
	To: 118-54130-187 Overtime Pay -	\$ 50,000
(2)	From: 118-55130-119 Office Payroll -	\$ 5,000
	To: 118-55130-105 Supervisors' Payroll -	\$ 5,000

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gourley, to approve the budget amendments for Ambulance Service as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT OF DUI OFFENDERS:

Chairman Shafer advised this item had been pulled from the agenda and postponed to the next meeting.

RESCHEDULE NEXT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY:

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held May 18, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT AND 2015/16 PROPOSED BUDGET:

Rosemary Faulk presented proposed budget amendments (1) to recognize additional funds received from the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force; (2) transfer within budget from various accounts to utilities and (3) fund unemployment expense for the remainder of the year.

(1)	To:	101-47700	Asset Forfeiture -	\$	8,527
	To:	101-54110-187	Overtime -	\$	7,128
	To:	101-54110-201	Social Security -	\$	442
	To:	101-54110-204	Retirement -	\$	854
	To:	101-54110-212	Medicare -	\$	103
(2)	From:	54110-425	Gasoline -	\$	60,000
	From:	54110-307	Communication -	\$	33,500
	From:	54110-790	Other Equipment -	\$	17,000
	From:	54110-719	Off. Equipment -	\$	10,000
	From:	54110-336	R/M Equipment -	\$	20,000
	From:	54110-709	DP Equip. -	\$	20,000
	From:	54110-599	Other Chrgs -	\$	1,500
	From:	54110-334	Maint. Agree. -	\$	5,000
	To:	54210-452	Utilities -	\$	167,000
(3)	From:	54110-210	Unemp. Comp. -	\$	17,500
	To:	54210-210	Unemp. Comp. -	\$	17,500

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gourley, to approve budget amendment requests (1) and (2) as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

"Commissioner Gourley moved to forward budget amendment (3) to the Budget Committee with no recommendation. This motion failed for lack of a second."

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gourley, to forward budget amendment (3) to the Budget Committee with a negative recommendation. This motion passed by roll call vote with Commissioner Shafer voting "no"."

The Committee was provided the line item report for its use and information. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the line item report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee was next provided the proposed 15/16 budgets for its information and Darlene Spence reviewed the projected revenues for the Sheriff's Department of \$4,040,426.

The Committee reviewed the budget for Account 54110 of \$24,425,323 which is \$1,847,320 over the current budget. Commissioner Phillips questioned the amount allocated in gasoline that it was the same amount as the current budget because money has been transferred out during the last two meetings and he thought this should be approximately \$700,000. Mayor Burgess advised he would have his recommendation by the Budget Committee but if you took the amount in gasoline spent over the last nine months and amortized the same over twelve months it would be \$540,000. Commissioner Jordan asked why the Mayor had not seen the budget before now since everyone has known when the meeting would be for months.

"Commissioner Gourley moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to change Line 425, Gasoline, to \$700,000. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Sheriff Arnold advised Rutherford County is the third largest full service Sheriff's Office in the State.

The budget as presented asks for 34 new vehicles at \$1,500,000. The department is going to Ford Explorers from the Crown Vics and to fully equip a new Explorer is \$43,000. The Committee was advised take home cars provide added security. Also, if all of the cars are parked at the Sheriff's Department in the event of a tornado and it hit the jail they would all be wiped out. Additionally, if the officers have their cars they can respond from their home. This program also extends the life of the cars since they are not on the road 24/7. Virgil Gammon advised he originally recommended the take home program for the longevity of cars and community safety. The department even

looked at leasing vehicles instead of purchasing in the 90s. Using the Patrol, Warrants and Transport departments the average mileage put on the cars per year is 20,000.

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gourley, to forward the proposed budget for Account 54110 to the County Mayor for review considering the Committee recommended change to Line 425, Gasoline. This motion passed by roll call vote with Chairman Shafer voting "no"."

Sheriff Arnold next advised he was requesting ten new patrol positions with patrol cars and five new dispatcher positions and advised he would be requesting approximately ten officers per year in future years. Commissioner Gourley advised the Sheriff needs to look at situations where one person supervises one person and also questioned the number of ranking officers and the Sheriff's Department is top heavy. Sheriff Arnold advised they have cut out a lot but this is how he received the department.

The Committee was advised the department currently has 24 dispatchers. Candy McCluskey advised additional dispatchers are needed as none have been added in fifteen years. Duties have increased including NCIC entries and dispatching fire/rescue. Sheriff Arnold advised the call volume goes up as the population increases.

Commissioner Allen asked that a study be run on eight hour shifts. Egon Grissom advised they just went from twelve hour shifts to ten hour shifts and this helps with morale and to keep personnel.

The Committee was advised new patrol officers were received in 2006 on a grant. Chairman Shafer advised the staff already hired needs to be taken care of.

"Commissioner Phillips moved to forward to the County Mayor the additional personnel request with no recommendation for his evaluation and recommendation to the Budget Committee. This motion failed for lack of a second."

Commissioner Percy asked if the Sheriff got the new officers did they have to have ten additional cars as requested. Sheriff Arnold advised when the department received the SRO positions they did not get cars then and they would work with the Commission. If the cars were cut this would reduce the request by \$430,000. Egon Grissom advised the cars are for patrol and the department cannot afford for these cars to break down. Commissioner Percy advised he felt the need for personnel but the department may have to use cars from the request for the 34 cars.

"Commissioner Read moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to fund four deputies and one communication position with four cars. This motion passed by roll call vote with Commissioners Percy and Shafer voting "no"."

Commissioner Gourley challenged the Sheriff to look at the staffing structure as it is top heavy. Commissioner Jordan reminded the Committees every increase can be a tax increase and they have already voted for tax increases with the vote.

The Committee next reviewed the proposed 15/16 budget for Account 54210 for the jail at \$16,091,065 which is \$958,729 more than the current budget. Between July 1 to December 31 the food cost averaged \$1.20 per meal.

The Committee was advised the Sheriff's Department is asking for a portable at \$60,000 to use as a classroom for GED, parenting classes, etc. Also, ministries want to come in and need a space. Sheriff Arnold advised they have asked the School Board for any surplus portables and he felt strongly that there

was a need. Cadcor can use the portable as well. It will be put behind the kitchen within fencing.

A water softening system is being requested to help maintain the plumbing due to hard water. Sheriff Arnold advised this will also help with the hot water heaters. Nashville Machine highly recommends a water softening system to extend the life of the boiler and hot water heaters. The hard water affects the water pressure due to build up in the pipes.

The Committee was advised there is not a fence around the entire facility and the Sheriff's Department has been slowly buying fencing and will use inmate labor to install the same.

Sheriff Arnold was asked how many misdemeanor or non-violent felony inmates they have that could be moved to the Correctional Work Center and advised they do not send anyone with health issues and they keep trustees to work. Additionally, the jail gets \$37 per day for State inmates and this recoups some cost.

"Commissioner Phillips moved to forward the 15/16 budget for Account 54210 to the County Mayor and Budget Committee with a recommendation of \$15,747,000"

Chairman Shafer turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Gourley.

"Commissioner Shafer seconded the motion to forward the 15/16 budget for Account 54210 to the County Mayor and Budget Committee with a recommendation of \$15,747,000. This motion passed by roll call vote with Commissioner Pearcy voting "no"."

Chairman Shafer resumed chair of the meeting.

Commissioner Phillips advised the motion covered personnel and food with a 4 to 4.5% increase.

The Committee next reviewed the proposed budget for Account 54120, Special Patrols, and was advised this is revenue from the Corps of Engineers and is a continuation budget. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Gourley moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve the budget for Account 54120, Special Patrols, as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

The Committee next reviewed the proposed 15/16 budget for Account 54160, Administration of Sex Offender Registry. Certain revenue has to specifically be spent in this account so it is set out separately and the County is required to have this position. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Read moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the budget for Account 54160, Administration of Sex Offender Registry, as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

The Committee next reviewed the proposed 15/16 budget for Account 54150, Drug Enforcement. Finance Director Nolen advised \$4,660 needed to be added in the Trustee's Commission which increases the budget total to \$589,160 and is \$124,000 out of balance. Commissioner Phillips advised the original budget last year was approved at \$288,160 and amended during the year to \$528,160 and currently asking for \$589,160. Commissioner Phillips asked why the budget was amended and was advised some things cannot be purchased from the confidential funds. Ms. Nolen advised the original amended budget for the drug fund was actually \$348,160. Narcotics agents average \$20,000 per year in overtime across the country. There are six active detectives in Narcotics but the department utilizes other divisions. This fund

gets revenue throughout the year and there is no property tax in this fund. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Gourley moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve the budget for Account 54150, Drug Enforcement, as presented and forward the same to the Budget Committee with a positive recommendation. This motion passed by roll call vote with Commissioner Phillips voting "no"."

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Shafer declared the meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

DOUG SHAFER, Chairman