

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE

ORIGINAL

April 21, 2015; 8:00 A.M.

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Present: Commissioners Eric Owen, James Westbrook, Greg Usery, Dennis Doster, David Hawks, Larry Taylor, Earl Wright, and Roger Donaldson.

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: Commissioner Tommy Jones.

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the Weakley County Commission Room. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Randy Frazier – Director of Schools, Jake Bynum – County Mayor, Marci Floyd – Trustee, Barbara Castleman – Election Commission Administrator, Kim Hughey – County Clerk, Jenny Killebrew – Circuit Court Clerk, Regina VanCleave – Clerk & Master, Keith Jones – Juvenile Court Director, David Tuck – Property Assessor, County Commissioners – Roger VanCleave, James Bynum, and Dale Overton, School Board Members – Gordon Morris and John Hatler, and representatives from Henson Construction.

Chairman Eric Owen called the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Doster made the motion to approve the FWM minutes from 3/12/2015 and with a second by Commissioner Usery the motion unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Transfer No. 1415-17: This transfer previously passed by Public Safety & Works moves \$11,000 from line 54210.799 (Other Capital Outlay) to lines 54210.434 (Natural Gas) \$10,000, 54210.502 (Building & Contents) \$1,000 in the Jail budget. Commissioner Hawks made the motion to approve Transfer No. 1415-17 and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed 8-0.

Transfer No. 1415-18: This transfer previously passed by Public Safety & Works Moves \$600 from line 53400.399 (Other Contracted Services) to line 53400.355 (Travel) in the Clerk & Master budget. Commissioner Usery made the motion to approve Transfer No. 1415-18 and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson the motion passed 8-0.

Transfer No. 1415-19: This transfer previously passed by HEED moves \$1,500 from line 51500.336 (Maint. & Repair Equipment) to line 51500.709 (Data Processing Equipment) and moves \$500 from line 51500.335 (Maint. & Repair) to line 51500.331 (Legal Services) in the Election Commission budget. Commissioner Hawks made the motion to approve Transfer No. 1415-19 and with a second by Commissioner Taylor the motion passed 8-0.

Transfer No. 1415-20: This transfer previously passed by Public Safety & Works moves \$3,100 from line 54110.525.DCP (Staff Development) to line 54110.355.DCP (Travel) in the Drug Court budget. Commissioner Doster made the motion to approve Transfer No. 1415-20 and with a second by Commissioner Usery the motion passed 8-0.

Transfer No. 1415-21: This transfer previously passed by Public Safety & Works moves \$700 from line 53100.499 (Other Supplies) to line 53100.355 (Travel) in the Circuit Court Clerk's budget. Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve Transfer No. 1415-21 and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson the motion passed 8-0.

Transfer No. 1415-22: This transfer moves \$300 from line 51300.320 (Dues and Membership) to line 51300-435 (Office Supplies) in the County Mayor's budget.

Chairman Owen addressed the committee concerning proposed school construction projects. He noted that the HEED committee met to discuss the projects with 6 members present. Commissioner Hawks made the motion to place the school construction projects on the floor for discussion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donaldson. Chairman Owen opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Taylor questioned if there was a funding plan in place. Chairman Owen answered that the HEED Committee did not discuss funding.

Chairman Owen recognized Mr. Frazier.

Mr. Frazier noted that the school board met and decided that all HVAC portions and all bleacher improvements had been removed from the original County bond funded work. This work would be funded by the School system. The reason for this decision was so that the HVAC replacement could proceed over the summer for Martin Elementary.

Commissioner Donaldson noted that he thought the proposed building program started as a "wish list" and that the work would be prioritized and only the most crucial items would be addressed.

Mr. Frazier answered that items had been removed. The items on the current list either have deteriorated or have not been maintained and should be addressed.

Commissioner Westbrook noted that the County had other issues besides the Schools and that Debt Service couldn't fund everything. He questioned if the grant received to fix the HVAC issues at Dresden High School and Martin Middle School is available. Mr. Frazier answered no.

Chairman Owen noted that funding for the school projects would depend on what is passed. Looking at what was proposed would require a tax increase.

Commissioner Donaldson questioned if the proposed could be funded without a tax increase. Chairman Owen answered no. Commissioner Donaldson stated that he would like to see a construction list trimmed to "needs" not "wants". He would not be in favor of a tax increase.

Commissioner Donaldson made a motion to send the project list back to the school board for cuts to the list. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Usery.

Commissioner Westbrook felt that the County could handle a project of \$10 or \$11 million. Anything over \$11 million would require a tax increase.

Mr. Frazier questioned if that was a number the school board should work with. Chairman Owen answered yes.

Commissioner Westbrook stated that if the school board could produce a construction project within \$11 to \$11.5 million that he would support that proposal. Commissioner Hawks agreed.

Mr. Frazier questioned if the Committee would at least vote on the School Funded Projects omitting the bleacher so that the HVAC work at Martin Elementary could proceed.

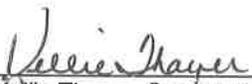
Chairman Owen called for a roll call vote on the School Funded Projects omitting HVAC:

- Commissioner Donaldson - yes
- Commissioner Doster - yes
- Commissioner Hawks - yes
- Commissioner Jones - absent
- Commissioner Owen - yes
- Commissioner Taylor - yes
- Commissioner Usery - yes
- Commissioner Westbrook - yes
- Commissioner Wright - yes

OTHER BUSINESS:

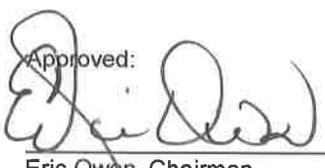
Having no other business Chairman Owen recessed the Finance, Ways, & Means committee until 5:00 PM on Tuesday, April 28, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kellie Thayer, Secretary
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Approved:



Eric Owen, Chairman
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Date: 5-13-2015