Town of Red Cross Town Council

Minutes of Budget Workshop

At Town Hall

Monday, May 5, 2025, at 5:30 PM

Present:

Mayor Lionel Hahn

Council Members: Lisa Lowder, Andrew Smith, Barbara Carpenter, and Millie Steed

Clerk: Shannon Alberta

Invocation was given by Andrew Smith.

Recognition of Guests: 3+

Mayor Lionel Hahn called the workshop into session to discuss the upcoming budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year

Finance Officer Shannon Alberta shared her preliminary work on the upcoming budget. Shannon Alberta shared the revenues for the current year and the past two years. The estimated revenue for 2025-2026 is calculated by multiplying the actual amount realized in June 30th the prior year (23-24) by the collection rate. The county also provided the estimated tax base for the 25/26 fiscal year showing a large increase due to the revaluation. The council went through each line item in the revenues and the expenditures to review. The council asked about a large amount of interest in the 23-24 numbers for the Uwharrie Bank CDs, which Shannon will need to look into further to best answer why such an increase. The maintenance may need to be increased as there are many projects predicted for the 25-26 fiscal year including clean up of bamboo, a fenced line, and overgrown brush around our entire property. There are currently estimated increases in police protection and fire protection, but the town will not know until the county adopts their budget. There was also an increase in waste management due to the expected growth in houses over the next year.

Comments from Council:

Mayor Lionel Hahn commented about the need to possibly increase the budget for maintenance as there is a lot of projects needing to be done.

There were no further comments from citizens

Citizen Billy Steed signed up for comment, asking the council consider lowering the tax rate if they can to help off set the revaluation.

**Motion#1999** wasmade by Lisa Lowder, second by Millie Steed; Vote: 4 Yea, 0 Nay**, to Adjourn the workshop**

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Lionel Hahn - Mayor

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Shannon Alberta – Town Clerk