

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE

June 16, 2015; 9:00 A.M.

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Present: Commissioners Eric Owen, James Westbrook, Dennis Doster, David Hawks, Larry Taylor, Roger Donaldson, and Earl Wright.

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: Commissioner Tommy Jones and Greg Usery

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Weakley County Department of Finance Board Room. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Jake Bynum - County Mayor, Mike Wilson - Sheriff, Barbara Castleman - Election Administrator, David Tuck - Property Assessor, Dale McLeod - Deputy Property Assessor, and David Fisher - Dresden Enterprise.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Transfer No. 1415-32: This transfer moves \$1,500 from line 54110-355 (Travel) to line 54110-716 (Law Enforcement Equipment) in the Sheriff's budget. This was needed to purchase bullet-proof vests. Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve Transfer No. 1415-32 and with a second by Commissioner Hawks the motion unanimously passed.

2015-2016 FY Fund 101 – General Fund Budget

Chairman Owen noted to the Committee that the General Fund Budget was still on the floor for questions and discussion.

Page 41, Account No. 57700 (Flood Control): Chairman Owen explained to the Committee the purpose of this account and the benefit to the County.

Page 43, Account No. 58400 (Other Charges), Account No. 58500 (Contributions to Other Agencies) and Account No. 58600 (Employee Benefits): Commissioner Hawks questioned line 316 (University of TN Martin) under Account No. 58500 thinking the number should be different. Commissioner Westbrook agreed noting that the agreement was to provide \$30,000 per year for 5 years. The first year was pro-rated. Chairman Owen stated that the line would be corrected. Discussion continued over the various organizations requests with no other changes made.

Page 44, Account No. 58900 (Miscellaneous): Chairman Owen questioned if \$1 needed to be left in line 399 (Other Contracted Services). Mrs. Francisco answered that would be up to the Committee. No action was taken. Chairman Owen questioned line 506 (Liability Insurance). Mrs. Francisco answered that the numbers have not been finalized.

Page 8, Account No. 51500 (Election Commission): Chairman Owen recognized Mrs. Castleman. Mrs. Castleman addressed the Committee stating that there would be one election during the 2015-2016 FY. She also noted that prep work done during the 15-16 year for the 2016-2017 FY because of the August 2016 election.

Page 13, Account No. 52300 (Property Assessor) and Page 14, Account No. 52310 (Reappraisal Program): Chairman Owen recognized Mr. Tuck. Mr. Tuck noted the biggest change to his budget was in the Reappraisal Program. He will have to purchase a new reappraisal system because the State is doing away with the current one. This system calculates information for tax purposes. Mr. Tuck stated that he is looking at three different systems, one being the State system and the other two from independent vendors with compatible programs. Discussion continued about the advantages, disadvantages, and cost of each system.

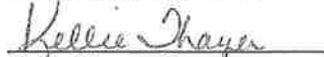
Page 23, Account No. 54110 (Sheriff Department), Page 24, Account No. 54110 GHSO (Sheriff Department Government Highway Safety Office), and Page 27, Account No. 54210 (Jail): Chairman Owen noted this had passed Public Safety & Works, then recognized Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson first noted that line 307 (Communications) could be reduced from \$24,000 to \$20,000. Also, noted to the Committee that the increase in line 106 (Deputies) was due to longevity and step-raises. Mr. Wilson requested a raise in employee salaries stating that he had a good staff and that some of the surrounding counties were increase wages which might cause some of his deputies to leave. He explained that the cost of training new deputies would be an added expense on the County. Commissioner Hawks questioned line 716-IDUI. Mr. Wilson explained that was a flow through account funded by a grant. Chairman Owen questions the Capital Projects handout. Mr. Wilson answered that was for the Jail. These were items that were either worn out or needed for the safety of the employees and inmates. The recording system listed will allow the court room at the Detention Center to be better utilized and would be a cost savings to the County.

OTHER BUSINESS:

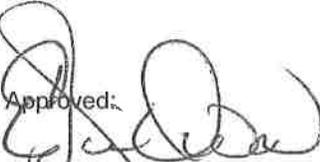
Chairman Owen noted a time change from 9am to 8 am for the June 17th meeting. Also, cancelled the meetings scheduled for June 30th and July 6th and setting meetings for July 8th and 9th, both at 9am.

Having no other business Commissioner Taylor made the motion to adjourn at 9:50 a.m. and with a second by Commissioner Doster the motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,


Kellie Thayer, Secretary
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Approved:


Eric Owen, Chairman
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee
Date: 7-7-2015