

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Friday, November 8, 2019 – 9:00 AM – Training Room, Sheriff's Department, Dresden, TN

Public Safety Committee Members Present: Commissioners Jack Vincent, David Bell, David Hawks, Eric Owen, Scott Fortner, and James Roy Pope

Public Safety Committee Members Absent: None

The Weakley County Public Safety Committee met on Friday, November 8, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the training room at the Sheriff's Department in Dresden. Others present included County Mayor Jake Bynum, Finance Director John Liggett, Sheriff Mike Wilson, County Clerk Kim Hughey, Dispatch Director Christy Fulcher, Assistant to the Sheriff Frances Dowden, Emergency Management Director Ray Wiggington, Martin Fire Chief Jamie Summers, Weakley County Ambulance Service CEO Jeff Washburn, two other representatives of the Weakley County Ambulance Service, Mrs. Angela Fortner, and two representatives of the media.

II. CALL TO ORDER – CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Chairperson Vincent called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and called for the consideration of the minutes from the meeting that was held on September 5, 2019. Chairperson Vincent noted an error in the first word of the first paragraph on the second page of the minutes under Other Business, and stated that the word should be changed from *Chairperson* Bell to *Commissioner* Bell. Chairperson Vincent made the motion to correct the minutes, and with a second by Commissioner Bell, the motion passed unanimously.

On the minutes as corrected, Commissioner Hawks made the motion to approve, and with a second by Commissioner Fortner, the motion passed unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution No. 2020-17: This resolution moves \$7,872 out of the reserve account designated for the General Sessions Court account and moves those funds into 53300-709 [General Sessions - Data Processing Equipment] in the General Fund. Chairperson Vincent stated that he had spoken with Circuit Court Clerk Jenny Killebrew who had explained that the movement of those funds was for the purchase of computer work stations for the office to bring the department up to compliance with the rest of the state. Commissioners Owen made the motion to approve the resolution and recommend it to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee, and with a second by Commissioner Bell, the motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution No. 2020-21: This resolution realigns the budget to accept grant funds and place those monies into the appropriate expenditure lines in the Drug Court Program account in the General Fund Budget. Finance Director Liggett explained that the program had received an additional \$40,000 in funding for the grant program. Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve and recommend the resolution to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee for consideration, and with a second by Commissioner Hawks, the motion passed unanimously.

B. DISCUSSION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF TN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE WEAKLEY COUNTY CLERK

Chairperson Vincent recognized County Clerk Kim Hughey. She asked the committee to review a contract, included in their meeting packets, that is between the Tennessee Department of Homeland Security and the Weakley County Clerk. She explained that the State of Tennessee had contacted her about issuing renewed driver's licenses out of her office, and that after some consideration and inspection, she has agreed to turn her back bookkeeping office into an area that can accommodate the process. She went on to explain that the county would make \$4.00 from each license issued, licenses issued would be renewed status only, and that handgun renewal permits could also be renewed in the office. There was discussion about the staffing, materials and equipment, need, and training for personnel on the process. Clerk Hughey said that she anticipated no cost to the county besides background checks and fingerprinting of her staff which is a mandate for any individual who issues licensing, and she anticipates the timeline for be anywhere from 90 to 120 days before the office is ready to issue. Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve the contract and recommend it, and with a second by Commissioner Pope, the motion passed unanimously.

C. DISCUSSION OF THE WEAKLEY COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE QUARTERLY REPORT

Chairperson Vincent mentioned the Weakley County Ambulance Service Quarterly Report that was included in the packets and recognized Weakley County Ambulance Service CEO Jeff Washburn, who introduced two other service representatives, including Ms. Mary Andrews who serves as his Assistant Administrator. Ms. Andrews spoke to the information provided in the report and there were some questions about the number of ALS ambulances that were servicing the county. Weakley County Director of Dispatch Christy Fulcher said that she had not encountered any real issues and that the entities were working together well. CEO Washburn stated that the addition of the Martin service has helped his service and stated that all shortages of ambulances and servicing was directly related to a shortage of paramedics. The representatives explained that they had been working on ways to address those labor issues. There was more discussion about staffing, competition for employees, and transports.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

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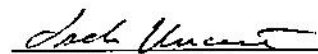
Having no other business, Commissioner Hawks made the motion to adjourn, and with a second by Commissioner Bell, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary
Public Safety Committee

Approved:



Jack Vincent, Chairperson
Public Safety Committee

Date: 7 Jan 20