

Loudon County Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mayor Rollen “Buddy” Bradshaw, Chair
Commissioner Henry Cullen, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bill Satterfield
Commissioner Van Shaver
Commissioner Gary Whitfield
Erin Rice, Budget Director

All Budget Committee members were present.

The following items were considered:

Consideration of approval of minutes of January 20, 2026 meeting:

Commissioner Shaver made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Cullen; **PASSING UNANIMOUSLY** upon the vote.

Consideration of request to appropriate OPIOID Funds (forwarded from previous meeting):

- A. River Valley Health – Suzanne Bailey, Chief Operational Officer

Commissioner Whitfield made a motion to deny the request, seconded by Commissioner Shaver; **PASSING UNANIMOUSLY** upon the vote.

Consideration of request to amend wage lines and give wage increase in Codes Department:

Director Jenkins explained that this amendment would cover an additional Codes Inspector through June 30th and give a position increase to the office administrator to become the office manager. The amendment will move the left-over funds from the open clerical position in Planning (which will not be filled this fiscal year) to cover the aforementioned costs.

Commissioner Shaver made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Satterfield; **PASSING UNANIMOUSLY** upon the vote.

Consideration of request to purchase a vehicle from Storm Water Reserve:

Commissioner Shaver made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield; **PASSING UNANIMOUSLY** upon the vote.

Consideration of request from FIRE Safety reserve to update 911 console system:

Don Lee presented the information to explain the need for this updated system. The request was for \$502,500 [\$200,000 from Fire reserve and additional \$302,500]. The Budget Committee discussed this request extensively and the need for these costs to be shared with the cities and the possibility of this item to be brought during the budget cycle for FY 2027.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

Distribution of Sheriff/Jail overtime report:

NO ACTION REQUIRED.

Consideration of pre-paying \$2.6M Capital Outlay Note Series 2022:

Ms. Rice explained that the fund balance is sufficient to cover this pre-payment and it would save approximately \$300,000 in interest.

Commissioner Cullen made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Shaver; ***PASSING UNANIMOUSLY*** upon the vote.

Discussion of FY 2027 Budget Prep meeting dates:

Ms. Rice asked the committee if they would be in agreement with setting a similar schedule as in previous years. This schedule would include meetings on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday beginning at 10:00am. This schedule would begin on March 30th. The Committee was in agreement with this same schedule.

NO ACTION REQUIRED.

Consideration of approval for line adjustments and/or amendments in multiple funds:

A. County General Fund 101

Amendments include:

- >Pg. 8-Sr. Center revenue contributions; expensed at 56300 (pg. 53)
- >Pg. 9-Sr. Center revenue adj for DDA25 grant; expensed at 56300 (pg. 53)
- >Pg. 22-Codes – amendment from Storm Water Reserve to purchase vehicle
- >Pg. 24-25-Maintenance – line adj
- >Pg. 35-General Sessions – line adj
- >Pg. 37-Chancery Court – line adj
- >pg. 38-Juvenile – line adj to cover last billing for juvenile housed in Blount County facility
- >Pg. 50-51-Animal Shelter – line adj
- >pg. 52-53-Sr. Center – line adj; contributions expense; adj for DDA25 grant
- >pg.55-Flood Control – amend from Storm Water Reserve

Overall, these amendments/line adjustments will reduce the fund balance by \$42,850

Commissioner Shaver made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield; ***PASSING UNANIMOUSLY*** upon the vote.

B. Courthouse/Jail Maintenance Fund 112

Amendments include:

>Pg. 1 – amend to add Trustee’s Commission

Overall, these amendments/line adjustments will reduce the fund balance by \$2,000

Commissioner Whitfield made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Satterfield; **PASSING UNANIMOUSLY** upon the vote.

C. Special Revenue (Federal Drug) Fund 128

Amendments include:

>Pg. 2 – amend to remove supplies budget and add equipment budget

Overall, these amendments/line adjustments will reduce the fund balance by \$3,693

Commissioner Shaver made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Cullen; **PASSING UNANIMOUSLY** upon the vote.

D. Highway Fund 131

Amendments include:

>Pg. 4 – Adj revenue to recognize some insurance recovery

>Pg. 5 – amend to reduce office supplies (\$1,000) & office equipment (\$1,000)

>Pg. 6 – amend: reduce rentals (\$222); increase other cont’d svc (\$11,022); reduce asphalt cold mix (\$3,000); reduce pipe (\$3,800)

>Pg. 7 – amend: increase light equip parts (\$7,800); increase lubricants (\$1,100); reduce tires (\$100)

>Pg. 8 – amend: reduce other cont’d svc (\$2,000); increase custodial supplies (\$222); increase garage supplies (\$2,000); reduce uniforms (\$1,700); increase other chgs (\$1,700)

Overall, these amendments/line adjustments will have no bearing on the fund balance

Commissioner Shaver made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Satterfield; **PASSING UNANIMOUSLY** upon the vote.

E. General Purpose School Fund 141

Amendments are to recognize additional revenues/expenses or to move the budget to the lines needed for current year as approved by BOE.

Overall, these amendments will have no bearing on the fund balance.

Commissioner Shaver made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Satterfield; **PASSING UNANIMOUSLY** upon the vote.

F. Federal School Projects Fund 142

Amendments are to recognize additional revenues/expenses or to move the budget to the lines needed for current year as approved by BOE.

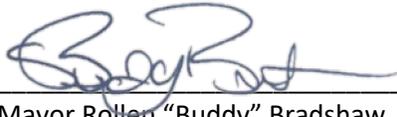
Overall, these amendments/line adjustments will have no bearing on the fund balance

Commissioner Shaver made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Satterfield; **PASSING UNANIMOUSLY** upon the vote.

Recommendations from Capital Projects and/or Purchasing Committee:

No recommendations were presented from the Capital Projects Committee.

All business concluded, Commissioner Shaver made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Whitfield. The motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** upon the vote. Thereupon, Mayor Bradshaw adjourned the meeting.



Mayor Rollen "Buddy" Bradshaw
Budget Committee Chair