

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE**HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE****Wednesday, February 20, 2019 – 9:00 a.m. – Conference Room, Weakley County Department of Finance**

HEED Committee Members Present: Commissioners Gary Eddings, Jack Vincent, David Hawks, Dale Overton, Larry Hudson, Bobby Dunlap, and Scott Fortner

HEED Committee Members Absent: Commissioner Donnie Essary and James Roy Pope

The Health, Education, and Economic Development Committee met on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Board of Education in Dresden. Also in attendance were County Mayor Jake Bynum, Director of Schools Randy Frazier, City of Dresden Mayor Jeff Washburn, Library Director Candy McAdams, Commissioners Dennis Doster and Eric Owen, Cary Henson of Henson Construction, Jerry Hartfield of TLM Associates, and three representatives of the media.

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

Approval of Minutes:

CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES: Chairperson Hawks stated a correction to the minutes that Scott Fortner should be marked as present instead of Bobby Dunlap, who should be marked as absent.

Commissioner Eddings made the motion to approve the corrected minutes from the January 30, 2019, committee meeting and with a second by Commissioner Vincent, the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:**RESOLUTIONS****Resolution No. 2019-23**

This resolution authorizes budget amendments to the General Purpose School Fund. Director of Schools Frazier stated that this resolution adjusts some line items and receives grant funding from the CDC for drinking water stations at the schools through the Coordinated School Health program. 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 Eddings, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2019-26

This resolution authorizes budget amendments to the General Fund for the purposes of realigning expenditures to move the Library Summer Reading Program income and expenditures into the General Fund budget. Mayor Bynum explained that the State Comptroller's office had requested that all of the books, revenue, and expenditures run through the county and should be the standard across the board for all counties. Commissioner Overton 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 to approve passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL COUNTY BUILDING AND SAFE ROOM

Mayor Bynum started by saying that while details and technicalities must certainly eventually be worked out, there is a definite need to move forward to apply for any grant funding if it is the will of the body. He went on to talk about some additional hurdles, documentation, public notices, and etc. that are necessary to get the ball rolling on the project. There was some more discussion about the potential building specifications, including that the building can potentially house 2000 individuals, priorities and obligations of the county, who would be responsible for the building, storage, advantages

and disadvantages, proximity to the school, the need for a new high school down the road, costs for an additional safe room, and site selection.

Director of Schools Frazier said that the School Board had voted to proceed with the application process for the Greenfield safe room.

Chairperson Hawks told the committee to consider the fact that once a decision like this was made, it establishes a precedent and that all communities should be treated fairly.

Commissioner Vincent asked about the plans to find the funds to pay for such a building and there was some discussion about the potential for loans, debt payments, and debt payoff.

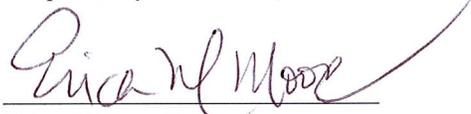
Commissioner Overton stated that he believed every entity that would benefit from the safe room should contribute to the costs of funding the project.

Commissioner Eddings made the motion to proceed with the application process for the building and with a second by Commissioner Hudson, the motion passed with a vote of 6 yeas, 1 nay, and 2 absent.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

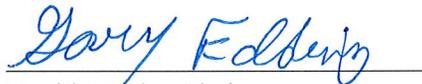
Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary

Health, Education, and Economic Development Committee

Approved:



David Hawks, Chairperson

Health, Education, and Economic Development Committee

Date: 3.11.19