

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 14, 2017 - Conference Room, Department of Finance

HEED Committee Members Present: Commissioners Donald Doster, James Bynum, Roger VanCleave, Dale Overton, Jack Vincent, Gary Eddings, James Roy Pope, Scott Fortner and Larry Hudson

HEED Committee Members Absent: None

The Health, Education and Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Department of Finance in Dresden. Also in attendance was Director of Finance John Liggett, County Mayor Jake Bynum, Director of Schools Randy Frazier, Elections Administrator Alex Britt, Road Supervisor Charles Ross, and a representative of the media.

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

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Overton made the motion to accept the minutes of the September 1, 2017, committee meeting and with a second by Commissioner Eddings, the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner VanCleave asked about the status of the courthouse projects. Mayor Bynum spoke about existing HVAC problems at the courthouse, the exhaust problem on the courthouse 3rd floor, and leaks created by condensation and old piping. He explained that renovations could prove to be costly in the future, but that we are taking on the issues as they come.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 2018-11:

This resolution affirms compliance with Federal Title VI regulations. Mayor Bynum explained that this is a standard annual resolution that must be approved and provided to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development in order to apply for ThreeStar Grant funding through the state. Commissioner Pope made the motion to approve this resolution and recommend it to the Weakley County Commission, and with a second by Commissioner Hudson, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2018-12:

This resolution authorizes budget amendments to the General Purpose School Fund for the purpose of budgeting and allocating received monies from the Read to Be Ready Grant, to adjust Education Edge funds, and to make other various necessary amendments. Director of Schools Frazier spoke about the purchase of a church beside the school in Gleason and the potential uses for it. Commissioner VanCleave made the motion to approve the resolution and recommend it to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee and with a second by Commissioner Eddings, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2018-14:

This resolution authorizes budget amendments to the General Purpose School Fund to include additional revenues from the State for reimbursement of high cost expenditures for IDEA students that occurred in the 2016-17 school year with the addition of expenditure transfers. Director of Schools Frazier stated that when a handicapped student needs to be transported, often times the parent will transport the student to the destination and will be reimbursed for the costs by Weakley County Schools at the end of the year. He went on to say that money was being allocated for the purchase of a special education bus. Commissioner Taylor made the motion to approve the resolution and recommend it to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee and with a second by Commissioner Vincent, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2018-16:

This resolution authorizes budget amendments for new monies to be budgeted for the purchase of a new voting system for the Weakley County Election Commission. Administrator of Elections Britt explained that \$10,000 per voting precinct has been made available through the Help Americans Vote Again (HAVA) Act, bringing Weakley County's portion total to \$110,000.

He said that the total expense to purchase a new voting system is \$159,790, and that the additional funds to purchase the system must be expensed from the previously appropriated account in Fund 171, General Fund Capital Projects. There was much discussion about various election topics including the bid process for the new system, reimbursements, electronic poll books, direct record electronic (DRE) paper, specifications of the new system, machine features, warranty, onsite support, old voting equipment, the U.S. status of voters, and voter registration information. Commissioner Fortner made the motion to approve the resolution and recommend it to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee and with a second by Commissioner VanCleave, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2018-17:

This resolution authorizes the creation of an expenditure line for USDA grant funds for economic development. Mayor Bynum explained that during budgeting, the revenue line was budgeted but the expenditure line was left out in error. He went on to explain that the grant funds would be used to increase retail participation in municipality downtowns, as well as increase attention for the Weakley County Ned R. McWherter Museum located inside the Weakley County Library in Dresden. Commissioner Pope made the motion to approve the resolution and recommend it to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee and with a second by Commissioner Hudson, the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Director of Schools Frazier brought up the contract that is currently in place with UT Martin for use of their athletic field for Martin Westview football games. He said that UT Martin has requested that for the next two years, Weakley County Schools contribute \$27,500, and then increase the contribution to \$50,000 per year for five years. He explained that the contribution increase request is for the purchase of new turf for the field. He went on to say that UT Martin has offered to allow Westview School a 50/50 split of the concessions profit, which would increase the projected concessions profit to about \$10,000 per year instead of the current \$2,000 per year. There was talk about wear and tear of the turf and past procedure on such a request.

Having no other business, Commission Pope made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Hudson, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary

Health, Education, and Economic Development Committee

Approved:



Donald Doster, Chairperson

Health, Education, and Economic Development Committee

Date: 1-18-18