

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

Thursday, July 27, 2017 – 5:00 p.m. – County Commission Court Room, Courthouse, Dresden

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

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee Members Absent: None

The Finance, Ways and Means Committee met on Thursday, July 27, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. in the county commission court room at the courthouse in Dresden. Others in attendance were various county commissioners, officials, courthouse staff, citizens, and representatives of the media.

Chairperson Owen reconvened the recessed meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of Account 51500 – Election Commission:

Chairperson Owen stated that the big change in this budget was the movement of funds from Maintenance and Repair of voting machines and put it into Election Workers. He stated that because the committee did not approve the purchase of new voting machines, Elections Administrator Britt would like to move the funds back into the Maintenance and Repair line for the repair of voting machines.

Commissioner Westbrook mentioned some research he had collected from some surrounding counties, and stated several figures in regards to active registered voters, overall election budgets, number of precincts, and the cost to a county of each individual voter. Commissioner Westbrook stated that the cost to Weakley County is more per voter than in surrounding Henry and Obion Counties. Elections Administrator Britt cited reasons including the fact that Weakley County pays more for election workers, rules regarding the amount of people needed per precinct, and the number of voting machines needed for each precinct. There was some discussion about the potential for long lines and angry voters, should the number of voters be decreased.

Commissioner David Hawks made the motion to change the number of election workers from 27 to 20, and to increase the amount of funds in the Maintenance and Repair of Office Equipment line (336) from \$1,000 to \$10,000, and with a second by Commissioner Taylor, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of 2017-18 FY Budget:

Director of Finance Liggett noted some minor changes in the budget. Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to approve the 2017-18 FY budget as amended and recommend it to the full county commission and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 2018-01: This resolution makes appropriations for various funds, departments, institutions, offices, and agencies of Weakley County, Tennessee, for the FY beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018.

Commissioner Owen made the motion to amend Resolution No. 2018-01 to include the change to the Election Commission Office outlined in the discussion the account, and with a second by Commissioner Taylor, the motion to amend passed unanimously. Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-01 as amended and recommend it to the full county commission and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2018-02: This resolution fixes the tax levy for Weakley County for FY 2017-18. Chairperson Owen stated the tax rates for the various funds. Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-02 and recommend it to the full county commission and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2018-03: This resolution makes appropriations to non-profit charitable organizations for the FY beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-03 and recommend it to the full county commission and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2018-04: This resolution supports a new building for the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and provides financial support for the project. Commissioner Doster stated some concerns he had regarding funding the project, and said he believed that the operation should be self-sufficient as much as possible. Juvenile Services Officer Keith Jones stated that he believed that the program is a working program that is run the right way by helping to prevent juveniles from having to repeat and relive trauma over and over again in multiple questioning sessions, and said that it is a necessary program. There was a bit more discussion about the program details. Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-04 and recommend it to the full county commission and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was discussion about plans for the Weakley County Archives, the new building, and the payment for the work. Commissioner Haws mentioned that the Detention Center is in need of a new roof, and there was some talk about the costs and the existing courthouse renovations.

Having no other business, Commissioner Hawks made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook, the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

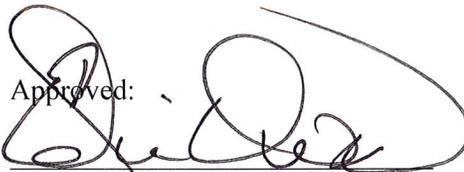
Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Approved: _____



Eric Owen, Chairperson
Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Date: _____

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