

**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Monday, June 11, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. - Conference Room, Weakley County Department of Finance

Public Safety Committee Members Present: Commissioners Scott Fortner, James Bynum, David Hawks, Earl Wright, and Larry Hudson

Public Safety Committee Members Absent: Commissioner James Roy Pope

The Public Safety Committee met on Monday, June 11, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Department of Finance in Dresden. Others present included Mayor Jake Bynum, Director of Finance John Liggett, Emergency Management Director Dustin Kemp, Sheriff Mike Wilson, Safety Schools Coordinator Lorna Benson, Supervisor Donald Ray High, Officer Phillip Fuqua, School Resource Officer Jason Arant, Assistant Schools Director Jeff Kelley, Director of Schools Randy Frazier, School Board Members Ali Stalter, Steve Vantrease, John Hatler, Martin Middle Principal Jon Gardner, Circuit Court Clerk Jenny Killebrew, Special Education Supervisor Deborah Perkins, Dresden Principal Chuck West, County Commissioners Dennis Doster and Gary Eddings, and three representatives of the media.

Chairperson Scott Fortner called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Hawks made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2018, committee meeting, and with a second by Commissioner Hudson, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: There was a bit of discussion about some amounts changing in this line.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS:

A. Resolution No. 2018-35

This resolution grants an exclusive franchise for the operation of ambulance service within the boundaries of Weakley County, Tennessee. Commissioner Hawks commented about how he believed that spending \$300,000 currently on a subsidy for ambulance service when other entities were offering the service at no charge. There was some discussion about the factors around the subsidy being related to the additional ambulances in service for the county. Upon being put to a vote, the motion to recommend the resolution to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee passed with a vote of four yeas, one nay, and one absent.

B. Discussion of Budgets

54110 – Sheriff’s Department – Sheriff Wilson made comment of a few increases, including step raises, longevity, four new police vehicles, prisoner transport, networking at the Detention Center complex, and a full FY of staffing relative to last FY’s partial staffing.

54110-GHSO – Sheriff Wilson said that the exact amount of the grant wouldn’t be known until sometime in July.

54110-DCP – Sheriff Wilson mentioned an increase in the part time personnel line and a decrease in the travel line.

54210 – Detention Center – He explained an increase in inmate health insurance contract.

55510 – General Welfare – Autopsies – Director of Finance Liggett stated that the figure is based on volume.

55130 – Ambulance Service – Subsidy for ambulance services

C. Discussion of Fund 122 – Drug Control Fund

54150 – Drug Enforcement – No changes.

Upon being put to a vote, the motion to recommend the budgets to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee passed with a vote of four yeas, one nay, and one absent.

D. Discussion of Account 54120 – School Resource Officers

Sheriff Wilson provided the committee with a document that outlined the number of students, first year expenses, law enforcement equipment necessary, training costs, data processing equipment, and other expenses as well as where those funds would be expensed in the account. A second document provided by the Sheriff outlined estimated overall costs including vehicles, membership costs, uniforms, and salaries.

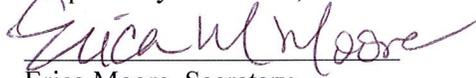
There was much discussion about the initial implementation of the SRO program at the schools, timeline, cost sharing, training, certification, actual application, requirements during and outside of school hours, liability issues, and many other concerns surrounding school safety.

Commissioner Hudson made the motion to recommend account 54120 to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee and with a second by Commissioner Bynum, the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Having no other business, Commissioner Hudson made the motion to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Commissioner Bynum, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary
Public Safety Committee

Approved:



Chairperson
Public Safety Committee

Date: 3 Oct 18