

## **Columbia County 4-H and Extension Tax Service District**

### **2024-2025 Budget Committee Meeting**

May 15, 2024, at 1:40 pm

Columbia County Courthouse Commissioner Meeting Room and via Go-To Meeting Virtual Connection

Attending: Budget Committee Members: Commissioner Casey Garrett, Commissioner Margaret Magruder, Commissioner Kellie Jo Smith, Melinda Bernert, and Steve Reed. Also attending were Kym Luth (OSU), Wiley Thompson (OSU), Pam Smith (Columbia County), Lindsay Elder (Columbia County), and Jacyn Normine (Columbia County).

Commissioner Garrett opened the meeting. Budget Committee member Margaret Magruder motioned to approve the 2024-2025 Budget Committee meeting minutes. Steve Reed seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

Steve Reed moved that Commissioner Garrett chair the budget meeting, Melinda as Vice Chair, and Margaret as Secretary. Magruder seconded the motion. Magruder moved to cast a unanimous ballot. The motion passed.

Kym Luth read the 2024-2025 budget message.

Kym asked for any questions following the budget message. Pam Smith gave a briefing of specifics to include a 3% revenue increase, as well as increases to materials, services, and wages to meet budget resources. She discussed a \$25,000 transfer into the building fund to cover expenses such as landscaping and a new roof. Wiley Thompson said there was an increase in some line items to accommodate new faculty and technology necessary updates.

Commissioner Garrett asked for visitor comments or questions. There were none.

Margaret Magruder moved to approve the 2024-2025 Budget for Columbia County 4H and Extension Service District in the amount of \$1,494,268 for the General Fund and \$302,518 for the Building Fund for a total of all Funds of \$1,796,786.00 and approve the tax rate for the General Fund of \$0.0571/1,000 of assessed value. Casey Garrett seconded. NO further discussion. The vote was called and the motion was unanimously approved.

With no further business, Commissioner Garrett adjourned the meeting approximately 1:53pm.

Submitted by Wiley Thompson.

May 6, 2025, Commissioner Margaret Magruder moved to approve the meeting minutes from May 15, 2024, with the corrected spelling of Bernert. Commissioner Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.