

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE

July 5, 2012; 4:30P.M.

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Present: Commissioners Tommy Jones, Roger Stewart, Earl Wright, John Salmon, James H. Westbrook, Jr. and Eric Owen.

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: None.

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Thursday, July 5, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. at the Weakley County Department of Finance in the Board Room. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Barbara Castleman - Election Commission Administrator, Houston Patrick - County Mayor, Gail Rogers - Dresden Office on Aging Director, Pat Scarbrough - County Clerk, David Tuck - Property Assessor, Rita Jeter - Health Department Office Supervisor, Donna Snyder - Register of Deeds, Ronald Cheatham - Veterans Affairs, Jamison Peevyhouse - E-911 and Emergency Management Director, Keith Jones - Juvenile Court Youth Services Director, Pam Belew - Circuit Court Clerk, Marci Floyd - Trustee, James Bynum - County Commissioner, David Fisher - Dresden Enterprise, Mary Jean Hall - Weakley County Press and others.

Chairman Roger Stewart called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

General Fund No. 101-

Commissioner Stewart noted the 2011-2012 estimated Revenue of \$7,835,533 and Expenditures of \$7,789,313. This only leaves an excess of \$505 and per Commissioner Stewart, "this is too close."

Commissioner Stewart and the committee began analyzing page by page the proposed 2012-2013 FY General Fund expenditures and advised anyone to let it be known if they have any questions or concerns.

Page 9 - 51800-County Buildings:

Commissioner Owen asked if the Courthouse air conditioning unit had been bid out and it had not. Mayor Patrick was asked by Commissioner Stewart if the air conditioning unit was patched up. Mayor Patrick stated that the unit was half working and the filters had been cleaned out.

Page 10 - 51910-Preservation of Records:

Commissioner Owen noted that there is no county money involved in the Preservation of Records.

Page 12 - 52300-Property Assessor:

Assessor David Tuck requested \$675 additional funds in line item 191 (Bd & Committee Fees) due to the need for additional Reappraisal meetings. Commissioner Owen made the motion to increase line item 52300-191 from \$1,200 to \$1,875 and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

Page 17 – 53300-General Sessions Court:

Commissioner Stewart noted that the State increases the Judges' salaries.

Page 18 – 53400-Chancery Court-Clerk & Master:

Commissioner Stewart questioned the \$3,000 budgeted amount in line item 168 (Temporary Personnel) while only \$80 was spent during the 2011-2012 FY. Commissioner Owen made the motion to decrease line item 53400-168 from \$3,000 to \$1,000 and with a second by Commissioner Salmon the motion passed unanimously.

Page 23 – 54110-Sheriff Department:

Commissioner Owen questioned the increase in line item 106 (Deputies). Commissioner Stewart stated that there was a step in pay increase implemented several years ago and there is also an increase due to longevity pay.

Page 25 – 54130-Dispatchers:

Commissioner Owen asked Mr. Peevyhouse if of the approximate 123,000 calls last year, were all emergency calls. They were not all emergency calls. The Dispatchers budget includes additional expenditures due to the addition of one new employee. Commissioner Stewart noted that E-911 pre-paid 2012-2013 Impact Payments of \$120,500 during the 2011-2012 FY to help with cash flow.

Page 35 – 55510-General Welfare:

Commissioner Westbrook informed that he had been contacted by a funeral director. The funeral director wanted to express that the \$250 contribution from the County doesn't cover the cost of opening and closing the grave. Commission Owen stated that the funerals receive funds from the State too.

Page 37 – 56100-Adult Activities (Dresden):

Ms. Gail Rogers requested line item 499 (Other Supplies & Materials) be increased by \$500 due to a new contract. Revenue line item 46140 (Aging-Dresden) would be increased \$500 to offset this expenditure. Ms. Rogers also stated that line item 316 (Contributions) had an ending balance of \$355 from the 2011-2012 FY. Per Ms. Rogers, line item 316 (Contributions), is for the meal program and the difference was due to clients going to nursing homes and their meals not being delivered for a couple of weeks. Ms. Rogers requested \$355 be added to her 2012-2013 FY Budget. Ms. Rogers stated that the \$10,000 in 316 is funded by United Way. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to increase line item 56100-499 (Other Supplies & Materials) from \$4,500 to \$5,000 and increase revenue 46140-DRES from \$124,770 to \$125,270 and increase line item 56100-316 (Contributions) from \$10,000 to \$10,355 and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

Page 43 – 58500-Contributions to Other Agencies:

Commissioner Stewart made mention that we are reducing Everett-Stewart Regional Airport by \$45,400.

General Fund No. 101 – Revenue:

Page 1 – 40130-Clerk & Master Collections:

Commissioner Stewart noted that \$60,000 is budgeted for the 2012-2013 FY but only \$23,674 was received during the 2011-2012 due to there being no tax sale during the 2012-2013 FY.

Page 1 – 40250-Litigation Tax-Gen:

Commissioner Westbrook asked Mrs. Pam Belew and Mr. Keith Jones about Uncollected litigation taxes. Mr. Jones stated that “you can’t get blood from a turnip.” Mr. Jones advised that if they don’t pay the first day, they are most likely not going to pay in 30 days, but Juvenile Court does offer incentives if court costs are paid. Commissioner Westbrook questioned if drivers’ licenses could be taken if fines weren’t paid. Mrs. Belew advised that many don’t even have a driver’s license due to many different reasons. Commissioner Westbrook asked if the uncollected litigation taxes are considered at the Clerks’ Meetings. Mrs. Belew stated they are discussed and bigger counties have an employee that works for that purpose.

Page 1 – 42310-General Sessions:

Commissioner Stewart doesn’t want to over-state revenue so 42310 (General Sessions). \$28,000 is estimated for the 2011-2012 but \$45,000 is budgeted for the 2012-2013 FY. Line item 42310 (General Sessions) should be decreased from \$45,000 to \$30,000.

Page 2 – 42380-DUI Treatment Fines:

Commissioner Owen made the motion to decrease line item 42380 (DUI Treatment Fines) from \$12,500 to \$10,000 and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion passed unanimously. The estimated revenue for 2011-2012 FY is \$9,500.

Page 2 – 43194-Inmate/Patient Charges:

Commissioner Stewart made the motion to decrease line item 43194 (Inmate/Patient Charges) from \$40,000 to \$35,000 and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously. The estimated revenue for 2011-2012 FY is \$35,000.

Page 3 – 46140-Aging-Dresden:

Previously, Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to increase revenue 46140-DRES from \$124,770 to \$125,270 and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

Page 3 – 46915-Cont Prisoner Board:

Commissioner Westbrook stated that the State raised the board bill from \$35 to \$37 per day and the revenue should be adjusted accordingly for the 2012-2013 FY from \$414,400 to \$451,622.

Page 3 – 46990-Oth St Rev – State Presid Prim Reimb:

Commissioner Westbrook stated that there will not be another State Presidential Primary during the 2012-2013 FY. Thus, 46990 (State Presid Prim Reimb) should be adjusted from \$50,000 to \$0.

Commissioner Stewart made everyone aware of the fact that the expenditure did not include raises for anyone other than what was required by law. The County either needs to raise

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more revenue, cut expenditures or both. He advised everyone to take the budget home and study it because it will not work in its current condition.

Other Business:

Having no other business Commissioner Owen made the motion to adjourn at 5:19 p.m. and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kellie Thayer, Secretary
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Approved:



Roger Stewart, Chairman
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Date: 7-9-12