

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 24, 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 Thursday, June 24, 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, County Clerk Kim Hughey, Trustee Marcie Floyd, Register of Deeds April Jones, Director of Schools Randy Frazier, and representatives of the media.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No new minutes to approve

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION OF BUDGETS:

FUND 101

51100- There are two special called meetings built into the budget in case. One of those could possibly include a meeting about redistricting in December

51300-161- secretary- another employee was added into the budget in hopes that a secretary can be placed in the courthouse to help assist and greet anyone entering into the courthouse. During the time that Erica Moore was still in the office she became very overwhelmed and over worked due to the fact that she was wearing several hats that weren't necessarily in the job description. A staffing survey was done that showed that surrounding mayor's offices have more than just one staff member helping to handle the operations in the office.

Employee benefits also changed due to Erica Moore leaving and Kirsty-Rhe Tiffner adding her husband on to her insurance.

51600- The budget reflected is one that is similar to budgets pre-COVID. Register of Deeds April Jones was recognized and explained that line 411 (data processing supplies) increased due to them adding cyber security. This allows people to feel like their information is safe and they won't have to worry about any fraudulent activity.

52300-185- educational incentive- this increased due to the CCFO program.

52500- County Clerk Kim Hughey was recognized and explained some minor increases in the budget. Some scanners caused the price in line 334 (maintenance agreements) to go up and there was an increase in postage collection increasing line 348 (postal charges)

FUND 127- AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT GRANT

There was a discussion on the recommended expenditures for the American Rescue Plan finding. Non-profits have not been able to have fundraisers thus causing several of them to suffer during this time. No checks were being written these were just the recommendations. The funds for this are very restricted and thus only a certain amount of people/organizations qualify for the money. If the committee chooses to all the money could go towards broadband expansion.

FUND 131-HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to move money from account 46851 in the general fund and increase fund 131 highway fund and with a second by Commissioner Doster the motion passed. The total would come out to be \$210,000 being moved from the general fund and distributed into account 62000. Line 187 (overtime pay) would be increased by \$80,000, line 405 (asphalt, liquid) would be increased to \$1,100,000 and then line 436 (other road materials) would be increase to \$690,000.

Commissioner Owen mentioned to the committee that he took the equipment out of fund 131. \$400,000 is not in there anymore, and if a piece of equipment is necessary down the Road Director Ross would need to come before the committee and ask for the finances.

FUND 171- GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS

46800- The money that is found in this line will be used to fix the roof that has been in discussion. If there is money leftover there was a discussion about using that money to repair or replace the courthouse elevator.

The issue of the woman's bathroom in the courthouse was also brought up in the discussion and the need to fix the problem at some point.

FUND 177- EDUCATION CAPITAL PROJECTS


Director Frazier mentioned that there were several smaller projects that were going on that the money would go towards.

OTHER BUSINESS:

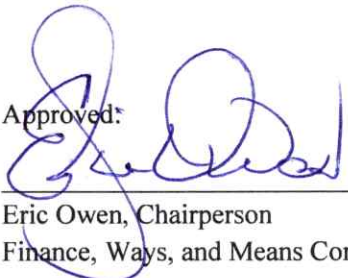
Commissioner entertained a motion by Commissioner Doster to recommend the full budget to the entire county commission meeting in July 29, 2021 and with a second by Commissioner VanCleave the motion passed unanimously.

Having no other business, Commissioner Owen made the motion to recess until June 29, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,


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

Approved:


Eric Owen, Chairperson
Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Date: 7-29-21