

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 16, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. – Conference Room, Department of Finance

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee Members Present: Commissioners Eric Owen, Greg Usery, Earl Wright, Dennis Doster, Larry Taylor, James H. Westbrook, Jr., Roger Donaldson, Tommy Jones, and David Hawks

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee Members Absent: None

The Weakley County Finance, Ways and Means Committee met on Thursday, November 16, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Board of Education and Department of Finance in Dresden. Others present included County Mayor Jake Bynum, Roads Supervisor Charles Ross, Elections Administrator Alex Britt, Trustee Marci Floyd, Register of Deeds Donna Snyder, Youth Services Director Keith Jones, County Clerk Kim Hughey, Clerk and Master Regina VanCleave, Director of Schools Randy Frazier, Assistant Director of Schools Jeff Kelley, and 911 Director Christy Fulcher.

Chairperson Owen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2017, committee meeting and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Hawks made the motion to place both Resolutions 2018-12 and 2018-14 on the floor for discussion and approval, and with a second by Commissioner Dennis Doster, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2018-12:

Previously passed through the Health, Education and Economic Development Committee, this resolution authorizes budget amendments to the General Purpose School Fund for the purpose of budgeting and allocating received monies from the Read to Be Ready Grant, to adjust Education Edge funds, and to make other various necessary amendments. Director of Schools Frazier spoke briefly about different aspects of the resolution, including travel expenses, receipt of revenue and need for creation of new budget lines, and the purchase of a church near Gleason School to be used for storage.

Resolution No. 2018-14:

This resolution authorizes budget amendments to the General Purpose School Fund to include additional revenues from the State for reimbursement of high cost expenditures for IDEA students that occurred in the 2016-17 school year with the addition of expenditure transfers. Director of Schools Frazier stated that when a handicapped student needs to be transported, often times the parent will transport the student to the destination and will be reimbursed for the costs by Weakley County Schools at the end of the year.

Upon being put to a voice vote, the committee approved both Resolution No. 2018-12 and Resolution No. 2018-14 for recommendation to the full county commission.

Resolution No. 2018-13:

Previously passed unanimously through the Public Works Committee, this resolution moves \$40,000 from the Highway Department Fund Balance to the Highway Department expenditure line 68000-714 (Equipment) for the purchase of equipment. Road Supervisor Ross explained that equipment purchases include an asphalt zipper, an excavator and an attachment for a tree shearer. Commissioner Usery made the motion to approve this resolution and recommend it to the full County Commission and with a second by Commissioner Wright, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2018-15:

This resolution moves \$50,000 out of the Drug Control Fund Balance and into the expenditure line 54150-718 (Drug Enforcement – Motor Vehicles). Commissioner Westbrook stated that the resolution wording should be revised to include a more specific reason for the expenditure, which includes the purchase of a new police vehicle, and the necessary enhancements, technologies, and safety mechanisms required for officer responsibilities. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve and recommend Resolution No. 2018-15 to the full Weakley County Commission, and with a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion passed unanimously.

There was some discussion about the repair on the Weakley County Detention Center roof. Chairperson Owen stated that he had been down to the jail and had personally gotten on the roof, and related the wear and tear that he had seen. Commissioner Donaldson asked why that project had not come before Finance, Ways and Means for approval, and Mayor Bynum stated that all expenditures had been approved during the budget season when the funds for various county projects were approved in each fund. He went on to say that this project was expensed from the Weakley County Capital Projects Fund, 171, and explained briefly about what kinds of projects are expensed out of that fund. More discussion continued about the details of the roof and the extent of the damage and need for repair.

Resolution No. 2018-16:

This resolution authorizes budget amendments for new monies to be budgeted for the purchase of a new voting system for the Weakley County Election Commission. Administrator of Elections Britt explained that \$10,000 per voting precinct has been made available through the Help Americans Vote Again (HAVA) Act, bringing Weakley County's portion total to \$110,000. He went on to say that the total expense to purchase a new voting system is \$159,790, and that the additional funds to purchase the system must be expensed from the previously appropriated account in Fund 171, General Fund Capital Projects. Administrator Britt stated some reasons for the purchase, including the grant fund application program will end in year 2020, and the fact that the new system would allow voters to vote on the machines prior to the next presidential election. There was much discussion about various election topics including the bid process for the new system, reimbursements, electronic poll books, direct record electronic (DRE) paper, specifications of the new system, and machine features. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to amend the resolution to include the voting machines line item specifically, Fund 101 (General Fund), Account Number 51500-731 (Office of the Election Commission – Voting Machines) and include revenue number 46590, and to elaborate on the wording of the resolution to include the specific reasons for the expenditure, and with a second by Commissioner Hawks, the motion to amend the resolution passed unanimously. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve the resolution as amended and recommend it to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Hawks, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2018-17:

This resolution authorizes the creation of an expenditure line for USDA grant funds for economic development. Mayor Bynum explained that during budgeting, the revenue line was budgeted but the expenditure line was left out in error. He went on to explain that the grant funds would be used to increase retail participation in municipality downtowns, as well as increase attention for the Weakley County Ned R. McWherter Museum located inside the Weakley County Library in Dresden. There was some conversation about a bit of confusion surrounding the reasoning behind the resolution. Commissioner Hawks 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.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Director of Schools Frazier brought up the contract that is currently in place with UT Martin for use of their athletic field for Martin Westview football games. He said that UT Martin has requested that for the next two years, Weakley County Schools contribute \$27,500, and then increase the contribution to \$50,000 per year for five years. He said that after the five years was over, annual contributions would resume at the \$27,500 amount. He explained that the contribution increase request is for the purchase of new turf for the field. He went on to say that UT Martin has offered to allow Westview School a 50/50 split of the concessions profit, which would increase the projected concessions profit to about \$10,000 per year instead of the current

\$2,000 per year. There was some conversation about the costs of building and maintaining a football field and stadium at Westview School, provision of supplies, and associated costs.

Director Frazier also told the committee that a tour of the schools construction projects was slated for December 11th and encouraged all of the commissioners to attend.

Mayor Bynum stated that grant funding for a new building for the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse had been denied. He stated that the county's allocation for the project had been contingent upon the receipt of the grant funding.

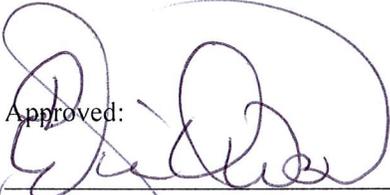
Having no other business, Commissioner Usery made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Wright, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary
Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Approved:


Eric Owen, Chairperson
Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Date:

