

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE

ORIGINAL

June 12, 2014; 4:00 P.M.

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Present: Commissioners Roger Stewart, James H. Westbrook, Jr., Eric Owen, Tommy Jones, John Salmon and Earl Wright.

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: None.

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Thursday, June 12 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the Weakley County Department of Finance Board Room. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Mike Wilson - Sheriff, Tim Lannom - Ag Extension, Barbara Castleman - Election Commission, Gail Rogers - Office on Aging, Jamison Peevyhouse - Emergency Management Director, Susan Collins - Clerk and Master, Tim Evans - Health Department, David Tuck - Property Assessor, Ron Cheatham - Veteran's Affairs, Donna Snyder - Register of Deeds, Houston Patrick - County Mayor, Marci Floyd - Trustee, Shirley Chappell - Sharon Senior Center, Pam Belew - Circuit Court Clerk, Jennifer Killebrew - Deputy Circuit Court, Pat Scarbrough - County Clerk, Kim Hughey - Deputy County Clerk, Candy McAdams - County Librarian, Keith Jones - Juvenile Court Director, and Jack Bynum - Candidate for County Mayor.

Chairman Roger Stewart called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the FWM minutes from June 10, 2014 and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Transfer 1314-22: This transfer which previously passed HEED moves \$760 from line 51500-311 (Legal Services) to line 51500-332 (Legal Notices) in the Election Commission budget. Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve Transfer 1314-22 and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion unanimously passed.

Transfer 1314-23: This transfer which previously passed HEED mover \$500 from line 55110-434 (Natural Gas) to line 55110-415 (Electricity) in the Health Department budget. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve Transfer 1314-23 and with a second by Commissioner Salmon the motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Stewart noted that the committee would now look at the Fund 101 - General Fund budget. Commissioner Wright made the motion to place the Fund 101 - General Fund budget on the floor for discussion and was seconded by Commissioner Owen.

Chairman Stewart stated that the committee would tentatively approve the budget pending closing of the books. The only employee raises in the budget were the State mandated raises for County Officials. Also, the bond rates were to double and the rates were for a four year period.

Chairman Stewart opened the floor for comments from the committee and audience members.

Page 7, Acct. No. 51500 - Election Commission: Mrs. Castleman stated that she was concerned the the HEED committee had reduced line 331 (Legal Services) to \$1. She felt that there would be some legal fees in the next budget year. Commissioner Westbrook noted that the budget presented had been revised and approved by HEED.

Page 9, Acct. No. 51800 - County Buildings: Chairman Stewart asked what expenses were included in line 339 (Contracted Services). Mrs. Francisco answered that was the elevator maintenance contract, the HVAC contract, etc. She also noted that the expense amount did not include money to address the water problem in the elevator shaft, the Court House windows, or the water problem at the Election Commission office.

Page 13, Acct. No. 52310 - Reappraisal Program: Mr. Tuck noted to the Committee that it would be four years before there was another reappraisal. He also noted that the State would be changing systems and his office would have to update.

Page 16, Acct. No. 53100 - Circuit Court: Mrs. Belew requested that line 709 (Data Processing Equipment) be decreased to \$500. Commissioner Owen questioned line 499 (Other Supplies and Materials). Mrs. Belew answered that

\$3,000 was to purchase new shelving for document storage.

Page 22 and 23, Acct. No. 54110 – Sheriff: Commissioner Owen questioned the number of new vehicles in this budget. Mr. Wilson answered that there was two vehicles requested in this budget.

Page 25, Acct. No. 54210 – Jail: Chairman Stewart noted that the State was increasing their reimbursement on the housing of prisoners and that the population of prisoners was increasing. The Public Safety is recommending the budget with an increase in the number of guards. Mr. Wilson noted the line 799 (Other Capital Outlay) included \$50,000 for a shredder on the sewer system. The Committee questioned is the City of Dresden would help on the expense. Chairman Stewart instructed Mr. Wilson to inquire if the City of Dresden would share the expense and report back to the Committee.

Page 27, Acct. 54410 – Emergency Management: Mr. Peevyhouse noted to the Committee that 72% of this budget was funded by grants. He also noted that the 911 Board was looking into a new tower that would enhance the County's safety procedures and that space could be rented off this tower to other vendors.

Page 41, Acct. 58500 – Contributions to Other Agencies: Mrs. Francisco noted to the Committee that not all of the requests had been received by the County.

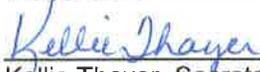
After continued discussion on various expenses in the Fund 101 – General Fund budget, Chairman Stewart called for questions or comments from the audience members. Mr. Wilson questioned if raises for County employees would be considered. Chairman Stewart noted that a 3% increase was given last year but that the Personal Committee would be meeting and that the FWM Committee would take under advisement that Committee's recommendation.

Chairman Stewart recommended that the Committee study the revenues for discussion on Monday.

Other Business:

Having no other business Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to adjourn at 5:04 pm and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kellie Thayer, Secretary
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Approved:



Roger Stewart, Chairman
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Date: 6/2/14