

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

**Friday, May 24, 2019 – 9:00 a.m., Conference Room, Board of Education – Dresden, TN**

**FWM Committee Members Present:** Commissioners Eric Owen, Larry Taylor, James Westbrook, David Bell, Roger Donaldson, Roger VanCleave, and Greg Usery

**FWM Committee Members Absent:** Commissioners Dennis Doster and Colton Nanney

The Finance, Ways, and Means Committee met on Friday, May 24, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Board of Education in Dresden. Also in attendance was Director of Finance John Liggett, Mayor Jake Bynum, Director of Schools Randy Frazier, Clerk & Master Regina VanCleave, Road Supervisor Charles Ross, Register of Deeds April Jones, Dresden Senior Center Director Gail Rogers, Director of Library Candy McAdams, Sheriff Mike Wilson, Circuit Court Clerk Jenny Killebrew; County Commissioners Donnie Essary, Bobby Dunlap, and Gary Eddings; Henson Construction CEO Cary Henson, TLM Representative Jerry Hartsfield, Parham HVAC Owner Chris Parham, two representatives from Carrier Company, and three representatives of the media.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Usery made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 11<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, committee meetings, and with a second by Commissioner Bell, the motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**TRANSFERS**

**Transfer No. 1819-07:**

Previously passed unanimously through the Public Safety Committee, this transfer moves various funds from lines in the Detention Center and Sheriff's Department budgets and moves those monies into several other lines within those respective accounts in the General Fund. Sheriff Mike Wilson explained that the needs for the transfer included an increase in building and equipment repairs to the jail, an increase in medical and dental services for inmates, an additional need for pest control not included in the contract and most specifically for termite control, and mandatory pre-employment psychiatric evaluations for new jail employees. Commissioner Usery made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner Bell, the motion passed unanimously.

**Transfer No. 1819-08**

Previously passed unanimously through the HEED Committee, this transfer moves \$3,768 out of 56500-335 (Library – Maintenance and Repair of Building) and moves \$3,500 of those funds into 56500-168 (Library – Temporary Personnel) as well as the associated social security and employer Medicare lines in the General Fund Budget. Library Director Candy McAdams was recognized and explained that this transfer would cover the cost of temporary personnel as a result of one of her full-time employees undergoing a surgery related to cancer that required an extensive recovery period and time-off for the employee. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson, the motion passed unanimously.

**Transfer No. 1819-09:**

Previously passed unanimously through the Public Safety Committee, this transfer moves \$2,000 out of 53400-348 (Clerk and Master – Postal Charges) and places those monies into 53400-719 (Clerk and Master – Office Equipment) in the Chancery Court Clerk's account in the General Fund. Clerk and Master VanCleave stated that the transfer was for the purchase of two new tables for the Chancery Courtroom in the courthouse. Commissioner Usery made the motion to approve the transfer, and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson, the motion passed unanimously.

**Transfer No. 1819-10**

Previously passed through the HEED Committee with a vote of 5 yeas, 2 nays, and 2 absent, this transfer moves \$6,000 out of 51500-336 (Election Commission – Maintenance and Repair-Voting Equipment) as well as \$5,000 out of 51500-399 (Election Commission - Other Contracted Services) and transfers those monies into 51500-335 (Election Commission – Maintenance and Repair-Buildings) in the General Fund Budget. Mayor Bynum stated that the need for the transfer was to repair water drainage issues at his building, including the Career Center side, and would also fund repairs to a number of HVAC issues at his office. There was discussion about historical issues at the center, the shape of the units at present, and the best course of action. Chairperson Owen made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner Bell, the motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 2019-35**

Previously passed unanimously through the Public Works Committee, this resolution authorizes the submission of an application for a litter and trash collecting grant from TDOT and authorizes the acceptance of said grant to the Weakley County Highway Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Commissioner Taylor made the motion to approve and recommend it to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner VanCleave, the motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2019-36**

Previously passed unanimously before the HEED Committee, this resolution adjusts multiple lines in the Weakley County General Purpose School Fund. Chairperson Owen recognized Director of School Randy Frazier who explained that the resolution would clean up salary lines and purchase equipment for the Special Education Department at various schools. 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 to approve passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2019-37**

Previously passed unanimously through the Public Works Committee, this resolution authorizes budget amendments to Highway Department Fund and Debt Service Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Reasons cited for the resolution included a capital projects need recognized by the Highway Department and referred to a separate, related issuance of the borrowing of capital outlay notes in the amount of \$450,000 approved by the State of Tennessee's Comptroller of the Treasury and the subsequent plan to repay the note from the Debt Service Fund. Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to approve and recommend the resolution to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Bell, the motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2019-38:**

Previously passed unanimously before the Public Safety Committee, this resolution takes \$5,164 out of the 34520-AUTCH (Restricted for Administration of Justice Data Processing Reserve) and places those funds into 53400-709 (Clerk and Master – Data Processing Equipment) in the General Fund. The reason cited for resolution was the need for new computers that would be compatible with the system software for the office. Commissioner Usery made the motion to approve the resolution and recommend it to the full county commission and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson, the motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2019-39**

This resolution moves \$10,000 out of 54210-160 (Detention Center – Guards) and places those monies into 54210-335 (Detention Center – Maintenance and Repair-Buildings) in the General Fund budget. Sheriff Wilson explained that the funds would be used to repair the gate at the Detention Center. Commissioner Westbrook 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. 2019-40**

Previously passed unanimously before the HEED Committee, this resolution realigns estimated revenues and expenditures in Dresden Senior Citizens Center budget in the General Fund. Reasons for the resolution included an increase in client load through the Northwest Tennessee Development District had resulted in an uptick in travel expenses for respite and homemaker employees contracted through the Development District. Commissioner VanCleave made the motion to approve the resolution and recommend it to full county commission and with a second by Commissioner Taylor, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2019-41**

Previously passed unanimously before the HEED Committee, this resolution moves \$7,400 out of account 53400-348 (Chancery Court – Clerk and Master – Postal Charges) and places those monies into account 51800-799 (County Buildings – Other Capital Outlay) in the General Fund Budget. Clerk and Master Regina VanCleave was recognized and explained that this resolution was for the renovation of the Chancery Court Room which was not renovated with the other court room back in 2016, and went on to mention that the cost savings in the postal charges line was a result of the Sheriff’s Department deputies assisting the office by personally delivering delinquent tax summons to homes. Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to approve the resolution and recommend it to the full county commission and with a second by Commissioner Bell, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION OF COURTHOUSE INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES**

Mayor Bynum was recognized and informed the committee that the courthouse has been experiencing many ongoing issues that has finally reached a point where further action is required. He highlighted several of the problems that include advanced aging due to flawed installation of the boiler and chill water piping system in the courthouse, both boilers in complete shutdown and disrepair, humidity issues in the courthouse and most specifically on the top floor, poor operating condition of the two ERV (energy recovery ventilation) units on the courthouse roof, and the copious amounts of short-term and temporary repairs that took place throughout the courthouse in the 18-19 fiscal year in the form of heating, cooling, and plumbing. Charlie Garrett of Garrett Construction, Chris Parham of Parham Plumbing, Heating and Cooling, and Jeremy Presley from Carrier Corporation all previously inspected the piping at the courthouse, and each company agreed that the issues had reached a dangerous point and the matter had turned urgent. There was discussion about costs, the length of repair, boiler and chiller systems verses HVAC conventional commercial systems, and the upcoming budget season.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Having no other business, Commissioner Bell made the motion to adjourn, and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary  
Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Approved: 

Eric Owen, Chairperson  
Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Date: 6-18-19