
BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

AUGUST 10, 2026

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Meeting Facilitator:

Robby Holbrook, Finance Director

Committee Chair Shain Vowell called the meeting to order.

1. FY 26/27 Proposed Budget Public Hearing

No public comments.

2. Appearance of Citizens (None)

Aaron Wells Scarboro 85 nonprofit update.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by **Commissioner Denise Palmer**, seconded by **Commissioner Jerry White**, to approve the agenda as presented, removing contracts with legal approval item 4A. *Motion Passed.*

4. Purchasing Contracts with Legal Review

B. Canon, Veterans Services, Contract #27-0005 – Five-year copier contract for \$17.67/month. Previous cost was \$23.50/month.

Motion by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, seconded by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, to approve item 4B. *Motion Passed.*

5. Purchasing Contracts Pending Legal Review

A. Evans-Ailey Construction Company, EMA, Contract #27-0012 – Construction contract for the new EOC Facility. Budget approved project in July 2026.

B. Canon, Law Director, Contract #27-0014 – Five-year copier contract for \$55.21/month. Previous cost was \$57.62/month.

C. Matthew Wilson, EMS, Contract #27-0015 – Agreement to provide an EMS employee with \$895 in tuition assistance for the Anderson County Community Paramedic Course, contingent upon the employee successfully completing the course and remaining employed with the agency for one year after obtaining their Community Paramedic State EMS license.

Motion by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, to approve items 5A, 5B, and 5C pending Law Director approval. *Motion Passed.*

APPROPRIATIONS REQUIRING FULL COMMISSION APPROVAL

THE 1st ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Kim Towe, Special Education Department, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in Fund 141 be approved.

Increase Revenue Code:

141-46515-STSEP	State Special Education Preschool Grant	\$114,227.88
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Increase Expenditure Codes:

141-71200-116-STSEP	Teachers	51,000.00
141-71200-163-STSEP	Educational Assistants	39,272.64
141-71200-201-STSEP	Social Security	5,596.90
141-71200-204-STSEP	State Retirement	7,339.08
141-71200-206-STSEP	Life Insurance	148.68
141-71200-207-STSEP	Medical Insurance	7,400.00
141-71200-210-STSEP	Unemployment Compensation	700.00
141-71200-212-STSEP	Employer Medicare	1,308.95
141-71200-299-STSEP	Other Fringe Benefits	500.00
141-71200-429-STSEP	Instructional Supplies & Materials	<u>961.63</u>
		\$114,227.88

Justification: Fiscal year 2026-2027 – Appropriation for allocated funds of the State Special Education Preschool Grant.

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

THE 2nd ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Marcus Bullock, Fiscal Services, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in Fund 141 be approved.

Decrease Reserve Code:

141-39000	Unassigned	\$27,009.44
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Increase Expenditure Code:

141-72620-335	Maintenance of Plant – Building Repairs	\$27,009.44
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Justification: An insurance claim was made for weather-related damage to the sunshade at Fairview Elementary. A check for the claim was receipted at the end of FY26. The expenditure on repairs will be reflected in FY27.

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

THE 3rd ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Marcus Bullock, Fiscal Services, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in Fund 141 be approved.

Increase Revenue Code:

141-48610	Donations	\$25,000.00
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Increase Expenditure Code:

141-71100-599	Regular Instruction – Other Charges	\$25,000.00
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Justification: Appropriation of a donation from the Morgan Wallen Foundation received by the district for the baseball team at Lake City Middle School.

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

THE 4th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Marcus Bullock, Fiscal Services, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in Fund 141 be approved.

Increase Revenue Code:

141-48610	Donations	\$5,000.00
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Increase Expenditure Code:

141-72130-422	Other Student Support – Food Supplies	\$5,000.00
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Justification: Y-12 gives a grant for Food Truck supplies.

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

THE 5th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Kim Towe, Special Education Department, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in Fund 141 be approved.

Decrease Reserve Code:

141-39000	Unassigned	\$26,994.35
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(Amendment will be from 141-34555-SEFFS, General Funds - Special Education Fees for Services, and a JE will replenish the reserve for 39000)

Increase Expenditure Codes:

141-71200-163-SEFFS	Education Assistants	23,065.28
141-71200-201-SEFFS	Social Security	1,430.05
141-71200-204-SEFFS	State Retirement	1,614.57
141-71200-206-SEFFS	Life Insurance	50.00
141-71200-210-SEFFS	Unemployment Compensation	200.00
141-71200-212-SEFFS	Employer Medicare	334.45
141-71200-299-SEFFS	Other Fringe Benefits	<u>300.00</u>
		\$26,994.35

Justification: Fiscal Year 2026-2027 – To appropriate funds for Special Education fees for services. Funds are for the salary and benefits for one employee childcare assistant at AES.

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

THE 6th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Gary Long, Highway Department, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in Fund 131 be approved.

Increase Expenditure Codes:

131-62000-402	Asphalt Roads	300,000.00
131-62000-399	Other Contracted Services	30,000.00
131-63100-418	Machinery & Equipment Parts	60,000.00
131-63100-336	Maintenance & Repair	30,000.00
131-63100-433	Lubricants	10,000.00
131-61000-320	Due/Memberships/Conferences	<u>2,000.00</u>
		\$432,000.00

Decrease Reserve Code:

131-34550	Restricted for Highways	\$432,000.00
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Justification: To run the highway department with asphalt, oil, machinery repair, equipment parts, dues, and conferences.

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

THE 7th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Joe Mead, EMA, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Increase Revenue Codes:

101-47220-EMPG	EMPG Grant – Emergency Management Performance Grant	32,023.67
101-47235-DHS	Homeland Security Grant	<u>25,425.00</u>
		\$57,448.67

Increase Expenditure Codes:

101-54410-499-EMPG	Emergency Management – Other Supplies & Materials	32,023.68
101-54410-499-DHS	Emergency Management – Other Supplies & Materials	<u>25,425.00</u>
		\$57,448.67

Justification: To purchase various hazmat supplies and equipment for emergency response throughout Anderson County.

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

THE 8th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Tim Shelton, Register of Deeds, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Increase Expenditure Code:

101-51600-337	Maintenance	\$20,000.00
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Decrease Reserve Code:

101-39000	Unassigned	\$20,000.00
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(Amendment will be from 101-34510, Data Processing Reserve Fund, and a JE will replenish the reserve for 39000)

Justification: To purchase software maintenance.

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

THE 9th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Rex Lynch, Circuit Court, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Decrease Reserve Code:

101-39000	Unassigned	\$20,000.00
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(Amendment will be from 101-34520-6000, Data Processing Revenue, and a JE will replenish the reserve for 39000)

Increase Expenditure Code:

101-53100-709	Data Processing	\$20,000.00
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Justification: To purchase new data equipment.

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

THE 10th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Zach Allen, Russell Barker, Sheriff's Department, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Increase Revenue Code:

101-43170-DFWRP	Work Release Charge for Board – DFWRP	\$20,000.00
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Increase Expenditure Codes:

101-54210-399-DFWRP	Contracts w/ Private Agencies	10,000.00
101-54210-499-DFWRP	Other Supplies	7,000.00
101-54210-425-DFWRP	Gasoline	<u>3,000.00</u>
		\$20,000.00

Justification: This appropriation is to pay for GPS monitoring, misc. supplies, and gasoline for transporting work release inmates.

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

THE 11th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from the AC Library Board, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in Fund 115 be approved.

Decrease Reserve Code:

115-34535	Restricted Library Board Reserve	\$687.00
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Increase Expenditure Code:

115-56500-499-1000	Briceville Communications Equipment	\$687.00
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Justification: This is to cover the equipment purchase & new job equipment that the County's IT department took care of to transfer Briceville's phone & internet into the County's service. This will eliminate the large AT&T bills that Briceville is experiencing.

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

THE 12th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Robby Holbrook, Finance/Drug Court Opioid Funds, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Increase Revenue Code:

101-49800-DRUG	Transfer In – Drug Court Opioid Funds	\$40,000.00
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Increase Expenditure Codes:

101-53330-189-DRUG	Drug Court – Other Salaries & Wages	30,000.00
101-53330-201-DRUG	Drug Court – Social Security	3,470.00
101-53330-204-DRUG	Drug Court – Retirement	3,010.00
101-53330-212-DRUG	Drug Court – Medicare	810.00
101-53330-206-DRUG	Drug Court – Life Insurance	90.00
101-53330-207-DRUG	Drug Court – Health Insurance	2,368.00
101-53330-208-DRUG	Drug Court – Dental Insurance	204.00
101-53330-299-DRUG	Drug Court – Vision Insurance	48.00
		<u>\$40,000.00</u>

Justification: Opioid Committee award to Drug Court for fiscal year 26/27 funds.

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.

THE 13th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Robby Holbrook, Finance/ ARPB Grant, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Increase Revenue Code:

101-47590-ARPBR	Other Federal Thru State Revenue – Broadband Grant	\$33,170.40
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Increase Expenditure Codes:

101-58190-399-ARPBR	Other Economic & Development – Contracted Services	32,170.40
101-58190-399-ARPBR	Other Economic & Development – Technology Supplies	<u>1,000.00</u>
	ARP Broadband Ready Grant	\$33,170.40

Justification: We are reallocating the remaining funds from the Broadband Accessibility Grant to Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Grant funds must be fully expended by October 26th.

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.

THE 14th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Robby Holbrook, Finance/ FLAP Grant, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in Fund 128 be approved.

Decrease Reserve Code:

128-34535	Tourism – Restricted for Social, Cultural, and Recreational Services	\$221,000.00
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Increase Expenditure Code:

128-99100-590	Transfer to Other Funds	\$221,000.00
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Justification: Matching funds for the additional FLAP Grant were appropriated from the Tourism Development Funds as previously approved by Commission during its May 2025 meeting. See attached minutes.

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.

THE 15th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Robby Holbrook, Finance/ FLAP Grant, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in Fund 171 be approved.

Increase Revenue Code:

171-49800-FLAP1	Capital Projects – Transfers In- FLAP Grant	\$221,000.00
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Increase Expenditure Code:

171-91150-799-FLAP1	Capital Projects – Other Capital Outlay	\$221,000.00
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Justification: Matching funds for the additional FLAP Grant from the Tourism Development Funds as approved in the May 2025 Commission meeting.

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.

THE 16th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Robby Holbrook, Finance/ FLAP Grant, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in Fund 171 be approved.

Increase Revenue Code:

171-47790-FLAP1	Other Direct Federal Revenue – FLAP Grant	\$908,000.00
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Increase Expenditure Code:

171-91150-799-FLAP1	Capital Projects – Other Capital Outlay – FLAP Grant	\$908,000.00
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Justification: Allocation of additional FLAP Grant funds for the Gibbs Ferry project as approved in the May 2025 Commission meeting. See attached minutes.

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.

THE 17th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Robby Holbrook, Finance/TVA Funds, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Decrease Reserve Codes:

101-39000	Unassigned	250,000.00
101-39000	Unassigned	<u>50,000.00</u>
		\$300,000.00

(Amendment will be from 101-34535-TVACP, Restricted for Social, Cultural, Recreation – TVA Contribution for Claxton Park, and a JE will replenish the reserve for 39000)

(Amendment will be from 101-34535-TVALB, Restricted for Social, Cultural, Recreation – TVA Contribution for Lost Bottom, and a JE will replenish the reserve for 39000)

Increase Expenditure Codes:

101-56700-799-TVACP	Parks & Fair Boards – Other Capital Outlay	250,000.00
	TVA Contribution for Claxton Park	
101-56700-799-TVALB	Parks & Fair Boards – Other Capital Outlay	<u>50,000.00</u>
	TVA Contribution for Lost Bottom	\$300,000.00

Justification: Allocating restricted TVA contribution funds for expenses related to the development of the new Claxton Park & Lost Bottom Park.

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.

THE 18th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Mayor Frank, Tourism, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in Fund 128 be approved.

Decrease Reserve Code:

128-34535	Restricted for Social, Cultural, and Recreational Services	\$13,000.00
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Increase Expenditure Code:

128-58110-399-NRHP	Tourism – Other Contracted Services	\$13,000.00
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Justification: In November 2025, Anderson County Courthouse was listed as eligible under Criterion C on the National Register. We were listed as likely eligible under Criterion A. This request is to fund the necessary work required for the application for designation of the Courthouse to the National Registry of Historic Places. Please note, listing on the NRHP is not regulatory. If the courthouse is listed, neither the federal nor the state government will dictate what the county can do to the building. Being listed on the NRHP makes the property eligible for various grant opportunities, including those that fund capital projects. Typically, grants for capital projects regarding NRHP-listed buildings will come with regulations, such as preservation covenants, the duration of which depends on the grant program and/or funding amount. Flyer attached. With the help of ETDD, I secured 4 informal estimates with a high of \$30,000 and a low of \$12,000. This request is for funding not to exceed \$13,000.

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

THE 19th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Mayor Frank, Tourism, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in Fund 128 be approved.

Decrease Reserve Code:

128-34535	Restricted for Social, Cultural, and Recreational Services	\$400,000.00
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Increase Reserve Code:

128-34535-PARKS	Restricted for County Parks Capital Improvements	\$400,000.00
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Justification: Moving Restricted funds to Restricted funds for County Parks Capital Improvement.

SECTION A, Retention Payments

Mayor Terry Frank proposed providing retention payments to eligible county employees. The proposed payment is \$2,000 for eligible employees, excluding employees of the Sheriff's Department. Permanent part-time employees would receive a \$750 retention payment. The proposed payments would be funded from the undesignated fund balance. Eligibility requirements include having been employed for at least one year as of August 17, 2026.

Motion by **Commissioner Jerry White**, seconded by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, to approve Retention payments. *Motion Passed.*

SECTION B, Grant Approvals

Finance Director, Robby Holbrook, presented a grant application from EMA for a backup generator for IT infrastructure. \$80,000 grant with no match.

Motion by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, seconded by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, to approve the grant application. *Motion Passed.*

SECTION C, Detention Facility Roof Project

Finance Director, Robby Holbrook, presented the final payment for the Detention Facility Roof Project seeking approval for payment out of the 171 Fund.

Motion by **Commissioner Chad McNabb**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, to approve payment out of 171 Fund. *Motion Passed.*

SECTION D, ATT Communications Contract/Brian Young

IT Director, Brian Young, presented for information the proposed contract pricing for ATT.

SECTION E, FY 26.27 Budget Tax and Appropriation Resolutions

Finance Director, Robby Holbrook, presented for informational purposes the Tax and Appropriation Resolutions prepared for the 26/27 fiscal year budget.

SECTION F, New Business

None

SECTION G, Unfinished Business

None

Meeting Adjourned.

Robby Holbrook, Finance Director

