

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

Thursday, September 17, 2020 – 9:00 AM – Conference Room, Board of Education, Dresden, TN

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee Members Present: Commissioners Eric Owen, James Westbrook, Greg Usery, Beth VanCleave, David Bell, Roger Donaldson, and Dennis Doster

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee Members Absent: Commissioner Larry Taylor and Colton Nanney

The Weakley County Finance, Ways, and Means Committee met on Thursday, September 17, 2020, in the conference room at the Board of Education in Dresden. Others present included Mayor Jake Bynum, Finance Director John Liggett, Library Director Candy McAdams, Register of Deeds April Jones, Trustee Marci Floyd, Property Assessor David Tuck, Sheriff Mike Wilson, Director of Schools Randy Frazier, Commissioner Gary Eddings, and two representatives of the media.

I.-II. CALL TO ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Owen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and called for the consideration of the minutes from the meeting that was recessed on July 10 and reconvened on July 30, 2020. Commissioner Usery made the motion to approve, and with a second by Commissioner Bell, the motion passed unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to combine Resolutions No. 2021-04 and 2021-08 for consideration, and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion to combine carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2021-04 and Resolution No. 2021-08

Resolution No. 2021-04 adjusts various expenditures in various accounts and lines in the General Purpose School Fund. Director of Schools Frazier was recognized and explained some highlights of the resolution included the hiring of a speech therapist as well as amending the budget related to the Transition School to Work program to add it to the General Purpose Special Education Program.

Resolution No. 2021-08 amends the General Purpose School Fund budget as revenues for the fund were underestimated and expected to be collected in excess of the original budgeted revenues.

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve resolutions 2021-04 and 2021-08 and recommend them to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2021-05

This resolution amends the budget in the amount of \$1,000 for the highway fund budget as revenues were underestimated and expected to be collected in excess of the original budgeted revenues. Finance Director Liggett explained that the resolution was recommended by CTAS relative to Maintenance of Effort and that the budgeted figures were based on previous five-year actuals. Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to approve the resolution and recommend it to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner VanCleave, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2021-07

This resolution moves \$450 from the Unassigned General Fund Balance and places those monies into 56500-499 (Library – Other Supplies and Materials) in the General Fund. Finance Director Liggett was recognized and stated that the movement of the funds was related to Maintenance of Effort. Commissioner Doster made the motion to approve the resolution and recommend it to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Usery, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2021-09

This resolution documents the receipt of \$1,500 in grant funds received under the CARES Act for additional expenditures due to the effects of COVID-19 in the Election Commission Budget, and places those funds into an Other Contracted Services expenditure line for related purchases. Director of Finance Liggett relayed that the grant funding would be used to provide video training for election poll workers, and that no local money was included. Commissioner Bell made the motion to approve the resolution and recommend it to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Usery, the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Marci Floyd was recognized and provided the committee with a sales proposal for her office from Local Government Software Corp. She explained that due to COVID-19 and the isolation and quarantine rules for any individual who should contract or be exposed to the virus, she had conceived a backup work plan that involved the request for the purchase of laptops and software for working from home if and when necessary. She also mentioned that the tax roll may not be available by October 1st due to the state being behind as a result of COVID-19.

B. Discussion of the Correspondence Regarding Dresden Senior Citizens Trip to New York City

Mayor Bynum was recognized and mentioned that the entire commission was provided with a letter detailing the situation with a Dresden Senior Center scheduled trip to New York City, originally scheduled for March 23-28, 2020, that was cancelled due to COVID-19 and the start of the pandemic. Mayor Bynum went on to explain that the trip was cancelled inside of the 14-day cancellation policy provided by the tour company, Elite Goody Tours, and despite countless reimbursement requests and threatening litigation, the owner of the tour company refused to reimburse the county. He went on to explain that due to a lack of proper documentation measures at the senior center, consultation with the County Attorney found that litigation would be challenging with costs that could exceed the original investment of the trip. Mayor Bynum asked the committee how they would like to proceed and said that the HEED Committee had unanimously voted to provide the participants with the option of either rescheduling the trip, or receiving a refund. Commissioner Owen made the motion to provide the participants with the option of either rescheduling the trip, or receiving a refund, and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Bynum relayed that a resolution moving the funds would be provided to the commission for consideration at their November commission meeting.

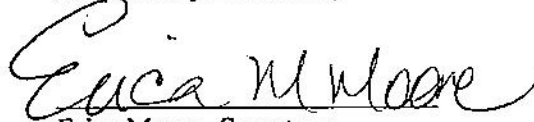
OTHER BUSINESS

There was a bit of discussion about courthouse renovations, and a bit of talk about the reimbursement process for the CARES Act monies related to expenses accrued as a result of COVID-19. Director of Schools Frazier gave some information regarding COVID-19 and the schools, saying that Weakley County Schools was one of the few systems that had reopened and remained open due to careful monitoring and consistent safety measures by faculty, staff, and students.

ADJOURN

Having no other business, Commissioner VanCleave made the motion to adjourn, and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary
Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Approved:

Eric Owen, Chairperson
Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Date: 11-12-20