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WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 15, 2016; 9:00 a.m.

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

Finance, Ways and Means Members Absent: Commissioner Greg Usery

The Finance, Ways, and Means Committee met on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Department of Finance. Others present included: Jake Bynum - Weakley County Mayor, Charles Ross - Road Supervisor, Gail Rogers - Dresden Senior Center Director, Shirley Chappell - Sharon Senior Center Director, Randy Frazier - Director of Schools, Kellie Thayer - Deputy Director of Finance, and a Representative of the Media.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairperson Eric Owen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and called for a motion to approve the minutes from June 14, 2016. Commissioner Hawks made the motion to approve the minutes and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

2016-2017 FY Fund 101 – General Fund Budgets

With the motion by Commissioner Doster and second by Commissioner Donaldson to place the following 2016-2017 FY Fund 101 – General Fund Budget on the floor for discussion and tentative approval still standing from the June 14th meeting, discussion began on the remaining budgets left to discuss: Account No. 51800 (County Buildings), 51600 (Weakley County Office on Aging), and 56300 (Sharon Senior Citizens Center).

Account No. 51600 (Weakley County Office on Aging):

Chairperson Owen recognized Mayor Bynum on behalf of Director Gail Rogers. Mayor Bynum began by mentioning a \$6000 increase in line 189 (Other Salaries and Wages). He explained that Ms. Rogers anticipates an increase in the number of respite care clients for the FY 2016-2017, and the funds in this line pay the nurses who work for the respite care program. In addition, the line serves as a “pass through” in that the Northwest Tennessee Development District pays Weakley County the funds for the Respite Care Program, who in turn pays the nurses. Mayor Bynum went on to say that Suzann Kroll, Nutrition Coordinator for the Weakley County Office on Aging, is paid from line 130 (Social Workers).

Commissioner Donaldson asked how many clients the Office on Aging accommodates and Ms. Rogers replied that the nurses have 6 total clients, and 2 days are seen every day. Discussion was had on budgeting an amount without knowing how many exact clients the program anticipates for the next year. Mayor Bynum explained that the program is slowly building the client base back up and that the amount expensed is \$9 per hour, but the reimbursement is \$20 per hour. Discussion continued regarding the extra revenue funds from the program and the line into which they are deposited in the county budget.

Account No. 56300 (Sharon Senior Citizens Center):

Chairperson Owen recognized Mayor Jake Bynum on behalf of Director Shirley Chappell, who explained that Mrs. Chappell requested a \$1.00 per hour increase in pay for her part-time employees at the center. The proposed increase was not reflected on the budget reports, but would increase line 168 (Temporary Personnel) by \$2080, plus the relative slight increases to line 201(Social Security) and line 212 (Medicare).

Account No. 51800 (County Buildings):

Commissioner Chandler recognized Mayor Jake Bynum who began by saying that the only real change in this year’s budget is a decrease in line 166 (Custodial Personnel). Mayor Bynum explained that this decrease is due to the

Custodial Supervisor retiring and instead of hiring a new supervisor, he absorbed the supervising duties into the position of his assistant and Communications Director for the County, Erica Moore.

Discussion was had concerning line 502 (Building and Contents Insurance). Deputy Director of Finance stated that she had just received a quote from Local Government Insurance Pool (LGIP). The conversation continued with the recommendation that the county should research an alternative quote for insurance, and to try to research why the quote was so costly by contacting LGIP directly.

Having no other comments or questions, the motion to approve all of the budgets on the floor through the Finance, Ways and Means Committee and recommend the tentative budget for approval to the Weakley County Commission passed unanimously.

2016-2017 FY Fund 131 and 116 – Highway and Solid Waste Fund Budgets

Fund 131

Commissioner Wright made the motion to place the 2016-2017 FY Fund 131 and 116 – Highway and Solid Waste Fund Budgets on the floor for discussion and tentative approval and was seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Chairperson Owen recognized Road Supervisor Charles Ross, who began by mentioned a slight increase in line 61000-355 (Travel) and said that the surplus auction from Saturday, June 11, 2016, brought in an amount of \$12,970 to revenue line 44540 (Sale of Property). He briefly mentioned line 62000-399 (Other Contracted Services) to say that they had been doing a lot of the mowing themselves and would be doing minimal spraying. He spoke to line 62000-405 (Liquid Asphalt) and said that there was a lot of state aid money and with a good bid the price could be as low as \$1.27 per gallon. Commissioner Owen asked about bid prices on stone, but Supervisor Ross hadn't heard of any good bid prices on it and it projected the same amount in the budget as last year.

Supervisor Ross mentioned line 63100-412 (Diesel Fuel) had been decreased since the budget had been presented to the Public Safety and Public Works Committee, but still provided enough room in the budget in case of a substantial increase. He mentioned that the various labor lines show differing increases and decreases but overall there is no change; just a shifting of employees into different positions.

Chairperson Owen asked which revenue line the extra \$0.07 per gallon of fuel that the county charges is deposited. He commented that those funds are set aside to perform maintenance on the fuel pumps and fuel pump system.

Some discussion was had about the accuracy of the fund balance on the report and it was concluded that the figures will not be completely accurate until the end of the fiscal year.

Supervisor Ross began discussing some recommendations of new items and equipment he has put into his budget. Beginning with line 706 (Building Construction), Supervisor Ross stated that he has a need of a 80 x 160ft parking shed for his equipment. Discussion was had regarding the proposed building specifications. Ross explained the building would be a steel construction, 14 ft high (bridge height), concrete piers only, no floor, with ends but without sides. Supervisor Ross went on to say he had increased the budget in line 714 (Highway Equipment) due to his needing to purchase a new asphalt stripper, 2 pickup service trucks, a grater, and a 5 ft circular mulching head for track hoe priced at around \$30,000.

Concerns were raised regarding the fund balance getting low enough that property taxes would have to be increased.

Chairperson Owen asked Supervisor Ross to make a complete, prioritized list of the equipment his department needs for submission.

Fund 116

Brief discussion was had regarding charging sales tax on "pass-through" funds. Mayor Bynum mentioned that the fee is considered a fee and not a tax, which is why the fee can legally be charged.

Having no other comments or questions, the motion to approve all of the Highway and Solid Waste Budgets through the Finance, Ways and Means Committee and recommend the tentative budget for approval to the Weakley County Commission passed unanimously.

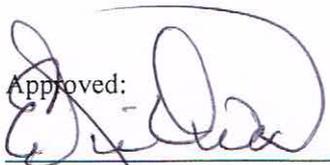
Having no other business Commissioner Jones made the motion to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook, the motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erica Moore

Erica Moore, Secretary
Finance, Ways & Means Committee

Date: 6-16-16

Approved: 

Eric Owen, Chairperson
Finance, Ways & Means Committee

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