

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

Wednesday, June 27, 2018 – 10:00 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, Tommy Jones, and David Hawks

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee Members Absent: Commissioner Greg Usery

The Weakley County Finance, Ways and Means Committee met on Wednesday, June 27, 2018, at 10:00 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, Director of Schools Randy Frazier, School Board Members Steve Vantrease and Ali Stalter, Special Education Supervisor Deborah Perkins, County Attorney Allison Whitledge, County Commissioners Donald Doster and Scott Fortner, and one representative of the media.

Chairperson Owen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of Resolution No. 2018-42 – Resolution Granting an Exclusive Franchise for the Operation of Ambulance Service Within the Boundaries of Weakley County, Tennessee

Chairperson Owen recognized County Attorney Whitledge and asked her to provide some insight as to the best course of action to take in regard to the Ambulance Service bid process. Attorney Whitledge explained that as she understood the details, two bidders met the RFP's specifications requirements, and the other bidders did not. She said that upon discussion and requesting that the subsidy be removed from one of the bids, a counteroffer resulted in that bidder falling below the minimum specification requirement outlined in the bid. She stated that the body should decide on whether to choose from the bid with the lowest subsidy that is still within the bid requirements, or to throw out all of the bids altogether and start the bid process again. There was much discussion about the pros and cons of rebidding the process, the importance of taking time to consider the best option for the taxpayers and citizens, and extending the current franchise agreement. Commission Owen asked Mayor Bynum whether Resolution 2018-42 would go before the entire commission, and Mayor Bynum replied that it would unless, like all resolutions, the sponsors withdrew their sponsorship of the resolution. The body requested that Attorney Whitledge reach out to the Weakley County Ambulance Service CEO Jeff Washburn to see if he would be willing to provide a service extension on a month to month basis.

NEW BUSINESS:

TRANSFERS

TRANSFER NO. 1718-09

Previously passed unanimously through the HEED Committee, this transfer moves funds from various lines to assorted lines in the Child Nutrition Fund. Reasons cited on the transfer include summer labor adjustment, buffering for schedule changes for hourly employees relative to state retirement, additional travel expenses, replacement of grease trap and hot water heaters, and the purchase of laptops for all cafeteria managers. Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner Wright, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-43

Previously passed unanimously through the HEED Committee, this resolution moves funds from various lines to assorted lines in the General Purpose School Fund. Director of Schools Frazier explained that the reason for the resolution included the end of the year cleanup for the General Purpose School Fund, and balancing out of state revenues. He mentioned a few highlights, including movement for the expenditures related to bus drivers, gasoline, and the purchase of two new propane buses. Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve and recommend the resolution to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Hawks, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-44

This resolution realigns the estimated expenditures to ensure that all lines stay within budget in the General Fund Budget. Director of Finance Liggett explained that the resolution was a cleanup resolution for the end of the fiscal year budget for the General Fund. Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve and recommend the resolution to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Hawks, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-45

This resolution realigns the estimated expenditures to ensure that all lines stay within budget in the Solid Waste Budget. Director of Finance Liggett explained that the resolution was a cleanup resolution for the end of the fiscal year budget for the Solid Waste Fund. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve and recommend the resolution to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-46

This resolution realigns the estimated expenditures to ensure that all lines stay within budget in the Highway Budget. Director of Finance Liggett explained that the resolution was a cleanup resolution for the end of the fiscal year budget for the Highway Fund. Commissioner Doster made the motion to approve and recommend the resolution to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Taylor, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-47

This resolution realigns the estimated expenditures to ensure that all lines stay within budget in the Education Capital Projects Budget. Director of Finance Liggett explained that the resolution was a cleanup resolution for the end of the fiscal year budget for the Education Capital Projects Fund. Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to approve and recommend the resolution to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Wright, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF BUDGETS

FUND 143 – CHILD NUTRITION FUND

Director of Schools Frazier said that school lunches would be increasing for elementary school aged children by \$0.25 cents to make all of the school lunches the same amount of money for every child across the entire school system, and he commented that the schools serves over a million meals per year. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to tentatively approve Fund 143 and recommend it to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Wright, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

FUND 141

Director of Schools Frazier provided the committee members with a document that outlined many of the budget highlights which included anticipated revenues and expenditures for the 2018-19 FY. Director Frazier mentioned a decrease in student enrollment, a 2% raise across the board for both non-certified and certified teachers, an increase in medical insurance and TCRS retirement, and a decrease in building improvements. He went on to say that there will be one-time money from the state, as well as state funded monies for the Safe Schools [Revenue line 46590-SSA] that would be dedicated to allocating to the expense of School Resource Officers for the county. He also mentioned that a new cleaning service won the low bid for cleaning the county schools as well as the football fields.

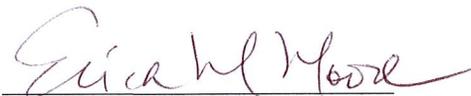
Director Frazier stated that overall, the schools will be operating on a smaller budget than in 2017-18 FY.

Commissioner Hawks made the motion to tentatively approve Fund 141 and recommend it to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Having no other business, Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to recess the meeting until Thursday, June 28th at 5:00 p.m., and with a second by Commissioner Hawks, the meeting was recessed at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary
Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Date: 7-10-18