

Stevensville Budget Workshop FY2026/2027 Minutes

for MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026, 5:15 PM 206 Buck Street, Town Hall

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Crews called the meeting to order, Councilmembers Bailey, Ross, Wandler and Smith were all present.

Staff: Gina Crowe, Robert Underwood, John Boe, Jeff Motley, Brian Germane.

2. Discussion on the Following Items

a. Town of Stevensville Budget FY 2026/2027

Mayor Crews: introduced discussion on the Budget FY 2026/2027.

Robert Underwood: lets start by going over expenditures budget report. Reviewed the expenditures report with the council. Cash reserve has gone up since we made the changes. Looked at wages, lowered the overtime amounts. Savings from reducing one training for the court. Not much difference from last week, so I am just highlighting what we did change, minimal.

Chief Boe: budget looks fine to me, everything that I asked for.

Chief Motley: maybe short on the repair and maintance line items. I guess if I need more I will come back and ask for it.

Brian Germane: I would agree with what Jeff said, there may be a few things, but it is good.

Chief Motley: I think that we are a little long on the grant funding.

Robert Underwood: okay lets go back to the general fund.

Councilmember Bailey: the new police truck is \$62,000 but we are going to loan \$80,000.

Robert Underwood: initially we were going to take the 1st payment out of the general fund, looking at it now we will suspend that payment to the next year.

Councilmember Bailey: Gina you said that you were looking at some other options for the police truck, nail any options down for that.

Gina Crowe: not yet, I have reached out to him and they are still looking.

Councilmember Bailey: it would be nice to see a lower number coming back.

*continued discussion about the police truck funding.

Councilmember Bailey: town hall annex building, utility services.

Robert Underwood: that is what we budgeted for, and that is what we spent.

Councilmember Bailey: repair and maintenance, budgeted more from last year.

Robert Underwood: we have a few things that have not been taken care of, the water heater is an example.

Gina Crowe: discussed the huge water leak from last year.

Councilmember Bailey: anything that you have planned for this year.

Robert Underwood: door sweeps and men's bathroom floor.

*discussed capital fund in the general fund, computer.

Councilmember Ross: why did the prosecution services going up.

Robert Underwood: they are new, spent more time on getting to know their jobs.

Councilmember Smith: Chief Boe, we talked about street flags, are we going to maintain those still. I did not see that in your budget.

Chief Boe: I am working on getting those replaced.

Councilmember Ross: is the plan to pay for Jenelle's computer out of capital funds.

Robert Underwood: yes.

Councilmember Ross: should we be doing yours as well.

Gina Crowe: Andrena's needs to be replaced as well.

*discussion continued around computers, number needed and funds used. Water and sewer and general fund.

Mayor Crews: chairs, these were purchased in 2014, decent set of chairs is needed. You can look at this at the final budget.

Chief Boe: we took out the \$2,000 for the bench because we are supposed to get one from Hamilton so maybe wait on the chairs to see if we get the bench.

Mayor Crews: I don't think so.

Councilmember Ross: how about leave it in the budget but don't order the chairs until we get the bench to make sure they fit.

Mayor Crews: I don't have a problem with that.

Chief Motley: I see in your notes that you have the physicals back in there with excluded items. Part of the physicals is lab tests; it is in the contract for the next three years.

Mayor Crews: contract?

Chief Motley: you can read the contract.

Gina Crowe: I have not seen a contract.

Chief Motley: there are two different prices depending on age.

Gina Crowe: where is the contract?

Chief Motley: there is a contract that I will bring forward after the money in the budget.

Gina Crowe: I think that we need the contract before. Why would we not do that.

Mayor Crews: we want to see the contract.

Councilmember Ross: would the portion that has exclusions can we reword that.

Robert Underwood: in the past we were paying extras for them.

Gina Crowe: we have paid for many extras in the past.

Jenelle Berthoud: I have worked here for a long time, and I have not seen any other department get physicals at this extent. The police department does not, and public works employees that have their CDL get a \$90.00 DOT physical.

Mayor Crews: and they are working in a hazardous environment.

*discussed different kinds of physicals.

Chief Motley: (provided contract)

Mayor Crews: 10-minute break to make copies of this for all.

BREAK

Mayor Crews: called the meeting back to order. Chief did you send this out for RFQ?

Chief Motley: no, I did not, we do not have any others in town that can do this since Dr. Crews has left. I am sure that they can do this as a year-to-year contract.

Councilmember Smith: is this something that is coming to us?

Mayor Crews: this is just being brought to you to look at no decisions being made.

*discussion took place about the contract and questions about what kind of lab tests were being offered.

Councilmember Bailey: what we are doing today is determining to put \$4,000 into the budget or not.

Councilmember Ross: my understanding is that we are looking at this because there is limitations on what can be spent.

Mayor Crews: okay, you are looking at spending this for three years, I think that we should put out an RFQ for this.

*discussions took place about the contract for physicals.

Mayor Crews: reminded the council that we are not making decisions on the contract.

*concerns about putting the language of the contract in the budget line item.

Discussed what the \$4,000 can be spent on. Discussion about what tests were to be performed and the results that would come back to the chief (test that determine if they are able to perform the job). Final was to leave the wording in the line item about what was covered.

Robert Underwood: went back over changes. Two computers, fix truck line, chairs. Final would be around \$200,000 in the general fund. You can still take things in and out, but it will just be in front of the public.

Mayor Crews: this whole time you have just been discussing the budget not making decisions. Then there is the public hearing for the budget and will also adopt the mills.

Councilmember Bailey: do we also provide the public with a list of what we are going to do with this money? Projects and plans.

Robert Underwood: depends on how you want to do it.

Councilmember Bailey: I was thinking about a bullet list of the things that we are using the money to help the town.

Mayor Crews: we do not have a lot of money for projects.

Councilmember Bailey: I think that there is more hidden in there then you are giving yourself credit for.

Mayor Crews: I want to look at things different for next year, I want to look at a budget request process, what you need and why.

Councilmember Bailey: let's make sure that we look at salaries for recruitment.

Councilmember Wandler: I would like to see public works vehicles spread out.

Stephen Lassiter: we have pretty much one that we could keep around and the one ton.

Mayor Crews: when we get the new trucks we need to take your truck and get it cleaned up so that these ladies can use it.

Councilmember Bailey: meeting tomorrow?

Mayor Crews: nope, lets cancel.

Jenelle Berthoud: reminder, cant touch anything after midnight on the 28th. Meeting will be on the 12th of August.

3. Public Comment

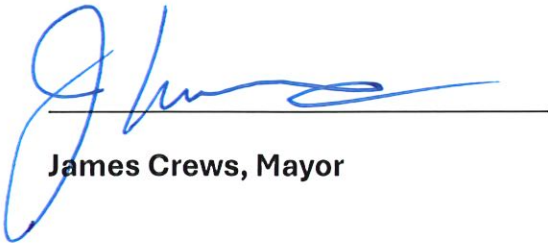
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4. Adjournment

Councilmember Smith: motion to adjourn.

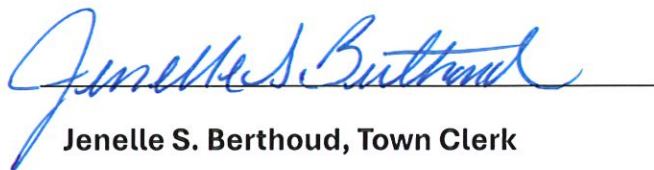
Councilmember Ross: 2nd.

APPROVE:



James Crews, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jenelle S. Berthoud, Town Clerk