

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Monday, June 26, 2017; 9:00 a.m., Conference Room at Department of Finance

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

HEED Committee Members Absent: None

The Health, Education and Economic Development Committee met on Monday, June 26, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the board room at the Weakley County Board of Education/Department of Finance in Dresden. Others in attendance were County Mayor Jake Bynum, Director of Finance John Liggett, Dresden Senior Center Director Gail Rogers, Sharon Senior Center Director Shirley Chappell, Health Department Director Tracy Byrd, Rita Jeter, Veterans Service Officer Rick McKenzie, Library Director Candy McAdams, Ag Extension Agent Jeff Lannom, and two representatives of the media.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairperson Doster requested that the minutes from the May 9, 2017 meeting be amended to include Commissioner Gary Eddings as present for that meeting. Commissioner Pope made the motion to approve the minutes as amended and with a second by Commissioner VanCleave, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

TRANSFERS

Transfer 1617-21

This transfer moves \$1,000 from the 55190-349 (Health Department – Printing, Stationary and Forms) line and \$625 from the 55190-399 (Health Department - Other Contracted Services) line and distributes those monies into lines 212 (Employee Medicare), 201 (Social Security), and 189 (Other Salaries and Wages) in the Health Department account of the General Fund budget. Chairperson Doster recognized Health Department Director Tracy Byrd who cited the reasons for the transfers was to send 3 teams of students to a leadership institute and provide 3 chaperons for the trip. Commissioner VanCleave made the motion to approve Transfer 1617-21 and recommend it to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee, and with a second by Commissioner Pope, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of General Fund Budgets:

51800 – County Buildings: County Mayor Bynum stated that medical insurance would be increasing across the board, and explained that an increase in the 399 (Other Contracted Services) line coincides with the decrease in line 335 (Maintenance/Repair Buildings) to allow true contracted services to be budgeted and subsequently paid from the correct line. He mentioned an increase in the Electricity line (425) and commented that despite the mild winter and pre-summer seasons, utility bills had seen an increase and should be accounted for accordingly. Mayor Bynum continued by saying that insurance premiums were increasing across the board in the coming year and informed the committee that Becky Brock from the Local Government Insurance Pool had performed an audit of all of the county's liabilities and assets, and is still providing a very competitive rate. There was a bit of conversation about increasing electricity costs, the energy initiative project for the courthouse, the capital projects fund and the remaining projects that need to be done, and the cost of the increase in the natural gas line (434). Commissioner VanCleave asked which offices were operating under the ENA (Education Networks of America) internet provider and stated that he is glad that the 350 (Internet connectivity) line has been established. Mayor Bynum also explained that the courthouse elevator line would be expensed from the County Buildings (51800) budget instead of the County Mayor's (51300) budget.

51100 – Health Department: Director Tracy Byrd explained some changes in her budget which included an increase in the electricity line (415), an increase in Maintenance and Repair Building line (335) for the upkeep of the Health Department building, and an increase in the Custodial line (410) for the stripping of the floors at the end of the year.

55190 – Tobacco Settlement: Health Department Director Tracy Byrd stated some changes in that budget which included sending children to a Tennessee Teen Institute and travel to a regional tobacco prevention program.

55590 – DGA: Budget includes one outreach worker. Director Byrd stated that it would remain pretty well the same as last year's budget, and there was no discussion.

56100 – Dresden Senior Center/Office on Aging: Mayor Bynum mentioned a misprint on the 316 (Contributions) line. He mentioned other changes which include an increase in the Travel (355) line due to the Office on Aging respite nurse's increase in clients. There was some conversation about funding for the local senior centers and various programs at the Office on Aging.

56300 – Sharon Senior Center: Mayor Bynum said that there were no changes in the budget, and commended Director Shirley Chappell as well as Director Gail Rogers for a job well done.

56500 – Library: Director McAdams asked the committee for an increase in the number of hours that her part-time workers get, and mentioned an increase in her Janitorial line (328) as well as her Services-Equipment line (336). She also stated that the Library Board had asked that she request an increase in Weakley County's contribution to the local libraries. She stated that currently the libraries get a percentage of the county's funding based on population, and that the breakout of those percentages are as follows: Sharon: 14%, Gleason: 14%, Greenfield: 16%, and Martin: 56%. Director McAdams also mentioned that the library was 20 years old and that the building would need a roof before too long.

57100 – Ag Extension Office: Director Jeff Lannom stated that there would be no changes with the exception of the UT system's 3% salary increase for their employees.

58300 – Veterans Services: Veterans Service Officer Rick McKenzie stated a change in his budget that includes an increase in the Travel line (355).

58190 – Other Economic and Community Development: Mayor Jake Bynum explained that Weakley County had received a \$3000 matching USDA grant for the promotion of the Weakley County Ned R. McWherter Museum as well as Weakley County's retail area. There was a bit of discussion about the Three-Star program.

Commissioner Hudson made the motion to tentatively approve all of the discussed budgets and recommend them to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee, and with a second by Commissioner VanCleave, the motion unanimously passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Bynum mentioned that the courthouse elevator is wearing down from age and wear and wanted to make the committee aware that the once the elevator breaks down, the repairs would be costly due to the old elevator parts not being made anymore and updating is necessary. Mayor Bynum also made the committee aware of a rearrangement in the meeting schedule and told the committee that any meeting that they had attended after June 19th would be paid to them in July, and the county commission meeting for July would be paid to them in August.

Having no other business Commissioner Hudson made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner VanCleave, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary

Health, Education, and Economic Development Committee

Approved:



Donald Doster, Chairperson

Health, Education, and Economic Development Committee

Date: 9-11-17