

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

ORIGINAL

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – County Commission Court Room, Courthouse

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

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee Members Absent: Commissioners Larry Taylor and Greg Usery

The Weakley County Finance, Ways and Means Committee met on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the county commission court room at the courthouse in Dresden. Others present included County Mayor Jake Bynum, Finance Director John Liggett, Property Assessor David Tuck, Library Director Candy McAdams, Deputy Trustee Lori King, Director of Schools Randy Frazier, Circuit Court Clerk Jenny Killebrew, Register of Deeds Donna Snyder, and two representatives of the media.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Doster made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 27th and June 28th, 2018, committee meetings and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Hawks said that he had recently attended the City of Martin's informal board meeting and relayed that the board did not make a decision regarding the School Resource Officers. Commissioner Hawks stated that he asked the board to make a decision prior to August. He went on to request that the Sheriff and committee consider allocating any leftover funds in the SRO budget up to \$50,000 to the City of Martin for their SROs. Discussion commenced and included conversation about the many ways the county supports the City of Martin, technicalities regarding appropriation, timeline, future procedures, setup and program implementation costs, and future/long-term expenditures associated with the program.

Director of Schools Frazier encouraged the committee to draft a written contract prior to making any decisions, and there was at length conversation about taxes paid out by the various municipalities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of General Fund Expenditures

Director of Finance Liggett explained a referencing error on a spreadsheet that caused an overall incorrect figure to the General Fund balance for the 18-19 FY, and made mention of the correct figures on a document provided in the committee member's packets. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to recommend the entire appropriation as corrected to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Hawks, the motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation of the Tax Rate

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to recommend the tax rate to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Wright, the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Doster voiced concerns about the condition of the roads, safety of the buses, and children traveling to school. Commissioner Westbrook stated that he shared those concerns and stated that across the entire state, other counties were experiencing the same challenges with their road systems.

Having no other business, Commissioner Doster made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Wright, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Approved:



Eric Owen, Chairperson

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Date:

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