

**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE**  
**FINANCE, WAYS, AND MEANS COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, June 26, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. – Conference Room, Department of Finance**

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

**Finance, Ways, and Means Committee Members Absent:** Commissioners Tommy Jones and Greg Usery

The Weakley County Finance, Ways and Means Committee met on Tuesday, June 26, 2018, 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, Finance Director John Liggett, Elections Administrator Alex Britt, Director of Schools Randy Frazier, Youth Services Director Keith Jones, Road Supervisor Charles Ross, County Clerk Kim Hughey, Register of Deeds Donna Snyder, Deputy Register of Deeds April Jones, Clerk and Master Regina VanCleave, Ag Extension Agent Jeff Lannom, Trustee Marci Floyd, Deputy Trustee Lori King, Veterans Service Officer Rick McKenzie, Library Director Candy McAdams, Sharon Senior Center Director Shirley Chappell, Dresden Senior Center Director Gail Rogers, Property Assessor David Tuck, and three representatives of the media.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Hawks made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2018, committee meeting and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 2018–40** – Previously passed unanimously through the HEED Committee, this money realigns estimated expenditures relative to receipt of tobacco grant monies in the Health Department account in the General Fund. Commissioner Hawks made the motion to approve and recommend the resolution to the full county commission and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson, the motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2018–41** – Previously passed unanimously before the HEED Committee, this resolution moves various monies received from the state to various lines in the General Purpose School Fund. Director of Schools Frazier told the committee that additional revenue had been received from the state for early childhood education and was needed in supplies and materials as well as staff development. Commissioner Doster made the motion to approve and recommend the resolution to the full county commission and with a second by Commissioner Hawks, the motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION OF BUDGETS**

**FUND 101 BUDGETS**

56300 – Sharon Senior Center – Mayor Bynum mentioned that Director Chappell wants to increase the hours for her two part time assistants at the center that would total \$3500 for the year.

56100 – Dresden Senior Center/Office on Aging – No questions or discussion.

51100 – County Commission – No questions or discussion.

51300 – County Mayor – No questions or discussion.

51400 – County Attorney – Mayor Bynum said that this line included all of the work that the county attorney performs for the county and county business outside of the Weakley County Commission meetings.

51500 – Election Commission – No questions or discussion.

51600 – Register of Deeds Donna Snyder thanked the committee for their years of support to her and her office as well as commended them on their service.

51800 – County Buildings – Mayor Bynum explained that figured into the County Buildings budget were 3 HVAC units for the Library. He also mentioned the need for a county maintenance individual and discussion commenced on the need, issues within the buildings, duties and responsibilities of such a position, potential salary and associated costs, as well as other courthouse repair and maintenance challenges.

51910 – Archives – No questions or discussion.

52100 – Department of Finance – No questions or discussion.

52300 – Property Assessor – Assessor Tuck stated that he needed to increase line 331 up to \$2,000. Commissioner Owen made the motion to increase the line, and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion to increase passed unanimously.

52310 – Reappraisal Program – Assessor Tuck requested his two account lines be merged into one account in the future, and said that it was the trend across the state. No questions or discussion.

52400 – County Trustee – No questions or discussion.

52500 – County Clerk – No questions or discussion.

53100 – Circuit Clerk – No questions or discussion.

53300 – General Sessions Court – No questions or discussion.

53400 – Chancery Clerk – No questions or discussion.

53500 – Juvenile Court – Director Jones explained that the increase in his account budget related to the purchase of software would be a one-time expense.

57100 – Ag Extension – Agent Lannom said that his TSU agent received a promotion as well as a 1.5% raise, and his UT staff would be receiving a 2.5% salary pull for each department.

57500 – Soil Conversation Services – No questions or discussion.

57700 – Flood Control – No questions or discussion.

58190 – Other Economic and Community Development – Mayor Bynum explained some contributions that would be housed in this account instead of the charitable contributions line. He went on to say that the amount housed for the new industry would not be paid until a certificate of occupancy was received.

58300 – Veterans Service Office – Director McKenzie made the committee aware that his budget included bringing his part time assistant to full time status. He explained several reasons for the importance of making the position full time, including that she had served the office for 12 years and cited many reasons for the request that included her training and experience, skill level, familiarity with the veterans and families, the increase in female veterans that were comfortable with speaking with her, the stability that she has created in the office, and the high rating and reputation of the Weakley County VA office due in large part to her. Commissioner Hawks advocated for bringing the assistant from part time to full time status and provided some statistics on veteran suicide and post-traumatic stress disorder. Commissioner Hawks made the motion to approve bringing the part time VA office assistant to full time status and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson, and upon a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

58400 – Dues and Memberships – No questions or discussion.

58500 – Contributions to Other Agencies – No questions or discussion.

Trustee Marci Floyd stated that she would like to see the county employees receive some token of appreciation from the body for a job well done, whether it be an increase in longevity or a small percentage raise. Chairperson Owen said that after the revenue was analyzed, the body would be in a better position to consider any raises.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Having no other business, Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Hawks, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Approved:

  
Eric Owen, Chairperson

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Date: 7-2-18