

Weakley County, Tennessee
Health, Education, & Economic Development Committee
October 9, 2006 4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Commissioners James H. Westbrook, Dick Phebus, Jack Vincent, Mike Medling, and Mac Buckley.

Members Absent: Commissioner Eric Owen.

The HEED Committee met on October 9, 2006, 4:30 p.m. at the Weakley County Department of Finance in the conference room. Others present included County Mayor Houston Patrick, Diane Cashon - Election Administrator, and Cary Henson –Henson Construction Services.

Commissioner Buckley made the motion to approve the September 11, 2006 minutes and with a second by Commissioner Phebus the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Buckley made the motion to approve the September 18, 2006 minutes and with a second by Commissioner Medling the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Old Jail Building

Commissioner Medling stated that he reviewed the bid tabulation that was distributed to the commissioners and that the bids were in line with market asbestos removal prices. Commissioner Medling asked why the Highway Department could not tear down the structure & use the materials for fill. Chairman Westbrook replied that he has spoken with Mr. Hopper regarding that issue and that the rebar, HVAC equipment and roofing materials were not feasible to use as fill and performing the work might cause severe damage to the Highway Department equipment. Discussion continued. Commissioner Phebus made the motion to reject all bids and re-bid with an option to include the removing of all concrete/footings and to back fill and re-level the lot using other materials other than the brick from the buildings and the topsoil, to request the location of the landfill site and that all contractors must possess a Tennessee contractor's license, present bid security, references, and insurance. Commissioner Medling seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Election Commission Building

Commissioner Medling stated that he had visited the Election Commission building and that it was his opinion that the main problem is the windows. Based upon the square footage numbers provided, Commissioner Medling estimated the cost to renovate the building would be \$78 per square foot. Discussion continued. Commissioner Phebus stated that he opposed placing more money into an old building. Commissioner Vincent made the motion to receive prices to demo the Election Commission building in conjunction with the Old Jail building, requesting separate and combination bids. Commissioner Phebus seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Chairman Westbrook asked that the Election Administrator present to the committee the number of square footage that is needed to operate efficiently.

Everett-Stewart Airport

Chairman Westbrook updated the committee. He stated that the Obion County Commission has not passed the inter-local agreement. Obion County has presented two amendments to the inter-local agreement: 1) Obion County proposes to change the make-up of the board by reducing Weakley County's participation from three to two members thus increasing their share from four to five members. 2) Obion County proposes that the Obion County agricultural committee would control the land rent and that money from the land rent would be deposited with the Trustee to be used for Obion County's matching funds for capital improvements.

Commissioner Buckley made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Vincent the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Francisco,
Recording Secretary

Approved:

James H. Westbrook, Jr., Chairman
Health, Education, & Economic Development Committee

Date: _____