

Be It Remembered that the Greene County Council met on August 29, 30, and 31, 2023 in the Commissioners' Room on the third floor of the Courthouse in order to hold hearings regarding the budgets for 2024.

Thursday, August 31, 2023

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

Those present were Kelly Zimmerly, Bryan Woodall, Randall Brown, Ronald Lehman, Brent Murray, and Karen Abrams. Jerry Frye was absent.

Re: Prosecutor Budget

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve the Prosecutor's Budget as amended. Bryan Woodall seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Published amount was \$482,803.00. Initially approved amount is \$422,803.00.

Re: Title IV-D Budget

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve the Title IV-D Budget as amended. Randall Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Published amount was \$228,425.00. Initially approved amount is \$211,717.00.

Re: Title IV-D Incentive Budget

Karen Abrams made a motion to approve the Title IV-D Incentive Budget as presented. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Published amount was \$42,300.00. Initially approved amount is \$42,300.00.

Re: Drug Task Force Budget

Randall Brown made a motion to approve the Drug Task Force Budget as presented. Karen Abrams seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Published amount was \$23,000.00. Initially approved amount is \$23,000.00.

Re: Infraction Deferral Budget

Karen Abrams made a motion to approve the Infraction Deferral Budget as amended. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Published amount was \$140,118.00. Initially approved amount is \$138,855.00.

Re: Pre-Trial Diversion Budget

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve the Pre-Trial Diversion Budget as amended. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Published amount was \$94,129.00. Initially approved amount is \$47,895.00.

Re: Victim Assistance Budget

Randall Brown made a motion to approve the Victim Assistance Budget as amended. Bryan Woodall seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Published amount was \$19,016.00. Initially approved amount is \$18,222.00.

Re: Council

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve the Council Budget as amended. Karen Abrams seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote taken. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Randall Brown voted nay. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Motion passed 5-1. Published amount was \$127,930.00. Initially approved amount is \$122,490.00.

Re: Rainy Day Budget

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve the Rainy-Day Fund Budget as presented. Randall Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Published amount was \$300,000.00. Initially approved amount is \$300,000.00.

Re: Riverboat

Randall Brown made a motion to approve the Riverboat Budget as presented. Bryan Woodall seconded the Motion. Motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$0.00. The approved amount is \$0.00.

Re: Auditor Budget

Karen Abrams made a motion to approve the Auditor Budget as amended. Bryan Woodall seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-1. Brent Murray abstained. Published amount was \$333,527.00. Initially approved amount is \$301,147.00.

Re: Surveyor Perpetuation

Karen Abrams made a motion to approve the Surveyor's Perpetuation budget as presented. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Published amount was \$50,000.00. Initially approved amount is \$50,000.00.

Re: Coroner

Randall Brown made a motion to approve the Coroner Budget as amended. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Published amount was \$77,317.00. Initially approved amount is \$72,953.00.

Re: Local Emergency Planning Budget

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve the Local Emergency Planning Budget as presented. Bryan Woodall seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Published amount was \$38,300.00. Initially approved amount is \$38,300.00.

Re: Emergency Management Budget

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve the Emergency Management Budget as amended. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Published amount was \$82,209.00. Initially approved amount is \$72,273.00.

Re: Probation Budget

Karen Abrams made a motion to approve the Probation Budget as amended. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Published amount was \$340,278.00. Initially approved amount is \$335,470.00.

Re: Adult Probation Admin Fees Budget

Karen Abrams made a motion to approve the Adult Probation Admin Fee Budget as presented. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Published amount was \$34,448.00. Initially approved amount is \$34,448.00.

Re: Juvenile Admin Fees Budget

Ron Lehman made a motion to cut the Juvenile Admin Fees Budget to \$0 due to no budget for this fund for 2024. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Published amount was \$19,443.00. Initially approved amount is \$0.00.

Re: Adult Probation Budget

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve the Adult Probation Budget as presented. Bryan Woodall seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Published amount was \$89,599.00. Initially approved amount is \$89,599.00.

Re: Recall of Certain Office Holders/Department Heads

Re: Casa Capacity Grant Budget

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve the Casa Capacity Grant Budget as presented. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: Casa Matching Grant Budget

Karen Abrams made a motion to approve the Casa Matching Grant Budget as presented with knowledge that only \$7,500.00 is salary. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: Highway Superintendent

Roger Hamilton came back to the council to explain the statistics he has to support giving the Highway Department's raise. He explained that out of 10 counties similar to our county, highway superintendents were 10/10, mechanics were 9/10, commissioners were 5/10, and council were listed as 1/10. The Council thanked Roger for the information.

Re: Public Defender

The council called back Public Defender, Ashley Dyer, to clarify the positions that she wants to add to her office. Ashley is asking for a full-time public defender, the change in status of her secretary to office administrator, a new secretary, and a new paralegal. To get these new positions and changes, she is willing to remove two contracted public defenders from her budget.

Re: Prosecutor

The council called back Prosecutor, Jarrod Holtsclaw, to clarify the new Deputy Prosecutor position that he is asking for in his budget. Jarrod explained that the position is currently a part-time position, but he wants to change it to full-time. Jarrod stated that if the position was changed to full-time then the deputy prosecutor would be able to take on child support cases half of the time and then could help lighten the load on criminal cases the other half of the time. Jarrod also reminded the council that he would like to keep his Detective at the same pay rate as the Detectives at the Sheriff Department.

Re: Commissioners

The Council called back Commissioner President, Nathan Abrams, to ask about cutting an additional \$350,000.00 from his budget for health insurance that will be covered in the budget elsewhere. The Council also verified that the Commissioners would be giving Economic Development, Brianne Jerrels, her requested budget out of LIT EDIT. Commissioner Abrams confirmed that he had already spoken with Brianne regarding her request.

Re: Prosecutor

Karen Abrams made a motion to approve the Deputy #3 full-time position at the base rate of \$75,530.00. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: Public Defender

Ron Lehman made a motion to accept the new full-time public defender position, the office administrator position, and the paralegal position at base rates. The motion also included removing the (2) public defender contracts from the budget for 2024. Bryan Woodall seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: Assessor

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve the new full time second deputy position at a base rate of \$35,889.00 and removing the part-time B position from the budget for 2024. Karen Abrams seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Randall Brown voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted nay. Karen Abrams voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted nay. Motion passed 4-2.

Re: 2023 Wage Increases

Karen Abrams made a motion to approve a 4% wage increase for most county employees. Randall Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: Highway Department Increases

Karen Abrams made a motion to approve a 10% wage increase for all Highway Department Employees in 2024. Brent Murray seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Randall Brown voted nay. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted nay. Motion passed 4-2.

Re: Auditor

Ron Lehman made a motion to add a 2% raise to the Chief Deputy Auditor to make the position's salary for 2024 at 74% of the Auditor's salary. Karen Abrams seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-1. Brent Murray abstained.

Re: Sheriff

Ron Lehman made a motion to add an 11% raise to the Chief Deputy and the Merit Deputies. Bryan Woodall seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: Surveyor

Ron Lehman made a motion to increase the Surveyor part-time from \$12.00 an hour to \$13.00 an hour. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: Assessor

Karen Abrams made a motion to add an additional 1% raise to the Chief Deputy Assessor to make the position's salary for 2024 at 74% of the Assessor's salary. Randall Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: Prosecutor

Ron Lehman made a motion to add an additional 11% raise to the Investigator's salary to match the investigators at the Sheriff's Department. Randall Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: Drainage Board

Randall Brown made a motion to add an additional 6% to the Drainage Board members. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: County Attorney

Randall Brown made a motion to add an additional 4% raise to the County Attorney's salary for 2024. Karen Abrams seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: Soil and Water

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve the extra hire at \$15.00 an hour. Bryan Woodall seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: Sheriff County Correction

Randall made a motion to add an additional 11% raise to the Merit Deputy position. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: LIT Public Safety

Randall Brown made a motion for an additional 11% raise to the Merit Deputies, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Sergeants, and Matron. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Randall Brown made a motion for an additional 8% raise to the Kitchen Manager. Bryan Woodall seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: Statewide 911

Ron Lehman made a motion to add an additional 11% to the E-911 Coordinator. Brent Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: Casa

Randall made a motion to approve the Casa secretary as presented. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: Health Department

Karen Abrams made a motion to accept budgets as presented for Funds 1159, 1161, 8120 and 8125 for the Greene County Health Department. Bryan Woodall seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Randall Brown voted aye. Ron Lehman voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Kelly Zimmerly voted aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Re: Treasurer

Ron Lehman made a motion to approve the part time salary as presented. Randall Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Brent Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Lehman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Jerry R. Frye

Ronald Lehman

Kelly Zimmerly

Brent Murray

Karen Abrams

Bryan Woodall

Randall Brown

Attest:

Heather Perry, Auditor