

Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission
Joint Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
April 27, 2009

The Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission Budget and Finance Committee met jointly on Monday, April 27, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse in the upstairs courtroom jury/attorney room.

Members Present: Mark Beeler, Tim Roberson, Wayne Brown, Carol Pruitt, Johnny Kerr, James McDonald, Robert Thurman and Richard Johnson

Others Present: Freddie Banks, Ray Russell, Rita Crowder, Jerry Clift, Liz Ferrell and Peggy Fisher

Tim Roberson, Chairman of the Budget Committee called the meeting to order and turned the floor over to Ray Russell, Sheriff.

Ray informed the Committee that the county needs to purchase land in Trousdale County for the new Homeland Security Radio Tower installation. He has advertised for land and received only one bid, this being from Morris Cothron for one acre at a cost of \$10,000.00.

Tim Roberson felt that this might be a conflict of interest purchasing the land from Mr. Cothron due to the fact that he is Wayland Cothron, Chief Deputy's father.

Mark Beeler felt we should have this piece of property appraised to see if this amount was at fair market price. Mark also felt that if we purchased this property the price should be prorated should the tract be less or more than one acre. The sale should also be contingent on the required Environmental Survey findings.

Motion by Tim Roberson seconded by Robert Thurman for Ray Russell to have a property appraisal done on the proposed property with at least 3 comparables. Ray is to report back to the County Commission with the appraisal in May.

Carried

Wayne Brown requested that Trousdale County discontinue issuing the wheel tax sticker decal that is given when renewing vehicle registration, this would save the county about \$3000.00 per year. Trousdale County residents will not be able to purchase auto tags without paying the county wheel tax fee that is included in the total registration renewal fee.

Johnny Kerr inquired if other counties were doing away with the sticker; Rita Crowder advised that Sumner County has done so.

Motion by Mark Beeler seconded by Johnny Kerr that Hartsville/Trousdale County no longer require the County Clerk to issue the wheel tax decal after the supply is exhausted or after January 1, 2010.

Carried

A Resolution will be drafted and presented to County Commission in May to stop using the wheel tax decal after January 1, 2010. Section 7 of Hartsville/Trousdale County Resolution #01-15 will not apply if this Resolution is adopted.

Johnny Kerr requested that Woody Badger, Parks Supervisor get cost for repaving the walking track at the Park. Woody had mentioned there is a new paving mixture that is softer, but questioned if it would hold up if vehicles drive on it while doing repairs at the Park. Woody Badger is requested to have this cost before the next meeting. It was also questioned what type of grading work is being done in the Park near the Playground. After checking with Woody he advised he is attempting to stop drainage to the playground.

Tim asked the Committee for their recommendations for the upcoming 2009-2010 Budget. All members felt we should not have any cost of living salary increases or increases in department budget spending. All departments are encouraged to continue keep their spending to the bare bones of operating their department efficiently for the remainder of this budget year.

Motion by Carol Pruitt seconded by Richard Johnson to recommend to Elected Officials and Supervisors to keep their budget requests the same amount as their 2008-2009 budgets. No salary increases for employees will be added this budget year. If a department has a needed line item increase they should find the funds in another line item with-in their department.

Carried

Motion by Tim Roberson to adjourn.