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Weakley County, Tennessee
Health, Education, & Economic Development Committee
March 12, 2015, 12:00 noon

Members Present: Commissioners Carmen Chandler, Jack Vincent, James Bynum, Dale Overton, Larry Hudson, James Roy Pope, Donald Doster, Scott Fortner, and Roger VanCleave.

The HEED Committee met on March 12, 2015, 12:00 noon at the Weakley County Department of Finance conference room. Others present included Commissioners Eric Owen, Greg Usery, and Jimmy Westbrook, Jake Bynum- County Mayor, Randy Frazier-Director of Schools, Jeff Kelley-Assistant Director of Schools, Steve Vantrease. John Hatler, and Gath Meeks-School Board members, Cary Henson & Jimmy Henson of Henson Construction Services, Jerry Hartsfield and other engineers from TLM & Associates, Gail Rogers-Dresden Aging, Shirley Chappell-Sharon Aging, Barbara Castleman-Election Admin., Leann Moore, and a representative from the Dresden Enterprise.

Chairperson Chandler called the meeting to order.

New Business

Commissioner Doster made the motion to approve the February 9th and Feb 12, 2015 minutes and with a second by Commissioner Bynum the motion passed unanimously.

Transfer 1415-10

The transfer involves Dresden Aging Center. Additional funds are needed in the food supply line item. Commissioner Pope made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner VanCleave the motion passed unanimously.

Transfer 1415-11

The transfer involves Election Commission. Commissioner Doster made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner Pope the motion passed unanimously. Discussion followed regarding the additional funds needed in the legal services line item as well regarding the outstanding lawsuit, Mrs. Castleman did not have an update for the committee.

Transfer 1415-12

The transfer involves Sharon Aging Center. Additional funds are needed in the temporary personnel line item and in the food supply line item. Commissioner VanCleave made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner Hudson the motion passed unanimously.

Transfer 1415-16

The transfer involves Public Records office. Additional funds are needed in the utility and other supplies line items. Commissioner Fortner made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner VanCleave the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2015-28

The resolution involves the general purpose school fund. Mr. Frazier explained that funds are being transferred from the technology reserve account to the technology expenditure account to purchase 1100 laptop computers, 400 desktop computers, 45 charging carts, and 5 smart boards for the school classrooms. This will allow testing to be conducted in all grades at one time. Commissioner Doster made the motion to approve the resolution and with a second by Commissioner Bynum the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Frazier provided the committee an update of the schools performance and ranking within TN and surrounding counties. He distributed a handout (attached) to the members. Comparing the enrollment numbers, teaching positions as well as the BEP funded and local funds positions with 2010-11 school year to the 2014-15 school year.

School Construction Building Proposal

Cary Henson and Jerry Hartsfield presented school construction project proposal to the committee, a handout was distributed (copy attached). Total project cost with contingency and fees is \$16,526,038:

- a) **Adult Learning Center** - Total project cost with contingency and fees is \$1,311,175. This project includes replacing the HVAC system, renovate all restrooms, new administration, classroom, and corridor finishes, alternative classroom upgrades, and exterior canopy repairs. Mr. Frazier stated he is working with USDA in hopes of receiving some grant funding for this site's work. The committee questioned whether Jackson State would utilize this campus in the fall 2015 if the work was not complete at that time – Mr. Frazier stated that Jackson State has agreed to locate a satellite location regardless of the construction. He anticipates approximately 300 total students in the fall 2015.
- b) **Dresden High School** - Total project cost with contingency and fees is \$1,556,797. This project includes demo existing canopy and concrete walks, building a new front entrance, exterior brick work and window replacements, theater renovations, gym and dressing room renovations, gym lobby repairs and upgrades, and Ag shop remodeling. Commissioner Westbrook questioned why the Fieldhouse renovation was not included in the scope. Discussion continued.
- c) **Gleason School** - Total project cost with contingency and fees is \$552,352. This project includes middle school gym updates adding HVAC and stage renovations. Also a new weight room to be built on the current outside basketball court.
- d) **Greenfield School** - Total project cost with contingency and fees is \$5,844,580. This project includes a new gym and Ag shop to be built, both very similar in size to the Gleason School gym and Ag shop. A connector to be built that will enclose the walkway from the current building to the new gym and Ag shop facilities. The project also includes an enclosure of the high school to the cafeteria entrance as well as upgrades to the elementary gym bleachers and stage. Discussion followed on the site development for the new structures, Commissioner Owen questioned if the chosen building site was of good quality. TLM stated testing has been conducted and they are continuing to work on the sewer and water line grading plans. Commissioner Pope stated the City of Greenfield has discussed widening the new access road to the new gym entrance. Commissioner Pope questioned why a student drop-off/pick-up area with canopy was not included, TLM advised because the building is so far from the roadway and thru drive exit was not included. The current playground area would be relocated to the area behind the concession stand. The demo of the old high school gym is not included in this project. Commissioner Pope commented that the City of Greenfield is considering utilizing that facility for city sports. The safer room is not included in the project, the cost for the tornado safe room is \$652,576. HCS stated the building costs have increased approximately 60- 65% since Weakley County's last building project in 2004-2005 fiscal year.
- e) **Martin Elementary School** - Total project cost with contingency and fees is \$1,471,736. This project includes new HVAC system, converting a classroom into a set of restrooms, new playroom flooring, new security entrance, and the installation of chain link fencing around the south area of the playground. Discussion of installing the same type of security entrances at all schools followed.
- f) **Martin Middle School** - Total project cost with contingency and fees is \$1,805,312. This project includes demo and building a new front entrance, exterior brick upgrades, science lab renovations, gym and cheerleader room renovations with new gym bleachers, theater upgrades, and the enclosure of the library with high impact drywall. Project also includes re-using the current field house shell, demoing the interior walls and finishes and building a new concession and restroom areas. Commissioner Vincent questioned why the unit cost of the bleachers differ on schools. HCS stated the unit costs for the bleacher should be the same of all the schools.

- g) **Martin Primary School** - Total project cost with contingency and fees is \$133,883. This project includes the re-location of the playroom exit door to meet code, pouring a new sidewalk to the playground, new floor in the playroom, expanding the cafeteria into the adjacent computer lab, removing carpet in 7 classrooms and replacing with tile, and installing handrails at the main entrance ramp.
- h) **Sharon School** - Total project cost with contingency and fees is \$426,556. This project includes adding air conditioning to the gym, new gym bleachers, renovate the locker rooms, adding fencing around 2 outside areas, and cleaning the outside front of the building.
- i) **Westview School** - Total project cost with contingency and fees is \$3,423,647. This project includes the repair of the back drive entrance, building a new auxiliary gym, building new band and storage room, theater curtain upgrades, science lab renovations, and adding 25 parking spaces that would be lost to the new auxiliary gym. Commissioner Vincent questioned as to why a new football stadium was not included in the project. Discussion continued. Commissioner Overton, School board members Hatler and Vantrease spoke to the need for an auxiliary gym.

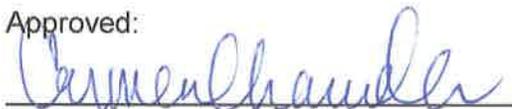
Commissioner Overton made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner VanCleave the meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shawn Francisco, Recording Secretary
Health, Education & Economic Development Committee

Approved:



Carmen Chandler., Chairperson
Health, Education, & Economic Development Committee

Date: 4/13/2015

