

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 14, 2017 - 9:00 a.m.

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

Public Safety Committee Members Absent: Commissioner James Roy Pope and Larry Hudson

The Public Safety Committee met on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in board room at the Board of Education/Department of Finance in Dresden. Others present included Mayor Jake Bynum, Finance Director John Liggett, Youth Services Officer Keith Jones, Emergency Management Director Jamison Peevyhouse, Sheriff Mike Wilson, and a representative of the media.

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

Commissioner Hawks made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2017 committee meeting, and with a second by Commissioner Bynum, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION OF GENERAL FUND (101) BUDGETS

54110

Chairperson Fortner recognized Sheriff Mike Wilson who began by stating that his overall appropriations would be the same or less than what was appropriated last year. Commissioner Hawks noticed that the Deputies (54110-106) will be increasing, and Sheriff Wilson said that the new appropriation includes step raises and longevity. Sheriff Wilson mentioned an increase in the Maintenance Agreements (54110-334) line and stated that it was for the purchase of an agreement with Area Wide Communications to maintain the computer systems for the Sheriff's Department and Detention Center.

Short discussion was had regarding the appropriations for the Fuel (54110-425) line. Commissioner Hawks was concerned about the increase there, and the overall increase in his 17-18 FY departmental request total. Sheriff Wilson and Director Liggett highlighted the lines that showed the largest increase and cited reasons for each that included a new deputy that was not in the 16-17 FY, the computer systems agreement, and an increase in medical insurance.

54110-GHSO (Governor's Highway Safety Office Grant)

Sheriff Wilson said that the amount of grant funds that the county will receive is currently unknown, and could be \$5000 upwards to \$25,000. He said that the revenue would offset any expenditures in the account.

54210 (Jail – Detention Center)

Sheriff Wilson presented the committee with a document providing information surrounding his requests. He spoke briefly about the inmate medical insurance contract that is currently in place with Southern Health Partners. There was some brief discussion on the Guards (54210-160) line and the Medical and Dental Services (54210-340) line, and Sheriff Wilson mentioned that incoming inmates are often times some of the sickest people in the county. Sheriff Wilson also said that he is advocating for an increase in the number of hours for the jail's nurse, from the current 32 weekly hours to 40 hours.

53500 (Juvenile Court)

Chairperson Fortner recognized Juvenile Services Director Keith Jones who cited some of the increases in his budget. His explanations included an increase in medical insurance for the coming year and his office's necessity for new computers. Commissioner Wright asked about the increase in Contracts with Other Public Agencies (53500-310) and Director Jones said that the 310 line is used to pay for youth stays at detention facilities when necessary, and commented that stays there are \$150 per night.

53910 (Truancy Court Grant)

Director Jones said that he would be reworking the budget with Finance Director Liggett to draw it down.

54130 (Dispatchers)

Emergency Management Director Peevyhouse mentioned some of the changes in his budget, which includes the breaking out of overtime hours into its own line item, 54130-187 (Overtime Pay).

54410 (Emergency Management)

Director Peevyhouse spoke on the process of the Rentals (54410-351) line and explained that Weakley County bills the EMA department for occupation of his space, EMA sends that bill to the federal government who in turn reimburses Weakley County EMA 50% of the cost. He stated that much of his budget is grant funded, and he went on to say that another expense from that line would be for the rental of handheld infrared units.

54610 (County Coroner/Medical Examiner)

No discussion.

Approval of Proposed Budgets

Commissioner Hawks commented that department heads should be cautious about increases in their overall budget totals. Commissioner Hawks then made the motion to accept all of the proposed budgets as presented and recommend them to the Finance, Ways and Means Committee, and with a second by Commissioner Bynum, the motion passed unanimously.

Transfer 1617-22

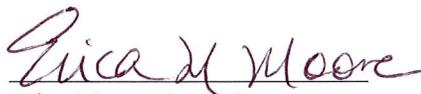
Sheriff Mike Wilson presented the committee with a transfer that moves \$4,000 out of 54110-355 (Sheriff's Department – Travel) and \$20,000 out of 54110-425 (Sheriff's Department – Gasoline) and moves those \$15,480 of those monies into 54110-431 (Sheriff's Department – Law Enforcement Supplies) and \$8,520 into 54110-451 (Sheriff's Department – Uniforms). Sheriff Wilson explained that the monies are necessary to purchase 17 new bulletproof vests for officers and 9 new tactical vests for the Sheriff's Department "SWAT" team. He went on to say that this is a team of officers who take on extra duties in critical situations, cited some examples of recent events when the team's service was required, and mentioned that if we are relying on these officers to handle these situations, we should protect them accordingly. Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve the transfer and recommend it to the Finance, Ways and Means Committee, and with a second by Commissioner Hawks, the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairperson Fortner asked that our thoughts and prayers be with the family and the Congressman (Steve Scalise – Louisiana) who was recently shot at practice for a charity baseball game near Washington, D.C.

Having no other business, Commissioner Hawks made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Chairperson Fortner, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary
Public Safety Committee

Approved:



Scott Fortner, Chairperson
Public Safety Committee

Date: 6-20-17