

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE

July 2, 2013; 4:00 P.M.

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

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: None

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at the Weakley County Department of Finance Board Room. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Shirley Chappell - Sharon Senior Center, Barbara Castleman - Election Commission Administrator, Houston Patrick - County Mayor, Mike Wilson - Sheriff, Susan Collins - Clerk & Master, David Tuck - Property Assessor, Pam Belew - Circuit Court Clerk, Ron Cheatham - Veteran's Service Administrator, Tim Lannom - Ag Extension, Keith Jones - Juvenile Court Director, Donna Snyder - Register of Deeds, Marci Floyd - Trustee, Pat Scarbrough - County Clerk, Gail Rogers - Office on Aging, Candy McAdams - Librarian, and David Fisher - Dresden Enterprises.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve FWM minutes from June 11, 2013, June 12, 2013 and June 13, 2013 and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

2013-2014FY General Fund No. 101

Commissioner Wright made the motion to place the General Fund budget on the floor for discussion and was seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Page 12, Account No. 52300, Property Assessor: Chairman Stewart questioned line 425 (Gasoline) asking Mr. Tuck if he thought there was enough for the budget year. Mr. Tuck answered that he thought more needed to be added to that line. Commissioner Owen made the motion to increase line 425 (Gasoline) in Account No. 52300 (Property Assessor) from \$1,600 to \$2,000 and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion unanimously passed.

Page 13, Account No. 52310, Reappraisal Program: Chairman Stewart questioned line 399 (Contracted Services - Appraisal) could be reduced by going to a random sampling. Mr. Tuck agreed that there could be a reduction in cost by going to a random sampling. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to reduce line 399 (Contracted Services - Appraisal) in Account No. 52310 (Reappraisal Program) by \$10,000 and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion unanimously passed.

Discussion continued on the General Fund budget.

Page 26, Account No. 54210, Jail: Chairman Stewart noted that the Public Safety Committee had voted to increase line 336 (Maint/Repair-Equip) from \$6,000 to \$12,500 for installation of fiber optics cables to help decrease damage caused by lightning strikes. Commissioner Stewart made the motion to increase line 336 (Maint/Repair-Equip) from \$6,000 to \$12,500 for the fiber optics upgrade and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion unanimously passed.

Commissioner Owen questioned if this was enough to cover the board that controls the jail doors which was also damaged by lightning. Mr. Wilson answered that the increase was only for the fiber optics. The board would be an additional \$68,000 of which \$26,000 would be covered by insurance. Commissioner Owen made the motion to increase line 799 (Other Capital Outlay) from \$17,605 to \$85,605 to cover the cost of a new control board and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion unanimously passed.

Commissioner Jones made the motion to increase revenue line 49700 (Insurance Recovery) on page 4 by \$26,000 the amount expected from insurance for the damaged control board and with a second by Commissioner Salmon the motion unanimously passed.

Page 36, Account No. 56100, Adult Activities (Dresden): Chairman Stewart recognized Ms. Rogers. Ms. Rogers explained to the Committee that the Federal Government had cut \$5,100 from her Homemakers Grant. This money is used to help Weakley County citizens with basic home care. She currently is serving 12 clients with a long waiting list. She requested that the Committee consider increasing line 189 (Other Salaries) by \$5,100 so that she can continue to serve the current clients. Commissioner Owen made the motion to increase line 189 (Other Salaries) by \$5,100 plus benefits and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion unanimously passed.

Page 37, Account No. 56300, Senior Citizens Assistance (Sharon): Chairman Stewart recognized Mrs. Chappell. Mrs. Chappell explained to the Committee that her budget has also been cut by the Federal Government by \$750 and would affect line 399 (Other Contracted Services). She told the Committee that she had received \$429 from United Way. She asked that the Committee consider funding the remainder of the loss (\$321). Commissioner Stewart made the motion to increase line 399 (Other Contracted Services) by \$750 and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion unanimously passed. Commissioner Jones made the motion to increase revenue line 46140 (Aging – Sharon) by the \$429 to be received from United Way and with a second by Commissioner Salmon the motion unanimously passed.

Page 38, Account No. 56500, Libraries: Chairman Stewart recognized Mrs. McAdams. Mrs. McAdams addressed the Committee. The City of Dresden has proposed to increase their contribution to the Library by \$5,000. Mrs. McAdams requested that \$3,000 be placed in line 105 (Director). Commissioner Jones made the motion to increase line 105 (Director) by \$3,000 plus benefits. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. Commissioner Owen made the motion to amend the original motion for the Director's increase to be \$3,000 inclusive of benefits. Commissioner Westbrook seconded the amended motion, which unanimously passed.

Page 41, Account No. 58300, Veterans' Services: Chairman Stewart recognized Commissioner Westbrook. Commissioner Westbrook noted to the Committee that several of the County's veterans had spoken to him concerning the salary of the Veterans' Services Assistant. They noted that she had been with the office a very long time and only made minimum wage. Commissioner Westbrook also noted that an increase to the Assistant's salary had already been passed by the Committee which was to increase her from 3 days per week to 4 days. This change would make her a full-time employee and that position was intended to only be part-time. He suggested to Mr. Cheatham that the Assistant remain at 3 days per week with the increase to the salary line remaining the same.

After all questions and discussion on the expenditures for the General Fund budget were complete, Chairman Stewart recognized Commissioner Jones. Commissioner Jones made the motion to increase General Fund employee salaries by 3% and to increase General Fund employee longevity from \$50 per year to \$100 per year based on recommendations by the Personnel Committee. The motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Jones made the motion to increase across the board General Fund employee salaries by 3% and was seconded by Commissioner Westbrook. Commissioner Owen made the motion to exclude the Library Director pending money from the City of Dresden and the Veterans' Service Assistant from the original motion and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the original motion as amended unanimously passed.

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to increase the Highway Fund employee salaries by 3% and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion unanimously passed.

Commissioner Owen made the motion to tentatively approve expenditures for the General Fund budget and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion unanimously passed.

2013-2014FY Debt Service Fund No. 151

Commissioner Wright made the motion to place the Debt Service Fund budget on the floor for discussion and was seconded by Commissioner Westbrook.

Commissioner Stewart made the motion to relieve the Weakley County Board of Education by zeroing out revenue line 48130 (Contributions – WCBOE) and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion unanimously passed.

Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve Debt Service Fund No. 151 as amended and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion unanimously passed.

Other Business:

Having no other business Commissioner Wright made the motion to adjourn at 4:58pm and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kellie Thayer, Secretary
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Approved:



Roger Stewart, Chairman
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Date: 9/10/13