

Be It Remembered that the Greene County Council met on August 27, 28, and 29, 2024, in the Commissioners’ Room on the third floor of the Courthouse in order to hold hearings regarding the budgets for 2025.

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Council Vice President Brent Murray at 9:45 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting.

Those present in person were Karen Abrams, Ronald Lehman, Brent Murray, Randall Brown, Jerry Frye, and Bryan Woodall.

Karen Abrams moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to not reset base salaries in 2025. Ronald Lehman abstained. The motion passed 5-0-1.

Karen Abrams moved, and Ronald Lehman seconded, to adopt an increment tier system based on years of service as recommended by the Wage and Salary Committee and follow-up by passing a Resolution. The motion passed 6-0.

Karen Abrams moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to include elected officials in the tier system. The motion passed 6-0

Karen Abrams moved, and Randall Brown seconded, that the tier system will eliminate the current longevity pay system beginning in 2025, however, longevity accrued in 2024 will be paid in 2025. The motion passed 6-0.

Bryan Woodall initiated a discussion on expanding the tier system in increments beyond 20 years or possibly providing additional vacation time. After discussion, Karen Abrams moved, and Ronald Lehman seconded, to continue tier increases starting at the 25th year. The motion passed 6-0.

Karen Abrams moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to first apply any COLA increase or percentages of a raise then add earned tier increments to salaries. The motion passed 6-0.

Karen Abrams moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to implement a 4% raise across the board for 2025. Randall noted he would like delay voting on this matter until the Council has had the opportunity to speak with C.L. Coonrod Representative Ben Roeger and Kelly Zimmerly. Karen Abrams then noted based on Kelly Zimmerly’s conversation with Ben Roeger that there is enough money to implement such a raise. A roll call vote was taken. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Randall Brown voted nay. Ronald Lehman voted aye. Karen Abrams voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. The motion passed 5-1.

Re: Auditor Budget

Karen Abrams moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the budget as presented with the exception of reducing raises from 5% to 4% without an additional parity increase for the Auditor, to include tiers, and to approve addition of longevity by \$200.00. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$294,396.00. Initially approved amount was \$291,467.00.

Re: Auditor Transfer Fees Budget:

Bryan Woodall moved, and Karen Abrams seconded, to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$17,199.00. Initially approved amount was \$17,199.00.

Re: C.L. Coonrod Representative Ben Roeger

Financial Consultant Ben Roeger arrived at 10:37 a.m. having been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. Ben noted that the General Fund is fully funded, and Greene County is financially sound.

Re: Surveyor Budget

Bryan Woodall moved, and Karen Abrams seconded, to approve the budget with a 4% raise. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$44,843.00. Initially approved amount was \$44,549.00.

Re: Drainage Board Budget

Bryan Woodall moved, and Ronald Lehman seconded, to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$11,900.00. Initially approved amount was \$11,900.00.

Re: General Drain Improvement Budget

Karen Abrams moved, and Ronald Lehman seconded, to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$35,650.00. Initially approved was \$35,650.00.

Re: Surveyor's Corner Perpetuation Budget

Bryan Woodall moved, and Ronald Lehman seconded, to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$50,000.00. Initially approved amount was \$50,000.00.

11:04 a.m. Kelly Zimmerly appeared by Zoom

It is noted that Tuesday nor Wednesday's meetings were broadcast due to technical difficulties. Any motion that Kelly Zimmerly voted on for either day does not count and has been reduced by one vote.

Re: Clerk's Budget

Karen Abrams moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the budget as presented with the exception of reducing raises from 5% to 4%, to include tiers, and to approve addition of longevity by \$800.00. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$391,231.00. Initially approved amount was \$388,444.00.

Re: Voter Registration Budget

Ronald Lehman moved, and Karen Abrams seconded, to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$5,100.00. Initially approved amount was \$5,100.00.

Re: Election Board Budget

Ronald Lehman moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$133,580.00. Initially approved amount was \$133,850.00.

Re: Assessor Budget

Karen Abrams moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the budget as presented with the exception of reducing raises from 7% to 4%, to include tiers, and to decrease longevity by \$200. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$157,830.00. The initially approved amount was \$149,801.00.

Re: Reassessment Fund Budget

Bryan Woodall moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to approve the budget as presented with the exception of reducing raises from 7% to 4% and removing the designation bonus. Motion passed 4-1. Bryan Woodall voted aye. Jerry Frye voted aye. Randall Brown voted aye. Brent Murray voted aye. Karen Abrams voted nay. The published amount was \$586,757.00. Initially approved amount was \$581,156.00.

Re: Veterans' Affairs Budget

Brent Murray moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the budget with a 4% raise for the Veteran's Officer and First Deputy positions, to approve the proposed increase of pay for the Driver position, to include tier, to remove \$200.00 from longevity, and to remove \$2,100.00 from memorial flags. Motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$158,613.00. Initially approved amount was \$158,606.00.

Re: Convention, Visitor & Tourism Budget

Randall Brown moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the budget as presented. Motion passed 5-0. The published amount was \$120,000.00. Initially approved amount was \$120,000.00.

Re: Recorder Budget

Ronald Lehman moved, and Karen Abrams seconded, to approve the budget as presented with the exception of reducing raises from 7% to 4% and to include tiers. A part-time position was also approved at the rate of \$16.50 per hour. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$113,548.00. Initially approved amount was \$111,030.00.

Re: Recorder Perpetuation Budget

Ronald Lehman moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the budget as presented with the exception of reducing raises from 7% to 4% and to include tiers. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$91,399.00. Initially approved amount was \$89,563.00.

Re: Enhanced Access Fund Budget

Bryan Woodall moved, and Ronald Lehman seconded, to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$46,410.00. Initially approved amount was \$46,410.00.

Re: County Identification Security Budget

Ronald Lehman moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$5,500.00. Initially approved amount was \$5,500.00

Re: County Elected Officials Training Budget

Ronald Lehman moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$4,000.00. Initially approved amount was \$4,000.00.

Re: Treasurer Budget

Ronald Lehman moved, and Karen Abrams seconded, to approve the budget as presented with the exception of reducing raises from 5% to 4% and to include tiers. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$195,963.00. Initially approved amount was \$194,362.00.

Re: Short Break for lunch – resumed meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Jerry Frye was a couple of minutes late returning from break.

Re: County Extension Services Budget

Ronald Lehman moved, and Karen Abrams seconded, to approve the budget as presented with the exception of reducing raises to 4% and to include tiers. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$268,855.00. Initially approved amount was \$267,905.00.

Re: Community Event Center Budget

Randall Brown moved, and Ronald Lehman seconded, to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$63,530.00. Initially approved amount was \$63,530.00.

Re: Superior Court Budget

Karen Abrams moved, and Ron Lehman seconded, to approve the budget as presented with the exception of reducing raises to 4% and to include tiers. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$320,361.00. Initially approved amount was \$316,078.00.

Re: Drug & Alcohol – Co. General Budget

Bryan Woodall moved, and Karen Abrams seconded, to approve the budget as presented with the exception of reducing raises to 4% and to include tiers. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$47,600.00. Initially approved amount was \$46,630.00.

Re: Greene County Drug & Alcohol Budget

Karen Abrams moved, and Ronald Lehman seconded, to approve the budget as presented with the exception of reducing raises to 4% and to include tiers. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$88,920.00. Initially approved amount was \$87,306.00.

Re: County Drug-Free Comm.-Superior Budget

Ronald Lehman moved, and Karen Abrams seconded, to approve the budget as presented. Motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$35,000.00. Initially approved amount was \$35,000.00.

Re: IOCS Grant Budget

Brent Murray moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to table this budget to get more information. The motion passed 5-0.

Re: Opioid Restricted Funds Budget

Ronald Lehman moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the budget as presented. Motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$98,674.00. Initially approved amount was \$98,674.00.

Re: Opioid Unrestricted Funds Budget

Brent Murray moved, and Jerry Frye seconded, to approve the budget as presented. Motion passed 5-0. The published amount was \$62,760.00. Initially approved amount was \$62,760.00.

Re: Weights & Measures Budget

Bryan Woodall moved, and Karen Abrams seconded, to approve the budget as presented with the exception of raises reduced to 4%. Motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$27,237.00. Initially approved amount was \$27,054.00.

Re: Circuit Court Budget

Ronald Lehman moved, and Karen Abrams seconded, to approve the budget as presented with the exception of raises reduced to 4% from 6% and include the tiers. Motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$227,192.00. Initially approved amount was \$223,400.00.

Re: CASA Budget

Karen Abrams moved, and Ronald Lehman seconded, to approve the budget as presented with the exception of raises reduced to 4% and include the tiers. Motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$115,725.00. Initially approved amount was \$115,179.00.

Re: GAL/CASA Capacity Grant Budget

Randall Brown moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to approve the budget as presented. Motion passed 5-0. The published amount was \$3,500.00. Initially approved amount was \$3,500.00.

Re: GAL/CASA Matching Grant Budget

Bryan Woodall moved, and Ronald Lehman seconded, to approve the budget as presented. Motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$30,000.00. Initially approved amount was \$30,000.00.


Re: Magistrate Court Budget
Ronald Lehman moved, and Randall Brown seconded, to approve the budget as presented reducing raises from 6% to 4%. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$100,836.00. Initially approved amount was \$99,172.00.

Re: Soil & Water Budget
Karen Abrams moved, and Ronald Lehman seconded, to approve the budget as presented reducing the raise from 5% to 4%. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$70,292.00. Initially approved amount was \$69,864.00.

Re: IOCS Grant Budget
Ronald Lehman moved, and Karen Abrams seconded, to approve the budget as submitted and to entertain an additional appropriation after the first of the year for a 4% raise for the case manager position. The motion passed 6-0. The published amount was \$55,218.00. Initially approved amount was \$55,218.00.

Re: Cemetery Commission Fund Budget
Ronald Lehman moved, and Karen Abrams seconded, to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

As all scheduled budgets were presented this day, Ronald Lehman moved, and Bryan Woodall seconded, to recess until 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 28, 2024.



Jerry R. Frye

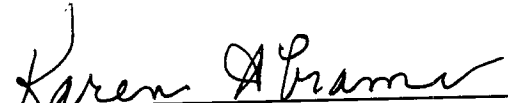
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Ronald Lehman

Kelly Zimmerly



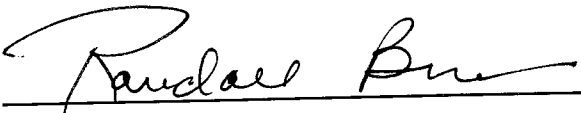
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Attest:



Heather Perry, Auditor