# WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE FINANCE, WAYS, AND MEANS COMMITTEE



Thursday, July 29, 2021 - 4:30 p.m., Conference Room, Weakley County Courthouse - Dresden, TN

FWM Committee Members Present: Commissioners Eric Owen, James Westbrook, David Bell, Roger Donaldson, Dennis Doster, Larry Taylor, Gary Eddings, Greg Usery and Beth VanCleave
FWM Committee Members Absent:

The Finance, Ways, and Means Committee met on Thursday, July 29, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in the Earl Wright conference room in the Weakley County Courthouse in Dresden. Also in attendance was Director of Finance John Liggett, Mayor Jake Bynum, Commissioner Jack Vincent, Commissioner David Hawks, Commissioner Larry Hudson, Election Administrator Alex Britt, Road Supervisor Charles Ross, and representatives of the media.

Chairperson Owen called meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairperson Owen called for the consideration of the minutes from the meetings that was held on July 21, July 23, July 24, and July 29, 2021. Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to approve, and with a second by Commissioner Bell, the motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution No. 2022-01- Appropriations of various funds, departments, institutions, offices and agencies- Commissioner Doster made a motion to place Resolution No. 2022-01 on the floor with a second from Commissioner Westbrook. With no discussion the resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2022-02- Fixing the tax levy- Commissioner Doster made a motion to place Resolution No. 2022-02 on the floor with a second from Commissioner Usery. Commissioner Doster made a motion to amend Resolution 2022-02 with a second from Commissioner Donaldson. Commissioner Doster explained that he wanted to take two-and-a-half cents from the school fund and one cent from the general fund and move it to the highway fund. He believes that more money coming in should be put into the highway department. The amount being considered would be roughly \$135,000. Commissioner Taylor and Westbrook's main concern was the maintenance of effort that is not being considered, and what the auditors will look at. Commissioner Westbrook called for a roll call vote. With 4 votes for and 5 votes against, the motion fails and Resolution No. 2022-02 passed.

Resolution No. 2022-03- Appropriations for non-profit charitable organizations- Commissioner Bell made a motion to place Resolution No. 2022-03 on the floor with a second from Commissioner Taylor. With no discussion the resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2022-05- budget amendments; general fund- appropriations for non-profit charitable organizations-Commissioner Owen made a motion to place Resolution No. 2022-04 on the floor with a second from Commissioner Westbrook. Mayor Bynum was recognized and explained that the Tennessee Department of Health received grant money in the 19-20 budget. The state gave them an extension to reserve the money but they were also unable to spend the money in the 20-21 budget so they cancelled the grant and the money is being sent out. The only reason this is a budget amendment is because the money is being reserved. With no other discussion the solution passed.

Resolution No. 2022-06- Budget amendments; highway fund- Commissioner Donaldson made a motion to place Resolution No. 2022-06 on the floor with a second from Commissioner Doster. Finance Director John Liggett was recognized and explained that Supervisor Ross contacted him about changing the Highway budget so that all the

employees have the flat 6% raise instead of what he had originally built in his budget. With no other discussion resolution no. 2022-06 passed.

Resolution No. 2022-04-unclaimed property act- Commissioner Doster made a motion to place Resolution No. 2022-04 on the floor with a second from Commissioner Bell. With no discussion the resolution passed unanimously.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Donaldson made a suggestion that the FWM Committee not meet immediately before the County Commission meeting so that there would be more time for discussion.

Having no other business, Commissioner Owen adjourned the meeting at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirsty-Rhe Tiffner, Secretary

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Eric Owen, Chairperson

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Date: 9.17.21