

Ode to Budget Season

In Dallas County—oh what a season!
A numbers—and—notebooks are the reason!
When numbers appear in stacks and in bunches,
And meetings grow longer than three-hour lunches.

The spreadsheets wake up with a clickity-clack,
With columns in front and with totals in back.
“Let’s count it! Let’s plan it! Let’s see what we’ve got!”
For budgets mean thinking... and thinking a lot!

At the helm of the numbers, calm as can be,
Is **Ronica Watkins**, keeper of the key.
She wrangles the figures, she guides every sheet,
Till revenues and spending all carefully meet.

“Add this! Trim that! Check this line twice!”
She balances budgets so tidy and nice.
With charts that go up and with charts that go down,
She keeps every dollar from running around.

Then comes the CFO, thoughtful and keen—
It’s **Dana Foster Allen** a fiscal machine!
She studies the ledgers and forecasts the way,
Making sure Dallas County is steady each day.

And helping it all run smooth as can be,
Is **Darryl Martin**, you see!
He gathers the plans and the people charts.
Till meetings and memos come dear to our hearts..

“Let’s plan it! Let’s cut it lets do it I fear!
A strong Dallas County for the coming year!”

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