

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

Monday, June 21, 2021 – 9:00 a.m., Conference Room, Board of Education – Dresden, TN

FWM Committee Members Present: Commissioners Eric Owen, James Westbrook, David Bell, Roger Donaldson, Dennis Doster, Larry Taylor, Gary Eddings and Beth VanCleave

FWM Committee Members Absent: Commissioner Greg Usery

The Finance, Ways, and Means Committee met on Monday, June 21, 2021, 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, Road Supervisor Charles Ross, Captain Terry McDade, Emergency Services Director Ray Wiggington, Commissioner David Hawks, Sheriff Mike Wilson, 911 Director Christy Fulcher, Juvenile Services Director Keith Jones, Courtney McMinn, Clerk and Master Regina VanCleave, Joshua Thompson and representatives of the media.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner VanCleave made the motion to approve the minutes from the committee meeting held May 13, 2021, and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION OF BUDGETS:

FUND 101

53100-307- Communication- Commissioner Bell noticed that this line was 0 and inquired why. Mayor Bynum was recognized and explained that since Jennifer Killebrew is leaving she was not sure whether her replacement would want a county phone, thus the 0 in the line. Commissioner Bell made a motion to add \$1000 in line 307 and with a second from commissioner Eddings the motion passed unanimously.

53300-355- travel- Judge Thomas Moore was recognized and explained that due to COVID-19 the total that was spent on travel the last year was 0 but travel is starting to pick back up again. He mentioned that this line may go up in the future due to the fact that traveling judges get paid out of this line.

53400- Clerk and Master Regina VanCleave was recognized and explained why there were some changes within the budget. The communication line (307) increased due to the iPads that they have in the office. The dues and memberships line (320) also increase due to the fact that the dues went up this year and so adjustments had to be made. The travel line (355) also increased due to one of the employees traveling to take the county officials certificate training. Commissioner Gary Eddings made the motion to add \$4233 in the deputies' line (106) and with a second from Commissioner Bell the motion passed unanimously. This increased the salary of one of the deputies from \$23,500 to \$27,500. Due to this change adjustments would also have to be made in the employee benefits line. There decrease in the medical insurance line (207) was also explained by the new employee that was added in the office.

54110- Sheriff Mike Wilson was recognized and explained why the deputies' line (106) had increased and it was due to the fact that they were not fully staffed before. He also addressed the increase in the uniforms line (451), explaining that it was for bullet proof vests. There was a discussion about changing to a web-based system however the money that will be used for that would be COVID relief money. Sheriff Wilson also went on to explain that 4 new cars were purchased thus the increase in the vehicle insurance (511).

54130-148-Dispatchers- 911 Director Christy Fulcher was recognized and explained the salary increase within this line. She discussed that currently the start-up pay for a dispatcher is \$12 an hour and they would like to move it to \$14 an hour. She

discussed that the impact payment is 90% of the net revenue and that it was \$127,000 more than last year, bringing it to \$220,000 total.

54210- Sheriff Wilson was recognized and discussed the increase in the guards line (160) saying that is was due to longevity and step raises. He then explained that the other capital outlay line (799) also drastically increased due to all of their communication having to go digital. Because of this everything needs to be replaced and antennas would have to be put up in certain areas. Replacement parts for the cooler and freezer would also come out of that line. Further discussion continued about the jail roof and how it would have to be replaced. The money that would be used to replace the roof would not come out of this fund however, it would come out of 171 funding. Sheriff Wilson also discussed the addition of a full body scanner that will also be requested in the 171 funding.

54310-316- volunteer fire departments- Like most other non-profits the fire departments have not been able to hold any fundraisers thus effecting their funding. There will be a one-time only allocation to rural fire departments to help out.

54410-207-medical insurance- this has increased due to Director Wiggington getting married and adding his wife on his medical insurance plan.

54510-ISIP- The money that was left over carries over into this year

54420- In Greenfield there is a water leak at the ambulance service which is causing problems for surrounding businesses. In order to encourage a speedy resolution to the problem the money will be held aside and not given yet.

FUND 116: SOLID WASTE/SANITATION

There was a discussion about tire disposal and how the issue is still being looked into. There are several commissioners that have started conversations with others in order to address the problem.

FUND 131 – HIGHWAY FUND BUDGET

40240- Wheel tax- people were given the option not to pay the tax

46410-bridge program- the amount shown on the sheet was addressed and fixed by Finance Director John Liggett

46920-gasoline and motor fuel tax- the number budgeted has gone up due to an increase in prices. Director Ross did mention the idea of electrical vehicles to think about for the future.

There was a 5% increase in salaries, equaling a \$150,000 increase in salaries.

62000-187-overtime pay- this number had to increase due to the fact that employees could now choose between overtime or comp time.

62000-405- Asphalt, liquid- this was a RS2 bid, however it just isn't doing well anymore. The price of converting will increase.

63100-717-maintenance equipment- this increased significantly due to a new lift that will be added in the new shop. Still a couple of weeks out from being usable and complete.

65000-454-water and sewer- Dresden installed a new meter and so now they are on sewer as well. The committee had a discussion about whether building a well would be beneficial. The city would have to be brought into the conversation,

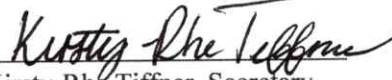
68000-726- state aid project- July 7th is the start date when more road contracts will be applied for.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The estimated fund balance for 21-22 was changed which concerned the members of the committee. Director Ross defended the numbers in his proposed budget however some of the commissioners raised their concerns about the amount and said that there may have to be some adjustments. A motion was made by Commissioner Owen to table the discussion until the Thursday meeting and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson the budget was tabled.

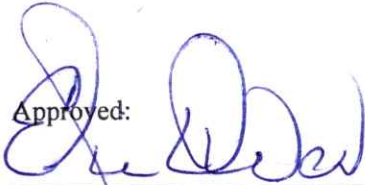
Having no other business, Commissioner Bell made the motion to adjourn, and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kirsty-Rhe Tiffner, Secretary
Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Approved:



Eric Owen, Chairperson
Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Date: 7-29-21