

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 – 9:00 a.m. – Conference Room, Weakley County Board of Education

HEED Committee Members Present: Commissioners David Hawks, Donnie Essary, James Roy Pope, Gary Eddings, Dale Overton, Jack Vincent, Larry Hudson, and Bobby Dunlap

HEED Committee Members Absent: None

The Health, Education, and Economic Development Committee met on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Board of Education in Dresden. Also in attendance were County Mayor Jake Bynum, Director of Finance John Liggett, Library Director Candy McAdams, Director of Schools Randy Frazier, and two representatives of the media.

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Hawks called meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Pope made the motion to approve the minutes from the Health, Education, and Economic Development Committee meeting held March 9, 2020, and with a second by Commissioner Eddings, the motion passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

None

IV. New Business

A. Resolutions

1. Resolution No. 2021-04

This resolution adjusts various expenditures in various accounts and lines in the General Purpose School Fund. Director of Schools Frazier was recognized and explained some highlights of the resolution included the hiring of a speech therapist as well as amending the budget related to the Transition School to Work program to add it to the General Purpose Special Education Program. Commissioner Pope made the motion to approve the resolution and recommend it to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee, and with a second by Commissioner Essary, the motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution No. 2021-07

This resolution moves \$450 from the Unassigned General Fund Balance and places those monies into 56500-499 (Library – Other Supplies and Materials) in the General Fund. Library Director McAdams was recognized and stated that the movement of the funds was related to Maintenance of Effort. Commissioner Dunlap made the motion to approve the resolution and recommend it to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee, and with a second by Commissioner Vincent, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution No. 2021-08

This resolution amends the General Purpose School Fund budget as revenues for the fund were underestimated and expected to be collected in excess of the original budgeted revenues. Commissioner Pope made the motion to approve the resolution and recommend it to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee, and with a second by Commissioner Eddings, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Resolution No. 2021-09

This resolution documents the receipt of \$1,500 in grant funds received under the CARES Act for additional expenditures due to the effects of COVID-19 in the Election Commission Budget, and places those funds into an Other Contracted Services expenditure line for related purchases. Director of Finance Liggett relayed that the grant funding would be used to provide video training for election poll workers, and that no local money was included. Commissioner Pope made the motion to approve the resolution and recommend it to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee, and with a second by Commissioner Hudson, the motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion of the Correspondence Regarding Dresden Senior Citizens Trip to New York City

Mayor Bynum was recognized and mentioned that the entire commission was provided with a letter detailing the situation with a Dresden Senior Center scheduled trip to New York City, originally scheduled for March 23-28, 2020, that was cancelled due to COVID-19 and the start of the pandemic. Mayor Bynum went on to explain that the trip was cancelled inside of the 14-day cancellation policy provided by the tour company, Elite Goody Tours, and despite countless reimbursement requests and threatening litigation, the owner of the tour company refused to reimburse the county. He went on to explain that due to a lack of proper documentation measures at the senior center, consultation with the County Attorney found that litigation would be challenging with costs that could exceed the original investment of the trip. Mayor Bynum asked the committee how they would like to proceed and said that the matter would also be considered in front of the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee. Commissioner Vincent made the motion to provide the participants with the option of either rescheduling the trip, or receiving a refund. With a second by Commissioner Hawks, the motion passed unanimously.

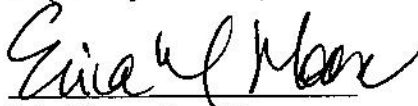
V. Other Business

There was a bit of discussion about courthouse renovations, and a bit of talk about the reimbursement process for the CARES Act monies related to expenses accrued as a result of COVID-19. Conversation continued to include COVID-19 statistics and Mayor Bynum provided a local update.

VI. Adjourn

Having no other business, Commissioner Overton made the motion to adjourn, and with a second by Commissioner Pope, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary

Health, Education, and Economic Development Committee

Approved:



David Hawks, Chairperson

Health, Education, and Economic Development Committee

Date: 11-10-20