Be It Remembered that the Greene County

Council met on August 31, September 1 & 2, 2021 in the Commissioners’ Room on the third floor of the Courthouse in order to hold hearings regarding the budgets for 2022.

Thursday, September 02, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Council President Gregg Roudebush at 9:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting.

Those present were Gregg Roudebush-in person, Kelly Zimmerly-by phone, Jerry R. Frye-in person, Joe Huntington-in person, Ronald Lehman-in person, Brent Murray-in person, and Karen Abrams-in person.

**Re: Title IV-D Budget**

Jerry Frye made a motion to approve the Title IV-D Budget as amended. Brent Murray seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0. Published amount was $214,961.00. Initially approved amount is $207,572.00.

**Re: Title IV-D Incentive Budget**

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve the Title IV-D Incentive Budget as presented. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0. Published amount was $22,300.00. Initially approved amount is $22,300.00.

**Re: Prosecutor Budget**

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve the Prosecutor’s Budget as amended. Karen Abrams seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0. Published amount was $327,619.00. Initially approved amount is $314,995.00.

**Re: Drug Task Force Budget**

Brent Murray made a motion to approve the Drug Task Force Budget as presented. Karen Abrams seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0. Published amount was $23,000.00. Initially approved amount is $23,000.00.

**Re: Pre-Trial Diversion Budget**

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve the Pre-Trial Diversion Budget as amended. Brent Murray seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0. Published amount was $47,317.00. Initially approved amount is $46,317.00.

**Re: Infraction Deferral Budget**

Jerry Frye made a motion to approve the Infraction Deferral Budget as amended. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0. Published amount was $138,705.00. Initially approved amount is $137,705.00.

**Re: Victim Assistance Budget**

Jerry Frye made a motion to approve the Victim Assistance Budget as amended. Karen Abrams seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0. Published amount was $24,248.00. Initially approved amount is $23,624.00.

**Re: Victim Assistance County Match Budget**

Kelly Zimmerly made a motion to approve the Victim Assistance County Match Budget as presented. Karen Abrams seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0. Published amount was $4,950.00. Initially approved amount is $4,950.00.

**Re: Auditor Budget**

Jerry Frye made a motion to approve the Auditor Budget as amended. Brent Murray seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0. Published amount was $259,458.00. Initially approved amount is $223,740.00.

**Re: Council Budget**

Kelly Zimmerly made a motion to approve the Council Budget as amended. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0. Published amount was $138,593.00. Initially approved amount is $115,190.00.

**Re: Emergency Management Budget**

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve the Emergency Management Budget as amended. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0. Published amount was $75,610.00. Initially approved amount is $63,859.00.

**Re: Local Emergency Planning Budget**

Karen Abrams made a motion to approve the Local Emergency Planning Budget as presented. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0. Published amount was $38,300.00. Initially approved amount is $38,300.00.

**Re: Recall of Certain Office Holders/Department Heads**

**Re: Health Insurance**

Ron Lehman made a motion to take $340,000.00 out of the General Fund Health Insurance Line under the 2022 Commissioners’ Budget. Brent Murray seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0.

**Re: Sheriff – Retirement Account Line**

Karen Abrams made a motion to take $100,000.00 out of the General Fund Retirement Line under the 2022 Sheriffs’ Budget. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0. It is noted that the Sheriff’s County Corrections will pick this amount up in 2022 through the additional appropriation process.

**Re: 2022 Wage Increases**

Kelly Zimmerly made a motion to approve all 2022 Budgets as amended during the 3 days of budget hearings including 6.2% raises for eligible office holders, full-time employees, and contracted Public Defenders, based on the forecasted COLA Rate to be established in fall of 2021. Karen Abrams seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted nay. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted nay. Joe Huntington voted nay. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 4-3.

**Re: Health Insurance**

Karen Abrams made a motion to take $150,000.00 out of the General Fund Health Insurance Line under the 2022 Commissioners’ Budget. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0.

**Re: Sheriff – Addition of 2 New Jail Officers**

Jerry Frye made a motion to add to 2 new Jail Officers to the LIT Public Safety Fund as the request of Sheriff Michael Hasler for 2022. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0.

**Re: Public Defender Intern**

Jerry Frye made a motion to add $8,000.00 into the Public Defender Intern account line within the General Fund under the 2022 Public Defender Budget. Karen Abrams seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0.

**Re: County Assessor – Part-Time Employees**

Jerry Frye made a motion to add $5,000.00 and $25,000.00 into the Part-Time A and Part-Time B account lines respectively within the 2022 Reassessment Budget. Karen Abrams seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0.

**Re: Health Administrator – Nurse Discussion**

Ron Lehman made a motion to table any possible approval of changing the current Permanent Part-Time Nurse position to a Temporary Full-Time Nurse position until Health Administrator Shari Lewis could talk to County Attorney Marvin Abshire regarding clarification of the number of days this Nurse could work before having to take an extended break from employment. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0.

**Re: Election Board Budget**

Karen Abrams made a motion to approve the Election Board Budget as presented. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0. Published amount was $84,140.00. Initially approved amount is $84,140.00.

**Re: County Assessor – Proportional Raises for 5 Office Holders**

Ron Lehman made a motion to give the Assessor, Auditor, Clerk of Circuit Court, Recorder, and Treasurer a proportional raise of $5,000.00 to bring them up to the average annual salary of other counties our size. This is over and above the 6.2% raise approved earlier in the meeting. Brent Murray seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted nay. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye abstained. Joe Huntington abstained. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 4-1-2.

**Re: County Auditor – Extra-Hire**

Jerry Frye made a motion to add $5,000.00 into the Extra-Hire account line within the General Fund under the 2022 Auditor Budget. Brent Murray seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0.

**Re: Part-Time Requests – Based on Hourly Rate**

Kelly Zimmerly made a motion to approve the permanent part-time hourly rate requests per the amounts and offices/departments listed below. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Motion passed 7-0.

Office/Department Hourly Rate

Treasurer $11.50

Auditor $11.50

Assessor $13.00

Recorder (Project Staff) $15.15

Soil & Water (Extra-Hire) $9.28

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ron Lehman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brent Murray seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Gregg Roudebush voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Joe Huntington voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye.

Jerry R. Frye Ronald Lehman

Kelly Zimmerly Brent Murray

Karen Abrams Gregg Roudebush

D. Joe Huntington

Attest:

Matthew W. Baker, Auditor