

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

ORIGINAL

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. – Board of Education/Department of Finance

Public Works Committee Members Present: Commissioners James H. Westbrook, Jr., Jack Vincent, Eric Owen, Tommy Jones, Dennis Doster, and Dale Overton

Public Works Committee Members Absent: None

The Public Works Committee met on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Department of Finance/Board of Education in Dresden. Others present were Director of Finance John Liggett, Roads Supervisor Charles Ross, Mayor Jake Bynum, and one representative of the media.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairperson Westbrook called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and called for the approval of the minutes from the September 8, 2017, committee meeting. Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve the minutes and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 2018-13: This resolution moves \$40,000 from the Highway Department Fund Balance to the Highway Department expenditure line 68000-714 (Equipment) for the purchase of equipment. Road Supervisor Ross explained that equipment purchases include an asphalt zipper and an attachment for a tree shearer. There was conversation about the responsibility of fallen limbs on county and state roads. Commissioner Vincent made the motion to approve the resolution and recommend it to the Finance, Ways and Means Committee, and with a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

B. Discussion of Opening and Closing of Spur Between Area South of Martin and Sharon in District 7

Chairperson Westbrook began by stating that the area in question was actually owned by Weakley County and provided a document on county policy and the closure of roads. There was discussion about taxes, deeds, the bidding process, and surveying of the area. Chairperson Westbrook stated that he believed that the commissioners in District 7 should have the ultimate decision on the matter. Commissioner Owen made the motion to table the discussion and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion to table the discussion passed unanimously.

There was some brief conversation about setting a speed limit on Wesley Chapel Road in District 1. Chairperson Westbrook stated that although the speed limit might be changed, it could not necessarily be enforced. There was short discussion about the houses on that two and half mile stretch of road, and it was ultimately decided that there were about three homes.

C. Discussion of Littering Issue on County Roads

Chairperson Westbrook provided a letter to the committee from Republic Services. He began by explaining that, according to his contact at Republic, there are cameras on the garbage collection trucks and that it is stated in the franchise agreement that they do not have to pick up trash that isn't bagged. Sheriff Mike Wilson said that un-bagged trash flies around inside the truck once the truck reaches a higher speed, and ultimately flies out, landing on the road and highway. There was discussion about prevention of the issue by properly bagging all trash, identifying the persons at fault, making contact with the offenders, and the seriousness of the issue. It was agreed that Republic

Services should make contact with the offending customers and explain that the littering violation, albeit indirect, was still a violation that could result in adverse consequences.

OTHER BUSINESS

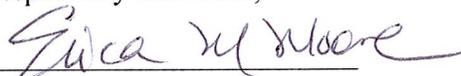
Chairperson Westbrook stated that he had heard a rumor that it was being said that all projects completed and funded out of the Weakley County budget must be approved by all sub-committees, and said that it was not a true statement. He said if a sub-committee was required to approve every project, little work would get done. He went to say that once the FY budget is approved by the Weakley County Commission in July, officials and department heads can make discretionary expenditures from his or her budget at any time.

Chairperson Westbrook also stated that Weakley County has received the first round of monies from the state from the IMPROVE Act monies for roads.

Other Discussion

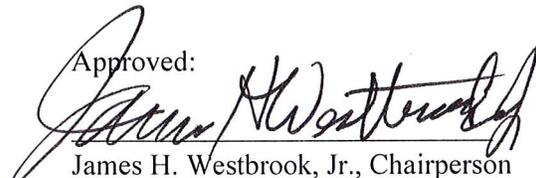
Having no other business, Commissioner Owen made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Vincent, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary
Public Works Committee

Approved:



James H. Westbrook, Jr., Chairperson
Public Works Committee

Date: 1/11/18