

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

ORIGINAL

Friday, September 8, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. – Board of Education/Department of Finance

Public Works Committee Members Present: Commissioners James H. Westbrook, Jr., Jack Vincent, Eric Owen, Tommy Jones, and Dale Overton

Public Works Committee Members Absent: Commissioner Dennis Doster

The Public Works Committee met on Friday, September 8, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Department of Finance/Board of Education in Dresden. Others present were Director of Finance John Liggett, Roads Supervisor Charles Ross, Mayor Jake Bynum, Mr. Bob Busby of Martin, and two representatives of the media.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairperson Westbrook called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and called for the approval of the minutes from the August 24, 2017, meeting. Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve the minutes and with a second by Commissioner Vincent, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 2018-09: 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. Having no discussion, Commissioner Overton made the motion to approve the resolution and recommend it to the Finance, Ways and Means Committee, and with a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

B. Discussion of Old Highway 22 Middle Fork Project

Road Supervisor Ross stated that it had been 4 or 5 years before a bridge grant project had been performed, and said that the county would be out \$35,000-\$40,000 for the cost of survey and design for the bridge over the Obion River, Highway 22 Middle Fork, up to the point of contract at which all costs are recoverable. Chairperson Westbrook providing some clarification regarding that bridge and some overflow bridges, saying that the City of Dresden Mayor Washburn had explained that the City of Dresden had de-annexed the portion of road close to the bridges several years ago, but that the state records incorrectly do not indicate that change. Chairperson Westbrook continued by saying that since Dresden has a population of less than 5,000 people, the state will repair the bridges for them at no cost, and while Mayor Washburn verbally agreed to participate, he was concerned about ongoing maintenance costs of the bridges. Chairperson Westbrook also said that maintenance would be very minimal and rare for many years. Discussion went on about materials that make up a bridge, design, structure, the state bridge list and priority, and existing bridge specifications.

C. Discussion of Opening and Closing of Spur Between Area South of Martin and Sharon in District 7

Chairperson Westbrook stated that the county agreed to take over care of the spur and area of road in question in late 1992/early 1993, but failed to add it to the road list. Chairperson Westbrook recognized Mr. Bob Busby, the Martin resident upon whose property the area of road runs through. Mr. Busby said that his request to close the road due to there being persons who utilize the road for littering, stealing, and illegal activities, often drug related. There was

some discussion of which area Mr. Busby owns, which is both sides of Summers Road north to Highway 45. Supervisor Ross requested that there be a 75 ft. leeway to allow the Highway Department to maintain the large pipe that runs on that property, and said that he could get Mr. Busby some proper Road Closure signage.

Chairperson Westbrook asked Mr. Busby to provide the Mayor's Office a formal request for road closure letter, with specifications of the area that he would like to have closed.

Commissioner Owen made the motion to recommend to the Weakley County Commission the road closure of the spur of Old Highway 45, north to Summers Road, at the request of the sole landowner upon his furnishing of a statement to the Weakley County Mayor's Office formally requesting the closure, and with a second by Commissioner Overton, the motion passed unanimously.

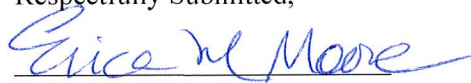
OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor Ross notified the committee that there were some roads that were being maintained by the Highway Department that were not on the actual list. He informed the committee that he had removed some huge logs and debris from a road in the McKenzie area of Weakley County, and that they may get some phone calls about it.

Other Discussion

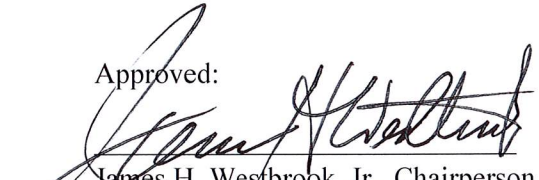
Having no other business, Commissioner Owen made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Overton, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary
Public Works Committee

Approved:



James H. Westbrook, Jr., Chairperson
Public Works Committee

Date: 10/18/17