

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, AND MEANS COMMITTEE
Friday, June 29, 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 Friday, June 29, 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, Sheriff Mike Wilson, Director of Dispatch Christy Fulcher, Emergency Management Director Dustin Kemp, Safe Schools Director Lorna Benson, Principal Chuck West, Director of Schools Randy Frazier, Assistant Director of Schools Jeff Kelley, Carl Perkins Children's Advocacy Center Director Bette Jewel, and two representatives from the Carl Perkins Center; School Board Members Steve Vantrease, Jeff Floyd, Ali Stalter, and Josh Moore; three representatives from the media.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Larry Taylor asked whether the courthouse had an IT person, and Mayor Bynum stated that there was not one. Commissioner Westbrook asked whether the Weakley County Municipal Electric System has a contract with an IT specialist or organization, and Mayor Bynum said that he would also check into that. Commissioner Taylor stated that he believed that the courthouse and county buildings would benefit from a maintenance representative, and after some committee discussion, the body agreed that some research should be done on such a position.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION OF BUDGETS

FUND 101 BUDGETS

54130 – Dispatchers – No questions or discussion.

54210 – Detention Center – There was some discussion about the maintenance position at the jail, why the salary line was located in the Sheriff's Department account budget, the duties and responsibilities, and the person currently in the position. Commissioner Taylor again advocated for a courthouse and county buildings maintenance position.

54310 – Fire Prevention/Control – No questions or discussion.

54410 – Emergency Management – Director Kemp mentioned a few increases, included the Diesel line 412 correlating to a new vehicle budgeted in line 718, Vehicle and Equipment Purchase, for the purchase of a response worthy vehicle. He also mentioned increases in the maintenance and repair for equipment line to perform needed maintenance on the Polaris Ranger. There was some discussion about the necessity of the new vehicle and the issues with the current vehicle.

54410-ISIP – EMA Grant – No questions or discussion.

54420 – Rescue Squad – Commissioner Hawks asked who owned the Rescue Squad building, where the rent was coming from, if the ambulance service is paying rent to the Rescue Squad, and who runs the Rescue Squad. None of the committees or officials knew the answers to the questions. He asked that someone find out for him.

54610 – County Coroner/Medical Examiner – No questions or discussion.

55110 – Health Center – No questions or discussion.

55150 – Maternal/Child Health Services – Mayor Bynum stated that the amount budgeted reflects the \$25,000 that was outlined in Resolution No. 2018-04, A Resolution in Support of a New Building for the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and to Provide Financial Assistance for the Project.

55130 – Ambulance Service – Budget includes the six month franchise extension.

55190 – Tobacco Settlement – Mayor Bynum said that the Health Department may or may not receive funds in the future from the state tobacco cessation grant.

55510 – General Welfare – No questions or discussion.

55590-DGA – Health Department Grant – Mayor Bynum explained that this account funded an employee but was totally reimbursed to the county through state funds.

58600 – Employee Benefits – Finance Director Liggett said that the Other Fringe Benefits line housed the \$50 Great West Empower Retirement program county employee match, and there was some discussion of participation, which Director Liggett stated was around 50%.

58900 – Miscellaneous – No questions.

99100 – Tax Increment Financing – Mayor Bynum said that the figures in this budget were based solely on the investment of the South Korean industry that was locating in Martin.

54110 – Sheriff's Department – Sheriff Wilson said that he was fully staffed at present, but that one officer was retiring.

54110-THSO – Governor's Highway Safety Grant – No questions or discussion.

54110-DCP – Drug Court Program – No questions or discussion.

54120 – School Resource Officers – Sheriff Wilson went through the account with the committee and made adjustments to various lines. After all of the adjustments were made, the total budget expense changed from \$382,380 to \$382,447. Sheriff Wilson said that the budget included 6 school resource officers, and there was discussion about applications, interviews, training, the City of Martin's contribution, future budgets, the need for a contract, SRO vehicles, contributions from other cities, and potential grant funding for the officers. Commissioner Donaldson expressed many concerns about which entity would employ the officers, the need to work together with the City of Martin on the process, and the concern that the county would be responsible for the entirety of the program in the future.

Chairperson Owen made the motion to approve and recommend all of the budgets discussed to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

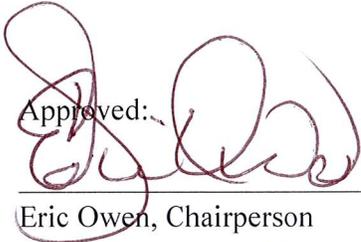
Having no other business, Commissioner Wright made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary
Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Approved:



Eric Owen, Chairperson
Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Date: 7-26-18