

**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

**FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE**

**July 10, 2006; 4:30 P.M.**

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

**Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent:** None.

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Monday, July 10, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. at the Weakley County Board of Education/Department of Finance in the board room. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Kermit Hopper-Road Supervisor, and a representative from the Dresden Enterprise.

Chairman Phebus called the FWM meeting to order.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the July 6, 2006 FWM minutes and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Budget Format**

Commissioner Westbrook mentioned that in future years of preparing the budget a fourth column might be added (actual prior prior year). This was taken under advisement.

**Highway Budget 06-07FY: Fund #131**

The Road Board and Public Works Committee have not previously approved this budget.

Commissioner Owen made a motion to place the Highway Budget on the floor for discussion and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion passed unanimously.

Page 3, line 191 (Board and Committee Fees) is \$10,600 due to one Road Board Member not receiving \$300 until September 1, 2006.

Page 4, line 143 (Equipment Operators) has a decrease of \$20,744 due to reclassification of employees and one less employee in 06-07 FY.

Line 399 (ROW Mowing Contract) is \$203,250; this will cover two mowings and two sprayings of the right of ways.

Line 405 (Asphalt-Liquid) has an increase of \$148,000 due to the increase in prices. The amount of liquid asphalt purchased has not changed. Mr. Hopper stated that the cost per mile is \$9,600.

Line 404 (Asphalt-Hot Mix) is \$160,000; the same as last fiscal year; however, this will complete 10 less miles than last fiscal year. The hot mix should complete 15 miles of road.

Mr. Hopper stated that the cost of one mile of hot mix is between \$45,000 and \$54,000.

Line 409 (Crushed Stone) is \$225,000, the same as last fiscal year because the prices have not increased.

Commissioner Stewart asked how many roads needed to be black topped and Mr. Hopper stated that there were fifteen roads left to be tarred and chipped.

It was stated that Hyndsver Road in Martin is not maintained by the County. It is maintained by the City of Martin. If the County widens the road due to the new Wal-Mart, the City will have to pay the County its expenses for completing the road.

Page 5, There was no discussion.

Page 6, There was no discussion.

Page 7 Chairman Phebus made a motion to move line 707 (Building Improvements) in the amount of \$1,000 and line 712 (HVAC Equipment) in the amount of \$500 up to line 335 (Maintenance Repair Building) and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously. This will make line 335 \$2,300.

Page 8 Line 705 (Bridge Construction) in the amount of \$378,033 is for state bridge contracts. It is offset with line 46410 (Bridge Program). The difference in the two figures is the County's match.

Line 713 (Highway Construction) is for hot mix. This is contracted for resurfacing and improvements. This cannot be used for capital outlay.

The Road Board divides between the three the funds in 799 (Local Roads) and 713 (Highway Construction). Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to reclassify line 713 to 799 and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously. This will make line 799 (Local Roads) \$260,000.

Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to tentatively approve the Highway 06-07 FY budget with an estimated ending fund balance of \$172,138 and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

**Highway Capital Projects Budget 06-07FY: Fund #176**

The Road Board and Public Works Committee have not previously approved this budget.

Commissioner Owen made a motion to place the Highway Capital Projects Budget on the floor for discussion and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stewart stated that this fund needs to be eliminated and Chairman Phebus stated that there are outstanding purchase orders that need to be paid before the fund can be closed.

Mr. Hopper stated he would like to have the additional revenue in the highway budget. He added that the only equipment he was buying was a lift and that was due to safety reasons.

Commissioner Owen made the motion to take 50% of the estimated ending fund balance and place in 799 (Local Roads). He withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Stewart stated that he does not want \$98,000 sitting in any capital projects funds that could possibly be pulled out and expensed at any time.

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to add Revenues 40120 and 40130 to the Highway Capital Projects budget, balance the trustee commission and tentatively approve the budget with these changes. Commissioner Owen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Health Insurance**

Commissioner Westbrook made a motion for the Finance Director to look into alternatives for health insurance due to the rising cost and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stewart made the motion to adjourn the FWM committee at 5:25 p.m. and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Marci Floyd, Recording Secretary  
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Approved:

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Richard Phebus, Chairman  
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee  
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