
BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

JUNE 16, 2026

Members Present:

Shain Vowell, Commissioner-Chairman
Denise Palmer, Commissioner-Vice-Chair
Chad McNabb, Commissioner
Bob Smallridge, Commissioner
Anthony Allen, Commissioner
Shelly Vandagriff, Commissioner
Jerry White, Commissioner

Members Absent:

Meeting Facilitator:

Robby Holbrook, Finance Director

Committee Chair Shain Vowell called the meeting to order.

1. Appearance of Citizens

Andy Wallace spoke to the committee about refunding Anderson County \$28,400 for the First Quality Drive project.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, seconded by **Commissioner Chad McNabb**, to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of six New Business Budget Amendments under Section D. *Motion Passed*

3. Consent Agenda

TRANSFERS (Approved through Consent Agenda)

THE 1st ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Joe Mead, EMA, that the following **TRANSFER** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Increase Expenditure Code:

101-54410-708	Emergency Management – Communication Equipment	\$900.00
101-54410-719	Emergency Management – Office Equipment	\$1,800.00

Decrease Expenditure Code:

101-54410-355	Emergency Management – Travel	\$900.00
101-54410-524	Emergency Management – Staff Development	\$1,800.00

Justification: Transferring funds to purchase a firewall per IT recommendation and upgrade radio equipment for EMA vehicle.

Motion by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, and passed to approve the transfer request.

THE 2nd ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Johnny Alley, Property Assessor, that the following **TRANSFER** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Increase Expenditure Code:

101-52300-399	Property Assessor – Other Contracted Services	\$4,000.00
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Decrease Expenditure Code:

101-52300-317	Property Assessor – Data Processing	\$4,000.00
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Justification: Needed to pay Deckard Technologies Inc.

Motion by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, and passed to approve the transfer request.

4. FY 26.27 Proposed Budget Discussion

Finance Director, Robby Holbrook, presented the budget requests for Anderson County.

Motion by **Commissioner Denise Palmer**, seconded by **Commissioner Jerry White**, to approve a zero-increase budget. *Motion Passed*

Motion by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, to approve 3% pay raises for all general fund employees. Voting No, Commissioner Jerry White, abstaining Commissioner Shain Vowell. *Motion Passed*.

Motion by **Commissioner Jerry White**, seconded by **Commissioner Shelly Vandagriff**, to approve an \$800,000 increase for the Sheriff's department. Motion to amend by **Commissioner Chad McNabb**, seconded by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, to table until later in the meeting. Voting No, Commissioners Bob Smallridge and Anthony Allen. Abstaining Commissioner Shain Vowell. *Amended Motion Passed*.

Motion by **Commissioner Denise Palmer**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, to move 2 pennies of the property tax from the School Fund to the General Fund. **Commissioner Anthony Allen** withdrew his second, **Commissioner Shelly Vandagriff** replaces the second. **Commissioner Denise Palmer** amended the motion to 1 penny, seconded by **Commissioner Vandagriff**. Voting No, Commissioners Chadd McNabb, Shelly Vandagriff, Shain Vowell, Bob Smallridge, Jerry White, and Anthony Allen. *Motion Fails*.

Motion by **Commissioner Denise Palmer**, seconded by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, to cap Highway Fund sales tax revenue that is split with General Fund at \$1,175,000. Voting No, Commissioners Chadd McNabb, Shain Vowell, Bob Smallridge, Jerry White, and Anthony Allen. *Motion Fails.*

Motion by **Commissioner Denise Palmer**, seconded by **Commissioner Chad McNabb**, to cut the soil conservation budget completely. Voting No, Commissioners Jerry White. Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp was not present. *Motion Passed.*

Motion by **Commissioner Jerry White**, seconded by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, to allow the Circuit Court to pay overtime in next fiscal year from unused payroll in the department. Voting No, Commissioners Anthony Allen, Denise Palmer, Shelly Vandagriff, and Sabra Beauchamp. *Motion Fails.*

Motion by **Commissioner Jerry White**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, to untable the motion to approve \$800,000 for the Sheriff's department. Voting No, Commissioners Chadd McNabb, Sabra Beauchamp, Shelly Vandagriff, Denise Palmer, Bob Smallridge. *Motion Fails.*

5. Unfinished Business

None

Meeting Adjourned.

Robby Holbrook, Finance Director