

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 20, 2017 - 9:00 a.m.

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

Public Safety Committee Members Absent: None

The Public Safety Committee met on Tuesday, June 20, 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, General Sessions Judge Tommy Moore, Circuit Court Clerk Jenny Killebrew, Clerk and Master Regina VanCleave, Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse Board Member Rob Goad, Carl Perkins Center Director Bette Jewel, and two representatives of the media.

Chairperson Scott Fortner called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2017 committee meeting and with a second by Commissioner Hawks, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND CONSIDERATION OF BUDGETS

53100: Circuit Court - Circuit Court Clerk Killebrew mentioned an increase to line 317 (Data Processing Services) due to the implementation of an online subscription service in which the public can view records online, and stated that some funds have been recouped from entities who have signed on to the service. Chairperson Fortner questioned why the medical insurance is decreasing for her department and increasing in most every other department. Finance Director Liggett answered that there is one insurance plan that is decreasing and that Clerk Killebrew has some employees on that plan. Commissioner Hawks asked why there is an increase in line 499 (Other Supplies and Materials), and Clerk Killebrew stated that the office is looking to purchase a high quality safe to house exhibits, evidence, and other court related items for extra security at the request of Circuit Court Judge Jeff Parham.

53300: General Sessions Court - Circuit Court Clerk Killebrew again mentioned an increase to line 317 (Data Processing Services) due to the implementation of an online subscription service in which the public can view records online plus the maintenance of two databases. Commissioner Hawks commended Circuit Clerk Killebrew for her economical approach in the preparation of her budget.

53400: Chancery Court - Clerk and Master Regina VanCleave mentioned that her 355 line (Travel) should be decreased by \$750 due to the fact that deputies would not need to travel for capstone courses this year like they did last year. She also mentioned a decrease in her office's maintenance agreement costs.

53600: Assistant District Attorney's Office – No change, no discussion.

54110-DCP: Drug Court Program – General Sessions Judge Tommy Moore spoke about the movement of funds within the 355 line (Travel). He explained that the state has for the first time allowed the Weakley County Drug Court Program to utilize funds from the grant program for travel expenses. He gave some statistical information about the number of program participants, the program's success, and the county's funding appropriation.

54310: Fire Prevention and Control – Finance Director Liggett said that each of the five Volunteer Fire Departments had requested that \$8,000 be appropriated to each individual department, instead of the \$6,000 that has been appropriated last year. Mayor Bynum explained reasons for the request including the rising costs of proper turn-out gear, appreciating costs, increasing liability insurance, and recurring costs. There was some discussion about fee structure, rural fire department inequities, rural fire fees, and mutual aid.

54420: Rescue Squad – No change, no discussion.

55130: Ambulance Service – No change, no discussion.

55150: Maternal Health Center – Mayor Bynum was recognized and spoke again about the disrepair of the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse building that is located in Martin. He mentioned that land had been donated for a new building and that there had been an application submitted for a CDBG grant, and then talked about fiscal responsibility. Mayor Bynum said that the Carl Perkins Center was requesting \$100,000 from the county over the next 10 years in financial assistance for a new building, and Mayor Bynum recommended a shorter payment term should the committee see that as a better fit. He also mentioned that the payment for the UT Martin Stadium renovation would be ending soon, and that advocating for a building for the Carl Perkins Center would be a gesture of goodwill and community partnership. Mayor Bynum furthermore stated that there would hopefully be some extra funds leftover from the courthouse renovations project from 2016-2017 FY. Chairperson Fortner stated that the vote for this item would be pushed to the heel of the agenda.

55510: General Welfare – Mayor Bynum said that the number of autopsies had increased, and that the county is obligated to pay for the expense of autopsies per Tennessee Code Annotated.

Fund 122: No changes, no discussion.

Commissioner Pope made the motion to approve all of the accounts discussed and recommend them to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee with the exception of account 55150, Maternal Health Center, and with a second by Commission Hudson, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2018-04: This resolution supports the new building for the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and provides Weakley County's financial support for the project. Mayor Bynum stated that the City of Martin and the City of Union City had both obligated \$100,000 each to the project. Commissioner Hawks expressed that not all projects that have a need can be funded by Weakley County and that other projects could come along in the future that have priority, but can't be funded because the county's funds are tied up in other projects. There was more conversation about responsibilities, obligations, priorities, impacts, and county appropriations. Commissioner Pope made the motion to approve the resolution and with a second by Commissioner Hawks, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hawks made the motion to approve account 55150, Maternal Health Center, and recommend it to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee, and with a second by Commissioner Hudson the motion to approve passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Jake Bynum canceled the meeting scheduled for the following day due to business being completed. Chairperson Fortner asked that any information regarding issues with the ambulance service be forwarded to him. Having no other business, Commissioner Hawks made the motion to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Commissioner Pope, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary
Public Safety Committee

Approved:



Scott Fortner, Chairperson
Public Safety Committee

Date: 9-1-2017