

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE

July 6, 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 Wednesday, July 6, 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, Ron Cheatham – Veteran’s Affairs administrator, Donna Winstead Synder – Register of Deeds, 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:

Chairman Stewart noted that on their desks were updated budgets for funds 101, 131, and 141. On the General Fund budget, page 3, Account No. 46140 (Office on Aging – Dresden) increased by \$6,000. The corresponding expenditure is on page 36, Account No. 56100 (Adult Activities – Dresden). Also, page 3, Account No. 46915 (Contract Prisoner Board) revenue increased by \$158,000. Account 46990 (Other State Revenue – State Presidential Primary Reimbursement), page 3, revenue added. These revenue additions change the ending fund balance to \$626,966.

Chairman Stewart noted that the General Purpose School Fund budget has been updated to the most current revenue and expense available.

Chairman Stewart called for a motion to discuss employee raises.

Commissioner Jones made a motion for a 3% increase. The motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Owen made a motion for a 2% increase and was seconded by Commissioner Salmon. Chairman Stewart called for discussion and questions. Committee reviewed a salary schedule showing cost to county for increases of 1.6%, 2% and 3%. The motion passed unanimously.

General Fund No. 101

Chairman Stewart called for a review of the General Fund revenues and ending fund balance with a proposed 2% salary increase.

Chairman Stewart called for a motion to approve the General Fund revenues, expenditures and a tax rate of 46 cents. Commissioner Owen made the motion and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

General Purpose School Fund No. 141

Chairman Stewart called for a motion to approve the General Purpose School Fund revenues, expenditures and a tax rate of 74 cents. Commissioner Wright made the motion and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

Federal School Projects Fund No. 142

Chairman Stewart called for a motion to approve the Federal School Projects Fund revenues and expenditures. Commissioner Wright made the motion and with a second by Commissioner Salmon the motion passed unanimously.

Child Nutrition Program Fund No. 143

Chairman Stewart called for a motion to approve the Child Nutrition Program revenues and expenditures. Commissioner Owen made the motion and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

Capital Projects Fund No. 176

Chairman Stewart called for a motion to approve the Capital Project Fund revenues and expenditures. Commissioner Jones made the motion and with a second by Commissioner Salmon the motion passed unanimously.

Debt Service Fund No. 151

Chairman Stewart called for a motion to approve the Debt Service Fund revenues, expenditures and a tax rate of 68.16 cents. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

Highway Fund No. 131

Chairman Stewart noted that there was a new budget on their desks. Account No. 47230 (Disaster Relief) was reduced to \$60,000. Chairman Stewart called for a motion to approve the Highway Fund revenues, expenditures and a tax rate of 18 cents.

Commissioner Owen questioned the increase in the salary lines in Account No. 64000 (Litter & Trash Collection). Mr. Hopper answered that he was following the guidelines of the grant. Commissioner Owen questioned what justified the increase? Mr. Hopper answered more paperwork.

There was further discussion on the Account No. 64000 (Litter & Trash Collection), line 161 (Program Administrator) and Account No. 61000 (Administration), line 161 (Secretary). Total salary proposed for 2011-2012FY is \$37,362 for this position.

Commissioner Owen called for question.

Chairman Stewart noted his concern for the low ending fund balance.

Highway Fund No. 131 continued

Chairman Stewart called for a roll call vote:

Commissioner Jones	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes
Commissioner Owen	Yes
Commissioner Salmon	Yes
Commissioner Westbrook	Yes
Commissioner Stewart	No

The motion passed.

Tax Rate for 2011-2012FY

General Fund	46¢
Highway Fund	18¢
School Fund	74¢
<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>68.16¢</u>
Total Tax Rate	\$2.0616

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve the 2011-2012FY tax rate as presented and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business:

Chairman Stewart set a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at 5:00 pm in the Weakley County Courthouse Commission Room.

Having no other business Commissioner Owen made the motion to adjourn at 4:50 pm and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kellie Thayer, Secretary
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Approved:

Roger Stewart, Chairman
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Date: _____