

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, June 13, 2017 - 9:00 a.m.

ORIGINAL

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

Public Works Committee Members Absent: None

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, June 13, at 9:00 a.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the Highway Department in Dresden. Others present were Director of Finance John Liggett, Roads Supervisor Charles Ross, Mayor Jake Bynum, and a 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 April 24th meeting. Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the minutes and with a second by Commissioner Owen, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF SOLID WASTE FUND BUDGET – FUND 116

Chairperson Westbrook opened discussion for Fund 116, and the committee talked briefly about the fund balance projection verses actual. Commissioner Owen asked Supervisor Ross about the volume of tires, and mentioned that it might be good to consider a possible system such as the ability to bring in 4 tires free per household, or something of that nature. There was some other short discussion on the volume of old tires in the area. Commissioner Owen made the motion to tentatively approve the Solid Waste Fund 116 and recommend it to the Finance, Ways and Means Committee, and with a second by Commissioner Owen, the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FUND BUDGET – FUND 131

Chairperson Westbrook stated that the fund reports provided to the committee did not include the second half of June 2017, any payables, or any outstanding purchase orders. Finance Director Liggett added that anything encumbered is included. There was some short conversation about the timeline on paving.

68000-726 (State Aid Projects) – Talked turn to State Aid projects and the current expenditure line, which Supervisor Ross explained was work that had been done by Weakley County. Commissioner Westbrook stated that the BRZ program was 98% funded by the state and 2% funded by Weakley County, and we want to be sure not to expend over the 2% to inflate the projected fund balance. Commissioner Westbrook mentioned the Governor's gas tax proposal that had passed recently, and mentioned that the issue is not just the money but also getting the work done. A bit more conversation went on about Region 4, the bidding out of projects, contracting work and the lack of people to perform the work now that more monies will be allocated for road work repair statewide.

40162 (Revenue – Payment in Lieu of Taxes – WCMES) The committee talked about whether what was showing on the provided reports were the true and most current figures, collections, gas tax, and actuals.

Supervisor Ross stated that there were no raises implemented, but some employees who had taken on new responsibilities were being compensated accordingly.

Chairperson Westbrook asked Mr. Ross whether a state aid program would be implemented in-house, and Mr. Ross replied that he wanted to spend the majority on hot mix, which is what is bid out. Talk continued about methods and components of road repair in Weakley County and other counties such as RS2, tar and chip, scrub seal, fog sealer, striping, and micro-surfacing. Supervisor Ross gave the committee plans on how the department plans to repair specific roads in the county.

Talk turned to the replacement of Highway Department equipment. Supervisor Ross stated that he planned to replace a 1999 Model John Deere track hoe with a new model, and said he would be getting the old one appraised for sale or trade. He said that he would also like to replace a grater, and mentioned that a state discount on a motor grater is 50.5%, and including that discount, the grater is a \$220,000 consideration.

Discussion went into the bridges that needed repairs, the Jolley Springs and Billingsby Road bridge projects, and the match associated with it.

Commissioner Vincent made the motion to tentatively approve the Highway Fund Budget 131 and recommend it to the Finance, Ways and Means Committee, and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF HIGHWAY CAPITAL PROJECT FUND - 171

Supervisor Ross provided the committee with a document outlining a preliminary budget for some renovations for the Highway Department. Some of the tentative renovations discussed included putting the offices on the ground level, improvements and modernization, restroom remodel, a small conference area and break room combination, and an extended area for the parts department storage. Commissioner Overton asked about #1 on the document, General Conditions, and County Mayor Jake Bynum telephoned construction supervisor Cary Henson of Henson Construction, who stated that the cost was for salaries for the supervisor, special rental equipment, and reimbursement of project related costs such as bid packages, mailing and printings, and project manager. The committee requested an itemized breakout of the document and Mr. Henson said he would provide it.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was short conversation about the meeting schedule, the projected revenue provided by Property Assessor David Tuck, and collections.

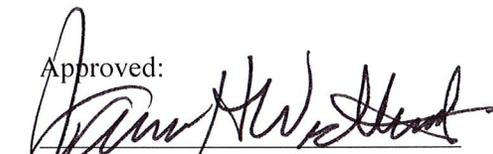
Having no other business, Commissioner Owen made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Vincent, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary
Public Works Committee

Approved:



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

Date: 6/23/17