

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 – 9:00 a.m. – Conference Room, Department of Finance, Dresden, TN

Public Works Committee Members Present: Commissioners Dennis Doster, James Westbrook, Roger Donaldson, Roger VanCleave, Larry Taylor, and Colton Nanney

Public Works Committee Members Absent: None

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Department of Finance in Dresden. Others present were Director of Finance John Liggett, Mayor Jake Bynum, Roads Supervisor Charles Ross, Commissioners Eric Owen and David Bell, Schools Bus Garage Supervisor Ron Byington, four representatives of the Zayo Group, and two representatives of the media.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairperson Dennis Doster called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and called for the approval of the minutes from the February 19, 2019, committee meeting. Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to approve the minutes and with a second by Commissioner Taylor, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Doster stated that the erosion problem project on Mr. Seldon Cashon's property had been completed.

Commissioner Donaldson made a motion that the plans for the new additions and renovations on the Highway Department Building presented to the committee at a prior meeting by TLM and Henson Construction be recommended to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee for review and with a second by Commissioner Nanney, the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Westbrook was recognized and stated that it was well known that the fuel system in place at the Highway Department that was used by multiple entities is outdated and in need of serious upgrades. He said that School Bus Garage Supervisor Ron Byington was present and could speak to the repairs and upgrades necessary at the station.

Chairperson Doster recessed the meeting for briefing and discussion at 9:10 a.m. and called the meeting back in session at 9:25 a.m.

Commissioner Taylor made the motion to further investigate and research cost efficient and most suitable upgrade and repair options for the fueling station, and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson, the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2019-35

This resolution authorizes the submission of an application for a litter and trash collecting grant from TDOT and authorizes the acceptance of said grant to the Weakley County Highway Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Commissioner Taylor made the motion to approve and recommend the resolution to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee, and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2019-37

This resolution authorizes budget amendments to Highway Department Fund and Debt Service Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Reasons cited for the resolution included a capital projects need recognized by the Highway Department and referred to a separate, related issuance of the borrowing of capital outlay notes in the amount of \$450,000 approved by the State of Tennessee’s Comptroller of the Treasury and the subsequent plan to repay the note from the Debt Service Fund. Commissioner VanCleave made the motion to approve and recommend the resolution to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee, and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson, the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF ZAYO GROUP PROJECT

Chairperson Doster recognized Road Supervisor Ross who relayed a bit of the history between the committee and the Zayo Group and explained the initial project that resulted in haphazardly laid fiber in the northern part of the county in and around Dukedom. Supervisor Ross said that the poorly performed project had resulted in a disturbance to the foundation and ditches of county highways. He then informed the Zayo Group that they would have a short time period to remedy the situation before legal action was taken.

Chairperson Doster recognized a representative of the Zayo Group who explained that a preliminary survey had been performed but that a full survey would take time. He stated that all of the people initially working on the project were no longer with Zayo Group and that none of the representatives present were working with Zayo Group at the time of the project.

The committee and Zayo Group agreed that the Zayo Group should have a full survey and plan details back to Weakley County by June 3, 2019.

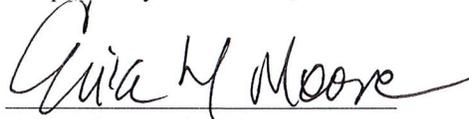
DISCUSSION OF BRIDGES

Supervisor Ross provided some information about upcoming road closures, issues on Tumbling Creek road in Gleason, and spoke about the need for full depth reclamation for county roads. Commissioner VanCleave said that county roads should be a top priority and that the county has a responsibility and must be accountable.

Other Business

Having no other business, Commissioner Taylor made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary
Public Works Committee

Approved:


Dennis Doster, Chairperson
Public Works Committee

Date: 6-17-19