

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, AND MEANS COMMITTEE

ORIGINAL

Monday, July 2, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. – Conference Room, Department of Finance

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee Members Present: Commissioners Eric Owen, Dennis Doster, James H. Westbrook, Jr., Roger Donaldson, Earl Wright, Tommy Jones, Greg Usery, and David Hawks

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee Members Absent: Commissioner Larry Taylor

The Weakley County Finance, Ways and Means Committee met on Monday, July 2, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Board of Education and Department of Finance in Dresden. Others present included County Mayor Jake Bynum, Finance Director John Liggett, Circuit Court Clerk Jenny Killebrew, County Clerk Kim Hughey, Clerk and Master Regina VanCleave, Road Supervisor Charles Ross, Ag Extension Agent Jeff Lannom, Dispatch Director Christy Fulcher, Emergency Management Director Dustin Kemp, Sharon Senior Center Director Shirley Chappell, Dresden Senior Center Employee Joyce Kyle, Youth Services Director Keith Jones, Library Director Candy McAdams, Deputy Register of Deeds April Jones, Trustee Marci Floyd, Elections Administrator Alex Britt, Director of Schools Randy Frazier, Sheriff Mike Wilson, and two representatives of the media.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Doster made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2018, committee meeting and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of Debt Service

Chairperson Owen said that the Ambulance Service was included in the budget for 6 months, and said that funding for School Resource Officers were also worked into the budget, and there was some discussion about whether the City of Martin had agreed to participate with the Sheriff's proposed 18-19 FY plan. He mentioned that the Weakley County Detention Center debt was paid off this year. Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve and recommend the proposed 18-19 FY Debt Service Fund budget to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Raises

Chairperson Owen made the motion to provide a 2% raise across the board for all General Fund employees, Solid Waste employees, and Highway Department employees at the discretion of each department head, and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook, the motion to recommend to the full county commission passed unanimously.

Discussion of Fund Balance and the Tax Rate

Chairperson Owen asked the committee to consider the document in their packet that provided the statement of estimated revenue and tax rate information. He went over the figures on the sheet, and Commissioner Doster mentioned his concerns about the condition of county roads and the need to manage their poor condition for the safety of students and buses as well as county citizens. Chairperson Owen made the motion to approve the tax rate and recommend it to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook, the motion passed with a vote of 7 yeas, 1 nay [Dennis Doster], and 1 absent.

Chairperson Owen recognized Commissioner Westbrook, who explained that Sharon Senior Citizen Director Shirley Chappell had previously asked to increase her part time staff hours from 16 to 24 for a total of \$3500 in the salary line and the subsequent additions to Medicare and social security. Commissioner Westbrook stated that he did not recall her request in a previous meeting, but wanted to bring it to the floor for discussion. Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the increase for recommendation to the full county commission and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook, the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Bynum provided the committee with a document titled West Tennessee County Government Maintenance Personnel Regional Study, which was compiled by the Mayor's Office and outlined the stats of surrounding counties in regard to county buildings maintenance personnel positions. After Mayor Bynum explained some highlights on the document, the several members of the committee expressed that they did not want to fund such a position in the 18-19 FY.

Chairperson Owen stated that everyone who had worked on the budget did a great job. Commissioner Donaldson commended Chairperson Owen for his hard work on his part in the 18-19 FY budget. Chairperson Owen stated that there had been raises instituted for the last 5 consecutive years, totaling a 17% increase.

Having no other business, Commissioner Jones made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Wright, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

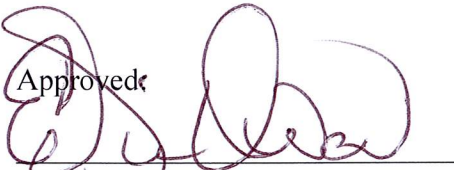
Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Approved:



Eric Owen, Chairperson

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Date: 7-26-18