

**Budget Meeting**  
Town of Cooleemee  
March 4, 2024

Minutes

(open session)

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

The Finance Officer presented the rough draft of the proposed 24/25 budget.

Going over each Dept explaining the Dept lines and how calculations were determined, noting that some could not be fully verified until after April as some Tax calculations require factors as to how much you have collected at that time and the percentage that had been collected. Typically, the Town sees about 95-98% rate collection meaning that percentage of homeowners have paid their taxes in the correct fiscal year.

He also noted some possible changes to the depts and lines to use less space and make items easier to read. He colored the chart to show such proposed changes, noting these changes cannot be made until the 22/23 year is closed out then the 23/24 year is closed out. So, it would be a time-consuming change but make the budget simpler once complete.

Certain areas were discussed regarding where funds could be saved but services could stay in place just to get ideas out there for discussion.

Motion to adjourn Budget Meeting was made by Commissioner Reavis.  
Seconded by Commissioner Ferrell; motion carried (4-0)

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Mayor, Jeff Smith

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Clerk, Steven Corriher