

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE

June 17, 2015; 8:00 A.M.

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

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: Commissioner Greg Usery

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the Weakley County Department of Finance Board Room. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Jake Bynum – County Mayor, Charles Ross – County Highway Supervisor, and Randy Frazier – Director of Schools

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:**2015-2016 FY Fund 131 – Highway Budget**

Chairman Owen called for a motion to place the 2015-2016 FY Fund 131 – Highway Budget on the floor for discussion. Motion made by Wright, seconded by Westbrook.

Chairman Owen questioned the employee count listed in the budget. Mrs. Francisco answered the number was correct.

Commissioner Hawks questioned why the revenue lines 40240 and 40280 were so far off. Mrs. Francisco noted that not all revenues had been received. She stated that those numbers would be updated by year end. Commissioner Hawks questioned the number of foremen. Mr. Ross answered that he had two; one was directly under him and the other was in charge of the shop and inventory.

Mr. Ross passed out an equipment inventory with a 5 year plan. He noted the items in red were the most critical. Those items should be replaced within the next 3 years. Items in yellow should be replaced within 5 years. Mr. Ross stated that his most immediate needs were listed on the single handout sheet.

After continued discussion about the Highway equipment needs and the Courthouse repairs, Commissioner Hawks brought up the issue of records storage, noting that there was a building at the Adult Learning Center (ALC) that could possibly be used if the building was equipped with a dehumidifier and proper heating and air. Commissioner Hawks questioned if it might be possible to check the feasibility of using the building. Mr. Frazier agreed to the feasibility study and that after reports were reviewed a final decision made. Commissioner Hawks made a motion to authorize the County Mayor to contact Henson Construction to do the feasibility study and obtain costs to lower the ceiling, install dehumidifier and HVAC and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion unanimously passed.

Discussion continued on the Courthouse repairs and Highway needs. Commissioner Doster made the motion to issue a Capital Outlay note not to exceed \$750,000 from the Debt Service fund to the Courthouse repairs, the Highway needs, and the building improvement at the ALC for record storage and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson the motion unanimously passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Owen recognized Mrs. Francisco. Mrs. Francisco addressed the Committee stating that the City of Greenfield is requesting Tax Increment Financing (TIF) from the County for a strip mall proposed to be built with a McDonald's as the anchor store. Mrs. Francisco noted that the Ronnie Price, Director of the Weakley County Economic Development Board, would be happy to come before the Committee to explain the proposal and answer any questions. Commissioner Hawks made the motion to honor the request, seconded by Commissioner Taylor. After discussion as to the negatives and positives for the County, Chairman Owen made the motion to table the motion for more information and was seconded by Commissioner Hawks. Chairman Owen set a meeting for June 24, 2015 at 9am to have Mr. Price come before the Committee.

Having no other business Commissioner Owen made the motion to adjourn at 9:08 a.m. and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson the motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kellie Thayer, Secretary
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Approved:



Eric Owen, Chairman
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Date: 7-7-2015