

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, AND MEANS COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 14, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

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

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee Members Absent: Commissioner Tommy Jones and David Hawks

The Finance, Ways and Means Committee met on Thursday, September 14, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the county commission court room at the courthouse in Dresden. Others present included Finance Director John Liggett, Roads Supervisor Charles Ross, Elections Administrator Alex Britt, Trustee Marci Floyd, Register of Deeds Deputy April Jones, Youth Services Director Keith Jones, Sheriff Mike Wilson, County Clerk Kim Hughey, Clerk and Master Regina VanCleave, Mr. Dean Arganbrite, and three representatives of the media.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 10th and July 27th, 2017, committee meetings and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 2018-01, As Amended:

Previously passed through the Finance, Ways and Means Committee and the full County Commission, this resolution amends the resolution making appropriations for the various funds, departments, institutions, offices, and agencies of Weakley County for FY 2017-18. Finance Director Liggett explained that the amendment includes the last minute change that was made to the election commission budget on the night the budget was passed before the county commission. He said that the salary was included in the budget, but the worker's compensation and insurance figures were not included, and the amendment reflects that adjustment. He went on to say that one of the highway grants that was received had additional revenues that were not included, and the amendment also adjusts that line. Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-01 as amended and recommend it to the County Commission, and with a second by Commissioner Taylor, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westbrook mentioned a bit about the Letters of Agreement that officials submit each year, and said that when an employee quits, the remainder of the leaving employee's salary cannot be disbursed amongst the rest of the existing employees without the approval of the Finance Committee and the County Commission. Trustee Floyd asked whether that standard was held to non-fee collecting offices, and there was some discussion.

Resolution No. 2018-07:

Previously passed unanimously through the HEED Committee, this resolution includes \$187,000 in USDA commodity values for the Child Nutrition Food Service Fund to maintain compliance with state regulations. Finance Director Liggett stated that Mr. Brad Davis at the State Department made this recommendation. Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve this resolution and recommend it to the full County Commission and with a second by Commissioner Usery, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2018-08:

Previously passed unanimously through the HEED Committee, this resolution authorizes budget amendments to the General Purpose School Fund to direct \$124,503 in grant monies to line 71300-730 (Vocational Instruction Equipment) for the use of purchasing new vocational equipment. Commissioner Taylor made the motion to approve the resolution and recommend it to the full Weakley County Commission and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2018-09

Previously passed unanimously through the Public Works Committee, this resolution authorizes a one-time allotment of \$557,800 in State Aid revenue funds to be placed in the revenue line 46420, subsequently placed into expenditure line 68000-726 (Highway Department – State Aid), with a 2% county match of \$11,400, for a total amendment of \$569,200 into line 68000-726. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve the resolution and recommend it to the full County Commission, and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Floyd mentioned that there were many Weakley County residents who are not purchasing a Building Permit as required outlined in Resolution 1992-19, and asked the committee to advise. There was some discussion about the requirements for having to purchase one, the potential of civil action, changing private acts, penalties, injunctions, and warning letters. Commissioner Westbrook and Commissioner Donaldson both recommended that Trustee Floyd send a final warning letter to the violators, and if the problem still wasn't resolved, to reach out to the County Attorney for help and advice.

Clerk and Master VanCleave mentioned the success of the surplus property sale and said that the outlook was positive for the tax sale. Commissioner Westbrook commended the Clerk and Master's Office and the Trustee's Office for a job well done.

Having no other business, Commissioner Taylor made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Approved:



Eric Owen, Chairperson
Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Date: 11-16-17