

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE

July 5, 2011; 4:30P.M.

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Present: Commissioners Tommy Jones, Roger Stewart, Earl Wright, John Salmon, James H. Westbrook, Jr. and Eric Owen.

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: None.

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at the Weakley County Department of Finance in the Board Room. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Houston Patrick – County Mayor, Keith Jones – Juvenile Court Director, Susan Collins – Clerk and Master, Barbara Castleman – Election Commission Administrator, Mike Wilson – Sheriff, Pat Scarbrough – County Clerk, Kermit Hopper – County Highway Supervisor, Landa Harris – County Highway Secretary, Jamison Peevyhouse – Emergency Management Director, Rita Jeter – Weakley County Health Department, David Tuck – Property Assessor, Ron Cheatham – Veteran’s Affairs administrator, Donna Winstead synder – Register of Deeds, Candy McAdams – County Librarian, Shirley Chappell – Sharon Office on Aging, Marci Floyd – Trustee, Randy Frazier – Director of Schools, Tommy Moore – General Sessions Court Judge, Pam Belew – Circuit Court Clerk, and Sara Rachels – Weakley County Press.

Chairman Roger Stewart called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

General Fund No. 101

Chairman Stewart called for a motion to place the General Fund budget on the floor for discussion. Commissioner Jones made the motion and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stewart noted a change to Account 46140 (Office on Aging – Sharon), page 3 from \$14,000 to \$16,000 and to Account 56300 (Senior Citizens Assistance – Sharon), page 37, line 399 (Other Contracted Services) from \$600 to \$1,600 and line 422 (Food Supplies) from \$1,500 to \$2,500. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to correct lines as noted and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stewart noted a change to Account 46990 (Other State Revenues – Health DGA) from \$79,200 to \$78,300 to match expenditures.

Chairman Stewart called for questions or changes to the General Fund budget.

Commissioner Owen questioned Account No. 53100 (Circuit Court), line 168 (Temporary Personnel), page 15. Mrs. Belew answered that there is currently one full time person out on maternity leave until September and the rest would be used to pay Ms. Peggy Smith, a retired employee to help with the purging and moving of files.

Commissioner Owen questioned Account No. 54210 (Jail), line 160 (Guards), page 25. Mr. Wilson answered that there had been a turnover of employees. Some were going into their second year and the rest are step raises.

General Fund No. 101 continued

Commissioner Westbrook questioned Account No. 51500 (Election Commission), line 193 (Election Workers), page 7. Mrs. Castleman answered six in most precincts. Commissioner Westbrook questioned the use of high school students in the precincts. Mrs. Castleman answered that the students were used as precinct workers, they were not additional workers. Commissioner Westbrook recommended to Chairman Stewart that a sum of money be put into the General Fund budget to pay interest in the revenue anticipation notes. The money should be placed in Account 58900 (Miscellaneous), line 604 (Interest on Notes), page 45 in the amount of \$12,000. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to add line 604, Account 58900 in the amount of \$12,000 and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Owen questioned Account No. 53500 (Juvenile), line 351 (Rental), page 18. Mr. Jones answered that the money was for building rental and utilities.

Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the expenditures of the General Fund and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

General Purpose School Fund No. 141

Chairman Stewart called for a motion to place the General Purpose School Fund on the floor for discussion. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stewart called for questions. Being none, Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve the expenditures of the General Purpose School Fund and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

Federal School Projects Fund No. 142

Chairman Stewart called for a motion to place the Federal School Projects Fund on the floor for discussion. Commissioner Owen made the motion and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stewart called for questions. Being none, Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve the Federal School Projects Fund in its entirety and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

Child Nutrition Fund No. 143

Chairman Stewart called for a motion to approve the Child Nutrition budget as presented. Commissioner Jones made the motion and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

Highway Fund No. 131

Chairman Stewart called for a motion to place the Highway Fund on the floor for discussion. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

Highway Fund No. 131 continued

Chairman Stewart questioned the change made to Account No. 64000 (Litter & Trash Collection), line 161 (Program Administrator), page 6. The original number presented for this line was \$5,119. The budget presented today shows \$9,419. Why the change in numbers? Mr. Hopper answered that the original had a line for medical insurance this money was moved to line 161. The grant stipulates the money be spent for salaries, benefits, and education (at least 25% of money received). The revenue increase is reflected in line 302 (Public Awareness), line 532 (Litter Enforcement Awards), line 141 (Foreman) and line 161 (Program Administrator). Chairman Stewart questioned if this is a litter/collection deal trying to get litter off the roads, instead of increasing salaries why wouldn't you increase Public Awareness and other things that are to actually encourage people not to litter? Mr. Hopper answered the budget has been increase by the mandatory 25%. Chairman Stewart questioned why not make it 40%? Mr. Hopper answered that there was a lot of paperwork involved with the grant. Commissioner Owen commented that this part of the budget includes a raise to employee salaries and there wasn't supposed to be any raises in the budget. Commissioner Salmon questioned the total money paid to this secretary. Mr. Hopper asked for clarification. Commissioner Salmon stated that he could see \$1,800, \$26,143 and \$9,419 is that correct. Mr. Hopper answered that there were two people being paid out of Account No. 64000.

Chairman Stewart called for a motion to approve the expenditures on the Highway Fund. Commissioner Jones made the motion and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

Solid Waste Fund No. 116

Chairman Stewart called for a motion to place the Solid Waste Fund on the floor for discussion. Commissioner Jones made the motion and was seconded by Commissioner Salmon. Having no questions, the Solid Waste Fund passed in its entirety unanimously.

Drug Control Fund No. 122

Chairman Stewart called for a motion to place the Drug Control Fund on the floor for discussion. Commissioner Owen made the motion and was seconded by Commissioner Westbrook. Having no questions, the Drug Control Fund passed in its entirety unanimously.

Debt Service Fund No. 151

Chairman Stewart called for a motion to place the Debt Service Fund on the floor for discussion. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion and was seconded by Commissioner Wright. Having no questions, Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve the expenditures for the Debt Service Fund and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

Capital Projects Fund No. 176

Chairman Stewart called for a motion to approve the Capital Projects Fund in its entirety. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

General Fund No. 101 Revenues

Commissioner Westbrook questioned the revenue for reimbursement for presidential elections. Mrs. Francisco answered that she wasn't sure of the exact number but she would research and have the number inserted into the revenues.

General Fund No. 101 Revenues continued

Commissioner Westbrook stated for the information of the committee that teachers, general fund workers and non-certified staff hasn't had a pay raise in three years but that election workers were raised from \$55 to \$100 two years ago.

Chairman Stewart questioned Account No. 43990 (Check Writing Tuition). Mrs. Francisco answered the number comes from the Circuit Court Clerk.

Commissioner Westbrook questioned Account No. 43990 (Gun Permit School). Mrs. Francisco answered that no money was turned in for that revenue line. The number comes from the Sheriff's Department.

Chairman Stewart questioned Account No. 46870 (Prisoners Hospital Cost). Mrs. Francisco answered that the State has been invoiced but that there was no estimate on the revenue.

Highway Fund No. 131

Commissioner Westbrook questioned Account No. 47230 (Disaster Relief). What if the disaster relief money doesn't come in? This money is included in the fund balance. Commissioner Owen made the motion to cut Account No. 47230 (Disaster Relief) to \$60,000 and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business:

Having no other business Commissioner Owen made the motion to adjourn at 5:23 pm and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kellie Thayer, Secretary
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Approved:

Roger Stewart, Chairman
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Date: _____