

## WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. - Conference Room, Department of Finance, Dresden, TN

Public Works Committee Members Present: Commissioners Dennis Doster, James Westbrook, Roger Donaldson, and Larry Taylor

Public Works Committee Members Absent: Commissioners Colton Nanney and Roger VanCleave

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Department of Finance in Dresden. Others present were Director of Finance John Liggett, Mayor Jake Bynum, Roads Supervisor Charles Ross, Cary Henson and Jimmy Henson of Henson Construction, Jerry Hartsfield of TLM, Lisa Deaton and another representative of TLM, Commissioner Eric Owen, Schools Director Randy Frazier, Administrator of Elections Alex Britt, and two representatives of the media.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairperson Dennis Doster called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and called for the approval of the minutes from the January 7, 2019, committee meeting. Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to approve the minutes and with a second by Commissioner Taylor, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Chairperson Doster asked about the progress on Mr. Seldon Cashon's property. Road Supervisor Ross mentioned that not much had been accomplished due to the weather and West Tennessee Tributaries will take care of the work at their earliest availability.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## Resolution No. 2019-26

Commissioner Taylor was recognized and spoke on the need for the purchase of equipment for the Highway Department. He said that while there were currently three open purchase orders in the Highway Fund, he believed that the equipment could be paid for out of the Debt Service Fund. Commissioner Westbrook questioned the legality of such a transaction and discussion commenced. Finance Director Liggett stated that he had contacted the Tennessee Office of the Comptroller's Audit Division and that they had stated that such a purchase could be made in the form of a check out of the Debt Service Fund. Commissioner Westbrook advised that the commission had taken an alternate approach to equipment purchases in the past and there was more discussion about revenue, current and past procedure, and legality.

Commissioner Taylor made the motion to withdraw Resolution No. 2019-26 from the agenda and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion to withdraw the resolution passed unanimously. Having no sponsors, the resolution was thereby null; resolution number 2019-26 was later reassigned to a budget amendments request for the Weakley County Library in the General Fund.

Commissioner Westbrook made to motion to refer to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee a recommendation to issue capital outlay notes for the purchase of highway equipment in the amount of \$450,000 to be moved out of the Debt Service Fund and placed into the Highway Capital Projects Fund, and with a second by Commissioner Taylor the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Ross said that a good amount of the monies would roll back into fund balance due to the amount of time left to complete projects in current fiscal year timeline.

Supervisor Ross notified the committee that he was in need of a new pickup truck due to the fact that his foreman had an accident and had begun using Supervisor Ross' truck. There was some discussion about it.

# PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF REVISED DRAWINGS AND BUDGET FIGURES FROM TLM ASSOCIATES AND HENSON CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Jerry Hartsfield provided revised drawings that they had developed for the potential Highway Department building renovations. He showed the committee lots of new changes and recommendations. Mr. Cary Henson provided a revised schematic phase budget summary to the committee that outlined the cost of the project as well as the breakout of the costs, and the total budget was estimated to around \$2.85 million.

Commissioner Donaldson made a motion that the plans be recommended to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee for review and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Other Business**

Having no other business, Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Taylor, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erica Moore, Secretary

**Public Works Committee** 

Approved

Dennis Doster, Chairperson

Public Works Committee

Date: