

Budget Committee Meeting  
 05-15-2026 1p.m.  
 Richard Hill Committee Room

Members Present: Chairwoman Debbie Bradshaw Hart, James Cobb, Terry McCreight, Kim Peckenpaugh, Dob Johnson, Mayor David Quick

Others Present: Amy Perkins, Cari Jones, Erica Hogeland, Danny Fowlkes, Glen Tilghman, Amy McDonald, Cheryl Mathis, Wendy Smith, Walter Wilkerson, William Simmons

Chairwoman Bradshaw Hart opened the meeting and entertained a motion to approve the minutes from 5-12-2026. Commissioner Peckenpaugh made a motion. Commissioner Cobb seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Next, Amy Hutcherson, Executive Director and Ashley Hopper, Sexual Response Director with WRAP spoke to committee about the services WRAP provides locally in the community. They are a domestic violence victims survivor organization.

Next, Sheriff Box presented his budget to the committee. The budget included pay increases for the Department employees. He provided a handout with pay comparison to the Sheriff Department in Obion County. Sheriff Box also advised the Budget Committee that he has asked the Finance Committee to un-table the TCRS proposal and pass it to the budget committee.

<b>54000 – Public Safety</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>54100 – Sheriff’s Department</b>		
	\$4,026,410	\$40,877
101 - County Official	\$114,730	\$2,961

103	Assistant (1) Chief Deputy	64,658	66,165		66,165	50,131	66,869	66,869	704
106	Deputy(ies)(13 Employees)	642,502	746,325		746,325	503,753	677,427	799,255	52,930
108	Investigator(s)(5 Inv + 1 arson Inv)	297,065	357,716		357,716	230,822	307,864	390,845	33,129
110	Lieutenants (1)	61,026	110,880		110,880	47,378	74,630	69,599	(41,281)
115	Sergeants (4)	226,394	224,415		224,415	169,635	215,429	255,844	31,429
119	Accountants/Bookkeepers(2 Emp.)	96,983	94,080		94,080	76,463	102,031	99,186	5,106
140	Salary Supplements (State Reimb Grant-Rev #46)	51,200	26,400	9,400	35,800	34,200	42,700	28,000	1,600
148	Dispatchers/Radio Operators(13 Emp.)	521,417	560,000		560,000	409,651	550,000	627,560	67,560
170	School Resource Officers	551,670	556,895		556,895	434,752	585,000	556,895	-
189	Other Salaries & Wages(Overtime)	215,113	72,760	12,000	84,760	112,984	135,000	45,000	(27,760)
189.1	Dispatchers Overtime	0	0	11,035	11,035	39,484	60,000	7,500	7,500
511	Vehicle and Equipment Insurance	45,129	45,000		45,000	61,734		62,000	17,000
524	Inservice Training Staff Development	10,389	25,000	(7,500)	17,500	9,934		25,000	-
716	Capital Outlay Law Enforcement Equipment	36,730	-		-	-		-	
718	Motor Vehicles	550,039	110,000		110,000	144,186		0	(110,000)

In discussion, Commissioner Johnson suggested reviewing the budget without the increases in salaries and adding the vehicle line-item back in. Commissioner McCreight state that even thought he couldn't vote on the budget, he asked the committee to consider leaving the wage line item and not strip it.

Commissioner Cobb made a motion to approve this budget. Commissioner Peckenpaugh seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: James Cobb, yes- Kim Peckenpaugh, yes – Dob Johnson, No, Debbie Bradshaw Hart, Yes- Terry McCreight, abstained from voting, Mayor David Quick, no. Motion passed.

	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>54210 – Jail</b>	\$3,375,358	\$81,288

Deputies \$26744, Lieutenant \$5,000, Sergeant \$3,000, Accountants/Bookkeepers \$5,000, Medical Personnel LPN \$5,000, Salary Supplements \$1,600, Attendants \$6,160, Cafeteria Personnel \$10,984, Maintenance \$43,064, Other salaries/wages (\$20,000), Medical/Dental Services \$10,000, Food supplies \$10,000, Building/Contents \$5,000, Liability Insurance \$5,000, In Service Staff Dev \$1,500, Capital Outlay Fixtures (\$4,000), Capital Outlay Law Enforcement Equipment (\$9,585)

The sheriff noted the increase in salary line items due to comparison to Obion County. His goal is to get the pay scale up to retain employees.

Commissioner Peckenpaugh made a motion to approve this budget. Commissioner Cobb seconded. Roll call vote was as follows: James Cobb, yes- Kim Peckenpaugh, yes – Dob Johnson, No, Debbie Bradshaw Hart, Yes- Terry McCreight, abstained from voting, Mayor David Quick, No. Motion passed.

<b>54220 – Jail Annex</b>	\$589,808	(\$2,006)
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Assistants \$4,858, Attendants \$17,000, Food Supplies \$2,000, Gasoline \$1,500, Motor vehicle (\$27,364)

The Sheriff explained that he removed the vehicle line item due to having a new van paid for by a mental health grant.

Commissioner Cobb made a motion to approve this budget. Commissioner Peckenpaugh seconded Motion passed. Commissioner McCreight abstained from voting. The remaining committee members were in favor. Motion passed.

**54230 – Pre-Trial Grant Program** \$68,222 (\$2,000)

~~This is a fully funded grant. No cost to the county.~~ While the department is under a plan of action, they are required to have a pre-trial program.

Commissioner Cobb made a motion to approve this budget. Commissioner Peckenpaugh seconded Motion passed.

**54240 – Evidence Based Programming Grant** \$217,124  
((\$565,756))

This is Federal thru the state grant fund. No county match.

Commissioner Peckenpaugh made a motion to approve. Commissioner Cobb seconded. Motion passed.

**54250 – Jag Re-Entry** \$199,738 (\$7,530)

This is Federal thru the state grant fund. No county match.

Commissioner Peckenpaugh made a motion to approve. Commissioner Cobb seconded. Motion passed.

**55720 – Sanitation Education/Information** \$125,477 \$2,837  
Guard \$2,837

Commissioner Cobb made a motion to approve this budget. Commissioner Peckenpaugh seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **Drug Fund #122**

This fund comes from seizures and fines collected by the court. It does not come out of the General fund. Upon Commission approval, those funds can be moved. Excess of estimated revenues/other sources over (under) estimated expenditures/other uses is \$65,500.

Commissioner Peckenpaugh made a motion to approve. Commissioner Cobb seconded. Motion passed

The estimated Fund Balance on July one will be \$40,000. Commissioner Cobb made a motion to approve. Commissioner Peckenpaugh seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Commissioner Johnson asked the sheriff if he compared the entire budget to Obion County or just the salary. The sheriff answered that he compared the entire budget.

After the sheriff presented his budget, the committee discussed county health insurance. In the Insurance Committee Meeting held the day prior, the committee approved that the county increases the coverage amount paid by the county to 82% in the amount of \$73,951.

Commissioner Peckenpaugh made a motion to approve. Commissioner McCreight seconded. Motion passed.

In discussion in the community support budget, the committee agreed to give the \$6,100 to Dyer County Rescue squad in addition to the \$5,320, \$1,250 to Carl Perkins, \$3,500 to McIver Grant Library, \$2,000 to Newbern Library, \$1250 to Trimble Library.

Next, the committee began the process of voting on each section of the budget as follows:

**51100 - County Commission** -Commissioner McCreight made a motion to approve, Commissioner Peckenpaugh seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**51300 – County Mayor** – Commissioner McCreight made a motion to approve. Commissioner Cobb seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**51400 – County Attorney** – Commissioner Peckenpaugh made a motion to approve. Commissioner Johnson seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**51500 – Election Commission** – Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the budget. Commissioner McCreight seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**51600 – Register of Deeds** – Commissioner McCreight made a motion to approve. Commissioner Cobb seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**51720 – Planning**

**51240 – Other Boards and Committees** – Commissioner Cobb made a motion to approve. Commissioner McCreight seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**51900 – Other General Admission** – Commissioner McCreight made a motion to approve. Commissioner Johnson seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**51910 – Archives – Preservation of Records** - Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the budget. Commissioner McCreight seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**52100 – Accounting & Budgeting Office** - Commissioner McCreight made a motion to approve. Commissioner Cobb seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**52300 – Property Assessors Office**

**52310 – Reappraisal Program**

**51210 – Board Of Equalization**

Commissioner McCreight made a motion to approve all three budgets under one motion. Commissioner Cobb seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**52400 – County Trustee’s Office**

**56300 – Senior Tax Relief**

**58900 – Miscellaneous**

Commissioner Peckenpaugh made a motion to approve all three budgets under one motion. Commissioner McCreight seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**52500 – County Clerk’s Office –**

Commissioner Johnson inquired if the committee had an understanding of the ask from the County Clerk from 5-13-26 meeting. No one had. Finance Director Amy Perkins said her idea was right. She has an additional \$35,000 in line item 106 and that it could be moved with CLB approval. The numbers be to be looked at and adjusted based on the dollar amount the office takes in. Commissioner McCreight asked to take and recess and call County Clerk Diane Moore. County Clerk Diane Moore asked the budget committee to leave her budget as originally submitted of the \$25,750.

Commissioner Cobb made a motion to approve. Commissioner Peckenpaugh seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**52900 - Other Finance** - Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the budget.

Commissioner Cobb seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**53000 – Administration of Justice**

**53100 – Circuit Court**

Commissioner Peckenpaugh made a motion to approve. Commissioner McCreight seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**53300 – General Session Court** - Commissioner McCreight made a motion to approve.

Commissioner Johnson seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**53330 – Recovery Court** - Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the budget.

Commissioner McCreight seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**53400 – Chancery Court** - Commissioner McCreight made a motion to approve the budget with

the exception of the additional 3% salary line item 106 increase. (\$6,714). Commissioner Peckenpaugh seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**53500 – Juvenile Court** - Commissioner Cobb made a motion to approve the budget.

Commissioner Peckenpaugh seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**53900 Other Administrations of Justice** - Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the budget. Commissioner McCreight seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**54150 – Drug Enforcement** – This budget is funded 100% through designated fees from drug court. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve this budget. Commissioner McCreight seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**54610 - County Coroner/Medical Examiner** - Commissioner Peckenpaugh made a motion to approve. Commissioner McCreight seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**55110 - Local Health Center** - Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve. Commissioner Cobb seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**55130 – Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services.** Commissioner McCreight made a motion to approve. Commissioner Johnson seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**55190 – Other Local Health Services.** Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve. Mayor Quick seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

55310 – Mental Health Court – This budget is 100% reimbursed by the State. This is also a new program initiated in 2026-2027. Commissioner McCreight made a motion to approve. Commissioner Peckenpaugh seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**55510 – General Welfare Assistance (Commodity Foods).** Commissioner Peckenpaugh made a motion to approve. Commissioner Johnson seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**55520 – Aid to Dependent Children (Summer Feeding).** Commissioner McCreight made a motion to approve with the exception of the 3% salary increase (\$3,000). Commissioner Cobb seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**55590 – Aid to Dependent Children (After School Feeding Program)** – Commissioner Cobb made a motion to approve. Commissioner Peckenpaugh seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

**55900 – Other Public Health & Welfare (Opioid Program)** - Commissioner Peckenpaugh made a motion to approve. Commissioner Cobb seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**56300 – Office on Aging** - Commissioner McCreight made a motion to approve. Commissioner Cobb seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**57000 – Agriculture & Natural Resources**

**57100 – Agriculture Extension Office** - Commissioner McCreight made a motion to approve. Commissioner Cobb seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**57500 – Soil Conservation** - Commissioner Peckenpaugh made a motion to approve. Commissioner Cobb seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**57700 – Flood Control** - Commissioner Cobb made a motion to approve. Commissioner Peckenpaugh seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**58120 – Industrial Development** - Commissioner McCreight made a motion to approve. Commissioner Peckenpaugh seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**58300 – Veteran’s Services** - Commissioner Cobb made a motion to approve. Commissioner McCreight seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**58900 – Miscellaneous** – Commissioner Peckenpaugh made a motion to approve. Commissioner McCreight seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Solid Waste/Sanitation Fund #118** – Commissioner McCreight made a motion to approve this fund. Commissioner Johnson seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Community Support –**

55180-316.2 - Glen Tilghman with Carl Perkins spoke about the services they provide. Total request of \$2,500.

54900-316.3 – Rescue Squad (\$6,100) for new boat motor – one time ask. Keep the re-occurring \$5,320.

56900-316.1 – Increase of \$16,228 for a total of \$25,000

The libraries were discussed earlier in the meeting.

TN Department of Forestry - \$2,500

All amounts are reoccurring except the boat motor

All other accounts will stay the same.

Commissioner Cobb made a motion to approve the reoccurring. Commissioner McCreight seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**54900 – Other Public Safety** - Commissioner Peckenpaugh made a motion to approve. Commissioner Cobb seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**55120 – Animal Control** - Commissioner Peckenpaugh made a motion to approve. Commissioner Cobb seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**55180 – Children’s Special Services** - Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve. Commissioner McCreight seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**56500 – Libraries** - Commissioner Peckenpaugh made a motion to approve. Commissioner McCreight seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mclver’s - \$3,500

Newbern - \$2,000

Trimble - \$1,250

**56700 – Parks and Fair Boards** - Commissioner Peckenpaugh made a motion to approve. Commissioner McCreight seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**56900 – Other Social, Cultural, & Recreation** - Commissioner McCreight made a motion to approve this budget. Commissioner Cobb seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**General Debt Service Fund** – Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve. Commissioner McCreight seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**On the Job Injury Fund #266 – This account has no activity.**

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve. Commissioner Cobb seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**54310 - Fire Prevention and Control**

**54430 – Disaster Relief**

Finance Director asked the committee to move the Worker's Comp \$6,000 from line 54310.513 into 51900.513. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve. Commissioner Cobb seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**51800 – County Buildings** – Will decrease 51800.799 by the \$94,871 to allow the ARP funds to go there and will be put back in August. Commissioner McCreight made a motion to approve. Commissioner Peckenpaugh seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Highway Public Works Fund #131** – Commissioner Peckenpaugh made a motion to approve. Commissioner Johnson seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Commissioner Peckenpaugh made a motion to approve the \$47,500 for Health Insurance. That would increase categories of premiums paid by the county to 82%. Commissioner McCreight seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Commissioner Peckenpaugh made a motion to approve the 2% salary increase for employees. Commissioner McCreight seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Commissioner McCreight made a motion to approve the tax levy at 1.76. Commissioner Peckenpaugh seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed.

This will leave a \$3,094 balanced budget.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for June 18, 2026. There is no budget meeting scheduled for May 22 and the CLB will be scheduled for June 29, 2026.

Meeting adjourned.