

**Weakley County, Tennessee**  
**Health, Education, & Economic Development Committee**  
**August 14, 2013 8:00 a.m.**

ORIGINAL

**Members Present:** Commissioners James H. Westbrook, Jack Vincent, David Hawks, Mike Medling and Eric Owen.

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Dale Overton.

The HEED Committee met on August 14, 2013, 8:00 a.m. at the Weakley County Department of Finance in the conference room. Other present included Randy Frazier, Barbara Castleman-Election Administrator, Jeff Washburn-County Attorney, and Commissioner Larry Taylor.

Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve the June 25, 2013 minutes and with a second by Commissioner Hawks the motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

**Election Commission Lawsuit**

County Attorney Jeff Washburn updated the committee on the election commission lawsuit. The suit began in 2009. Mr. Washburn stated that the County's attorney in this suit is Rob Brinkley with the Rainey Kizer Law firm in Jackson. Mr. Washburn contacted Mr. Brinkley earlier in the week for an update. Mr. Washburn explained there are three on-going lawsuits (federal, state, and county). The federal case was tried and a motion for summary judgment issued ruling in favor of the election commission; however the case has been appealed and it is now awaiting the 6<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, Ohio to hear the case. The appeal has not been accepted by the Court of Appeals as of today. If the Court of Appeals elects to hear the case, an additional \$3,000-\$5,000 in attorney fees would be charged. Discussion continued.

**New Business**

**BOE Technology Grant**

Mr. Frazier addressed the committee. Weakley County's share of the \$51M technology grant is \$335,905 and is expected to be received in the next few week. The budget for the technology funds includes the following: the purchase 210 computer units, 410 new laptops, update the memory in 770 laptops.

**Other Business**

Mr. Frazier state the enrollment has increased 43 student county-wide, with 26 of those students at Westview school.

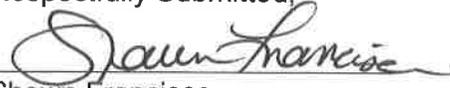
Chairman Westbrook stated that he had received some citizen comments regarding the student fees. Currently, students are requested to pay \$15, this is reduced for free and reduced students to purchase additional supplies teaching supplies for their respective classrooms. Discussion continued on the county to start funding the student fees .Mr. Frazier stated that he would research this area and report back to the committee at a later time.

Chairman Westbrook stated the HVAC problems at the County Office Building have been corrected and now properly regulated. However, the Library and County Office Building are in need of shrub cleaning. The Library is under a monthly lawn maintenance contract, this vendor will be contacted.

Commissioner Hawks informed the committee that the Public Records room is completely full, there is not more room for storage.

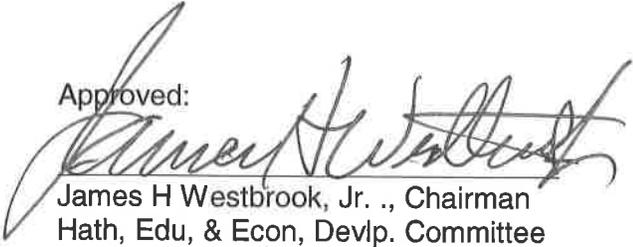
Commissioner Vincent made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Owen the meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shawn Francisco,  
Recording Secretary

Approved:



James H Westbrook, Jr. , Chairman  
Hath, Edu, & Econ, Devlp. Committee

Date:

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