

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, AND MEANS COMMITTEE

ORIGINAL

Friday, January 15, 2021 – 9:00 AM – Conference Room, Board of Education, Dresden, TN

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

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee Members Absent: None

The Weakley County Finance, Ways, and Means Committee met on Friday, January 15, 2021, in the conference room at the Board of Education in Dresden. Others present included Mayor Jake Bynum, Finance Director John Liggett, Director of Schools Randy Frazier, Trustee Marci Floyd, Sharon Senior Center Director Shirley Chappell, Dresden Senior Center Director Gail Rogers and her Assistant Lana Eaves, Library Director Candy McAdams, 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 held November 12, 2020. Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to approve, and with a second by Commissioner Bell, the motion passed unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. TRANSFER

1. Transfer No. 2021-2: The transfer moves \$1,540 from 52400-317 [Trustee – Data Processing Services] and transfers those monies into lines 351, 435, and 711 [Rentals – Office Supplies – Furniture and Fixtures] in the General Fund. Trustee Floyd explained that the transfer would cover the cost of copy machine rental, post office box rental, ink cartridges, and new office chairs. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion passed unanimously.

A. RESOLUTIONS

Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to combine items 2 and 3 on the agenda which included Resolutions No. 2021-27 and 2021-28 consideration, and with a second by Commissioner VanCleave, the motion to combine carried unanimously.

2. Resolution No. 2021-27: Passed unanimously before the HEED Committee, this resolution receives \$8,100 in COVID-19 grant funds and places those funds in designated COVID-19 expenditure lines in the General Fund. Director Rogers was recognized and explained that the grant funds were through the CARES Act for a food pantry that would operate through the Dresden Senior Center.

3. Resolution No. 2021-28: Passed unanimously before the HEED Committee, this resolution receives \$2,900 in COVID-19 grant funds and places those funds in specified COVID-19 expenditure lines in the General Fund. Director Chappell stated that the grant funds were through the CARES Act for a food pantry that would operate through the Sharon Senior Center.

Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to approve the resolutions and recommend them to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner VanCleave, the motion passed unanimously.

1. Resolution No. 2021-26: Passed unanimously before the Public Safety Committee, this resolution receives \$18,828 in grant funding through the State of Tennessee and places those funds into account and line 54110-399 [Sheriff's Department – Other Contracted Services] in the General Fund Budget. Sheriff Wilson was recognized and told the committee that the state grant funds would be used to hire a transportation service to transport mental health patients. He said that law enforcement shouldn't be tasked with transporting these inmates due to their mental health issues. He continued by saying that the transport service, AmeriMed, is an ambulance service that at present operates out of Memphis with the hopes of a future local hub after more entities sign on with them. Commissioner Eddings made the motion to approve the resolution and recommend it to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Resolution No. 2021-29: Passed unanimously before the HEED Committee, this resolution authorizes Weakley County School Nutrition for the conveyance of property. Director of Schools Frazier told the committee that the school system had recently purchased new lunch trays that were over 10 years old. He said that the McKenzie Schools System had interest in utilizing our worn out trays and that it was a common practice to help out other systems in this way. Commissioner Usery made the motion to approve the resolution and recommend it to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Bell, the motion passed unanimously.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

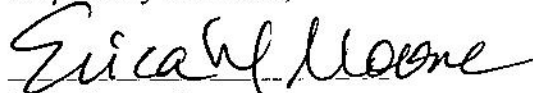
INDIGENT BURIAL: Mayor Bynum relayed that the Mayor's Office had been contacted regarding the county's contribution to indigent burials that occur. The Mayor explained that the contribution has been \$200-\$250 for many years and the funeral home representatives have relayed that the contribution is far less than the most minimum costs of settling the deceased. After a bit of discussion, Commissioner Owen made the motion to increase the county's indigent burial contribution from \$200 to \$300, and with a second by Commission Bell, the motion passed unanimously.

Director of Schools Frazier provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and the school system. He bragged on the Weakley County Health Department for their hard work and help in vaccinating the school staff. He thanked the Sheriff's Department for helping them with background checks. He spoke about the shortage of substitutes and the Governor's upcoming plans for special education. Mayor Bynum informed the committee about the mass vaccination PODs that had been implemented at the Weakley County Office on Aging/Dresden Senior Citizens Center. He relayed that the site and entire process are working very well.

VI. ADJOURN

Having no other business, Commissioner Taylor made the motion to adjourn, and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Approved:



Eric Owen, Chairperson

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Date: 3-11-21