

**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Friday, June 23, 2017 - 9:00 a.m.**

**ORIGINAL**

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

**Public Works Committee Members Absent:** Commissioner Tommy Jones

The Public Works Committee met on Friday, June 23, 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 two representatives 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 June 13, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Vincent made the motion to approve the minutes and with a second by Commissioner Overton, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 2017-46**

This resolution moves \$102 out of 64000-532 (Litter and Trash Collection – Litter Enforcement Awards) and moves those monies into 64000-141 (Litter and Trash Collection – Foreman) in the Weakley County Highway Fund Budget. Mayor Bynum stated that after doing further research, lines 61000-101 and 61000-320 displayed on the resolution were not actually necessary. Commissioner Owen made the motion to amend the resolution to remove lines 61000-101 and 61000-320 from the resolution, and with a second by Commissioner Dennis Doster, the motion to amend passed unanimously. Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve and recommend Resolution No. 2017-46 as amended to the Finance, Ways and Means Committee and with a second by Commissioner Dennis Doster, the motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2017-41**

This resolution creates new lines in the Education Capital Projects Fund budget (177). Mayor Bynum explained that in the past, the Trustee's Office has handled the TIF process which includes collecting the revenue, processing and check preparation, and then disbursement of funds to the investor/contractor. Mayor Bynum said that the Office of TN State Comptroller has recommended that the entire process be housed in the Finance Office, and then spoke about the process. Conversation followed about explanation details of TIF developments and the future Greenfield TIF project. Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve and recommend Resolution No. 2017-41 to the HEED Committee, and with a second by Commissioner Overton, the motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Discussion of Earmarking Monies Approved By Legislature Specifically For County Roads & Bridges**

Chairperson Westbrook made the motion to recommend and encourage Road Supervisor Ross to earmark any additional shared revenues generated by the increase in the state fuel taxes shared with Weakley County for exclusive use on road and bridge repair, construction and improvement and in no case shall the funds be used for any equipment purchases, building construction or remodeling, or the employment of personnel not directly involved in

the improvement of roads and bridges, but that it would not prohibit equipment purchases or building improvements made from existing sources of revenue not requiring a property tax increase for highway purposes; with a second by Commissioner Dennis Doster, the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Overton stated concern that the recommendation might be tying the hands of the Road Supervisor, and Supervisor Ross stated that he understood the sentiment behind the motion and said that he had already planned to use the revenue generated by the increase in state fuel taxes towards Weakley County road and bridge repair solely, and furthermore stated that he would continue to be as fiscally responsible as possible with the entire Highway Department budget.

**Other Discussion**

There was some talk about renovations of the Highway Department building and how some counties in Tennessee are planning on utilizing their share of revenue generated by the increase in state fuel taxes.

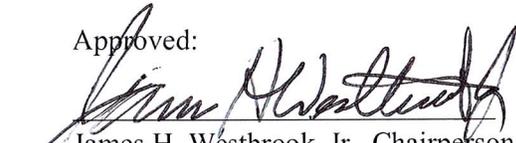
Having no other business, Commissioner Overton made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Owen, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary  
Public Works Committee

Approved:



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

Date: 8/24/17