

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

**Tuesday, June 25, 2019 – 9:00 a.m., Conference Room, Board of Education – Dresden, TN**

**FWM Committee Members Present:** Commissioners James Westbrook, David Bell, Roger Donaldson, Dennis Doster, and Roger VanCleave, and Colton Nanney

**FWM Committee Members Absent:** Commissioners Eric Owen, Greg Usery, and Larry Taylor

The Finance, Ways, and Means Committee met on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Board of Education in Dresden. Also in attendance was Health Department Director Tracy Byrd, Director of Finance John Liggett, Mayor Jake Bynum, Elections Administrator Alex Britt, Library Director Candy McAdams, Ag Extension Agent Jeff Lannom, Veterans Affairs Officer Rick McKenzie, Soil Conservation Representative Gerald Parham, Commissioner David Hawks, and two representatives of the media.

Vice-Chairperson Donaldson called meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

There were no minutes to approve.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**DISCUSSION OF BUDGETS**

**51500 – Election Commission:** Administrator Britt was recognized and stated some of the changes in his upcoming budget which included an increase in line 193, Election Workers, for the purpose of an early voting satellite site for the Presidential Preference Primary. He explained that the site is proposed to be situated somewhere on the south side of Martin, and stated that the costs of the primary are reimbursable by the state in the case that the site is not utilized. He went on to say that he was already in possession of a tabulator and other equipment, and talked at length about Election Day process and how the system has worked historically. He provided two documents to the committee, one housing a quote for annual licensing and support fees through vendor Election Systems & Software [ESS], and the other including costs associated with annual network maintenance and security through contract with local vendor The Mobile PC Guys.

**51800 – County Buildings:** Mayor Bynum began by pointing out an increase to line 166, Custodians, and said that those positions were out of line with what other custodians were being paid in other county departments. He went on to explain that the state has mandated that all counties and municipalities must complete an ADA [Americans with Disabilities Act] transitioning plan for the purposes of identifying all areas that are not meeting accessibility standards. Mayor Bynum said that entities are contracting with engineering firms who take care of the study and spoke about the timeline of such a project being started in early 2020, as well as the \$75,000 estimated one-time cost that is factored into the budget. He went on to say that entities who do not complete the mandatory ADA transitioning plan will not be eligible for grant funding through the Department of Justice in the future.

**51910 – Preservation of Records:** Commissioner Hawks was recognized and stated that the archives are out of storage room once again and that another solution must be considered. No discussion or changes to budget.

**55110 – Health Department:** No discussion or changes.

**55150 – Maternal/Child Health Services:** No discussion or changes.

**55510 – Autopsies/Funerals:** A bit of discussion about the District Attorney signing off on all ordered autopsies and the budgeted figure being a moving target.

**55590-DGA – Health Department Grant:** Finance Director Liggett said that two positions are vacant and open to be funded from this grant.

**56100 – Dresden Senior Center/Office on Aging:** Mayor Bynum explained that line 189 (Other Salaries) was increasing to \$39,772 and went on to explain that in lieu of previous practices in paying respite and homemaker workers \$9 per hour plus travel expenses, the county had budgeted and would be increasing the hourly wage for the workers to \$11 and no longer paying travel expenses. He also mentioned that HEED had passed an increase to part time employees from \$9 per hour to \$10.

Commissioner VanCleave asked how much of the budget for the Dresden Senior Center and Sharon Senior Center is funded by the taxpayers. Mayor Bynum provided several figures regarding revenue sources and stated that about 36% of the Dresden Senior Center's budget is funded by outside sources, and 24% of Sharon Senior Center's budget is funded by outside sources.

**56300 – Sharon Senior Center:** No discussion.

**56500 – Weakley County Library:** Library Director McAdams touched on some increases, including an increase in the part time help line due to an employee who is out after a major surgery related to cancer. She also mentioned the uptick in line 335, (Maintenance and Repair-Building) for the replacement and/or repair of some HVAC units, water heaters, and leak issues at the Library.

**57100 – Ag Extension Office:** No discussion or changes.

**57500 – Soil Conservation District:** Mr. Gerald Parham was recognized and asked about a discrepancy in the salary figure for the employee funded at the Soil Conservation District by the county. Mayor Bynum and Finance Director Liggett explained that no discrepancy existed, but rather the figure only seemed off due to the longevity amount earned by the former employee.

**57700 – Flood Control:** No discussion or changes.

**58190 – Other Economic and Community Development:** Mayor Bynum said that line 316, Contracts for Development Costs, included the partnership with WK&T.

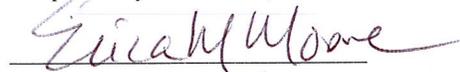
**58300 – Veterans Service Office:** Decrease in overall budget, and Veterans Officer McKenzie talked about privacy and communication difficulties with federal, state, and local governments.

Commissioner VanCleave made the motion to tentatively approve and recommend all budgets to the county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Bell, the motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Having no other business, Vice-Chairperson Donaldson recessed the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary  
Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

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