
SPECIAL CALLED BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 24, 2025

Members Present:

Shain Vowell, Commissioner-Chairman
Denise Palmer, Commissioner-Vice-Chair
Anthony Allen, Commissioner
Bob Smallridge, Commissioner
Sabra Beauchamp, Commissioner
Shelly Vandagriff, Commissioner
Tyler Mayes, Commissioner

Meeting Facilitator: Robby Holbrook, Finance Director

Members Absent: Jerry White, Commissioner

Committee Chair Shain Vowell called the meeting to order.

1. Appearance of Citizens

No citizens appeared.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by **Commissioner Denise Palmer**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, to approve the agenda as presented. *Motion passed.*

3. Executive Session with Law Director regarding Zayo Education Networks' bid protest award of the E-rate bid award to United Data Technologies (UDT) presented during the April 10, 2025, regular monthly meeting.

Motion by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, seconded by **Commissioner Shelly Vandagriff**, to go into executive session with the Law Director. *Motion passed.*
Executive Session convened at 4:05 p.m.

Motion by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, to end the executive session. *Motion passed.*
Executive Session adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Motion by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, seconded by **Commissioner Tyler Mayes**, to uphold the bid award to United Data Technologies (UDT). *Motion passed.*

4. FY 25/26 Budgets/Statements of Proposed Budgets

Finance Director Robby Holbrook presented an overview of the Proposed FY2026 Budget for information only. *No Action taken.*

5. Budget Hearings

a. Law Director

Law Director Jaimie Brooks presented his proposed FY2026 budget for approval.

Motion by **Commissioner Tyler Mayes**, seconded by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval with the stipulation that the proposed budget be placed on the May Legal Services Committee agenda for discussion and input.

b. Board of Education

Director of Schools Dr. Tim Parrott presented his proposed FY2026 budget for review and discussion. *No Action taken.*

c. EMS

EMS Director Nathan Sweet presented three FY2026 budget scenarios for review and discussion. *No Action taken.*

d. Property Assessor

Assessor of Property Johnny Alley presented his proposed FY2026 budget for review and discussion. Motion by **Commissioner Tyler Mayes**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with the stipulation of a “no increase budget” with \$416,153 in salary code 101-52300-106 –Deputies and \$0 in 101-52300-169 –Part-time. *Motion passed.*

Commissioner Tyler Mayes left the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

e. Veteran’s Services

Veteran’s Services Officer Scott Nation presented his proposed FY2026 budget for review and discussion. *No Action taken.*

f. Sheriff’s Department

Sheriff Russell Barker presented information regarding his proposed FY2026 budget. *No Action taken.*

g. Mayor

1. **Mayor Terry Frank** presented a request for approval of an increase in the Animal Control hold fee/redemption fee to \$35.00 (increase from \$20) and \$10.00 each subsequent day.

Motion by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

Commissioner Bob Smallridge left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

2. **Mayor Terry Frank** presented a suggestion to increase the annual contribution to the Volunteer Fire Departments and the Rescue Squad to either \$45,000 or \$50,000 each. *No Action taken.*
3. **Mayor Terry Frank** presented the idea of funding a County Fire Marshal/Fire Coordinator as recommended in the Mission CIT Fire Study. *No Action taken.*
4. **Mayor Terry Frank** expressed her support for funding a 5% salary increase for Fleet Services staff; an 11% salary increase for our most senior Animal Control officer and an increase from \$15.58/hr. to \$18.00/hr. for another staff member, and an increase from \$15.00/hr. to \$17.00/hr. for a third staff member. *No Action taken.*
5. **Mayor Terry Frank** requested funding in the amount of \$13,500 for a part-time employee for the Archives suggested that the position could be funded by the Archive fees that are collected each year. *No Action taken.*

7. **SECTION F, New Business**

None.

8. **SECTION G, Unfinished Business**

None.

Meeting Adjourned.

Robby Holbrook, Finance Director