

**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Monday, June 17, 2019 – 9:00 AM – Conference Room, Board of Education, Dresden

Public Works Committee Members Present: Commissioners Dennis Doster, James H. Westbrook, Jr., Larry Taylor, Roger Donaldson, and Colton Nanney

Public Works Committee Members Absent: Commissioner Roger VanCleave

The Weakley County Public Works Committee met on Monday, June 18, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Board of Education in Dresden. Others present were County Mayor Jake Bynum, Finance Director John Liggett, Road Supervisor Charles Ross, and three representatives of the media.

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairperson Vincent called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and called for an approval to the minutes for the committee meeting that was held on May 14, 2019. Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to approve the minutes and with a second by Commissioner Taylor, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Supervisor Ross stated that he had drafted an agreement to provide to entities, such as the Zayo Group, who might want to begin a project in Weakley County in the future. The Zayo Group had received authorization to lay fiber in the northern part of Weakley County, but had laid the fiber haphazardly on county right-of-ways. After reading some of the stipulations in the agreement, Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to accept it and with a second by Commissioner Taylor, the motion to accept the agreement passed unanimously.

Road Supervisor Ross provided a short bridge update.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION OF BUDGETS

FUND 116 – Solid Waste Fund

Commissioner Doster began by asking why the fund balance was so much greater than the expenditures. There was some discussion of revenues versus expenditures. Mayor Bynum explained that the money that the county receives from the state can only be used for the sole purpose of waste tire disposal. Commissioner Doster asked whether an adjustment to the fund should be made, and said that he had attended a waste tire meeting in which a recommendation had been made to reimburse any retailer who can prove that they brought tires in for disposal. Commissioners went on to talk about waste tire fees and how our fees compare to neighboring counties. Mayor Bynum stated that if an adjustment was to be made, it should be with the amount the county is collecting.

Commissioner Taylor made mention of 55751-399 [Solid Waste and Sanitation – Other Contracted Services] and said that this line was for the actual disposal of the tires, and there was talk that the number is a moving target. Supervisor Ross said that under the current program, waste tire collections are down, but if the program was adjusted, collections would increase. After a little more discussion, Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve and recommend Fund 116 to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Nanney, the motion passed unanimously.

FUND 131 – Highway Department

Commissioner Westbrook said that under the revenues, the permits did not carry over, and that the traditional use for those funds was to replace road signs.

Other highlights mentioned included:

61000-613 – Highway Administration – Interest on Other Loans: Commissioner Westbrook asked why the funds were still being budgeted we have not used it in years. Supervisor Ross said that it's included in case it's needed.

62000-436 – Highway and Bridge Maintenance – Other Road Materials: Commissioner Donaldson asked about the increase in this line. Supervisor Ross explained that the monies in that budget were for road depth reclamation, and that the materials would be expensed from this line.

68000-714 – Highway Capital Outlay – Highway Equipment: Supervisor Ross said that this increase was for the purchase of the machine for full depth reclamation on the roads. He explained what a reclaimer does, and the process of how it works. He stated that it basically replaces the base or foundation of the road so that what's on top of the foundation will last much longer. He said that it is a long-term project but is necessary to bring the roads to better condition.

Supervisor Ross handed out a document for informational purposes that have figures for the repair on specific roads. He said that the document is a six-year plan with the first year designated as preparation and paving in year two. He estimated that 54 miles would equal \$6.3 million.

Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to approve and recommend Fund 131 to the full commission, and with a second by Commissioner Nanney, the motion to recommend passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

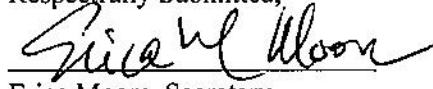
Commissioner Eddings stated that he had emailed the commissioners regarding their consideration of implementing a fuel fleet card in lieu of spending \$200,000 on the renovation of the Highway Department Central Service Station.

Commissioner Westbrook stated that it was cheaper for the county to run the station. There was some back and forth regarding the advantages and disadvantages of a fleet card verses the costs of owning the services station.

ADJOURN

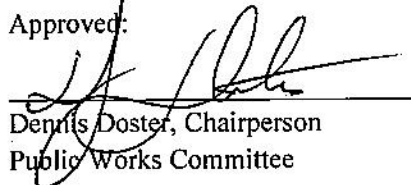
Having no other business, Commissioner Taylor made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary
Public Works Committee

Approved:



Dennis Doster, Chairperson
Public Works Committee

Date: 11-12-19