

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

**JOINT
FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE
&
HEALTH, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

July 10, 2007; 4:00 P.M.

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

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: None.

HEED Members Present: Commissioners Jack Vincent, Eric Owen, Mike Medling, Mac Buckley, James H. Westbrook, Jr., and Dick Phebus.

HEED Members Absent: None.

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee and the Health, Education, & Economic Development Committee met jointly on Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. at the Weakley County Board of Education/Department of Finance in the board room. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Houston Patrick-County Mayor, Richard Barber-Director of Schools, Sarah Ann Pentecost-School Board, and Barbara Trentham-School Board.

Chairman Phebus called the FWM meeting to order.

Chairman Westbrook called the HEED meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the July 9, 2007 FWM minutes and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Buckley made the motion to approve the June 27, 2007 HEED minutes and with a second by Commissioner Medling the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Child Nutrition 07-08 FY Budget

Commissioner Owen of the FWM Committee made the motion to place the Child Nutrition budget on the floor for discussion and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Owen of the HEED Committee made the motion to place the Child Nutrition budget on the floor for discussion and with a second by Commissioner Vincent the motion passed unanimously.

The increases in food prices have caused an increase in funds for food supplies line 422. There are no lunch or breakfast price increases in the budget. All of the cafeterias in the County are in the black; no school is running a deficit balance. The four snow

days in the 06-07 FY left monies remaining in several payroll and benefit line items last year. Line 435 (Office Supplies) is the amount of \$17,000 is the same amount as the beginning budget for 06-07. The USDA requires that the Child Nutrition Program draw interest on funds deposited into the account.

Commissioner Stewart of the FWM Committee made the motion to tentatively approve the food service budget and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Owen of the HEED Committee made the motion to tentatively approve the food service budget and with a second by Commissioner Phebus the motion passed unanimously.

Federal Projects 07-08 FY Budget

Commissioner Jones of the FWM Committee made the motion to place the Federal Projects budget on the floor for discussion and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Owen of the HEED Committee made the motion to place the Federal Projects budget on the floor for discussion and with a second by Commissioner Buckley the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Barber stated that most of the federal sub funds had a decrease in funds available for 07-08FY. The budgets do not include any carryover monies.

Commissioner Owen of the HEED Committee made the motion to tentatively approve the Federal Projects budget and with a second by Commissioner Buckley the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jones of the FWM Committee made the motion to tentatively approve the Federal Projects budget and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

General Purpose School 07-08 FY Budget

Commissioner Jones of the FWM Committee made the motion to place the General Purpose School budget on the floor for discussion and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Owen of the HEED Committee made the motion to place the General Purpose School budget on the floor for discussion and with a second by Commissioner Buckley the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Barber stated that some of the BEP funds will fund the 5% teacher salary increase. There is also a 3% non-certified raise included in the budget and an insurance increase by five percent beginning in January.

BEP funds in the amount of \$1.4 million dollars must be used to improve student achievement or in an at risk way.

BEP funds are no longer based on the prior year. Growth payments are estimated to

come in two payments one in the middle of the year and one at the end of the year. The tenth payment of the BEP funds will be adjusted based on the BEP formula. There are 22 new teacher positions in the budget. The student teacher ratio in grades 4-8 will be lowered from 1:23 to 1:20.

Pg. 20 Line #123 (Guidance Personnel) has the same number of positions as last year. In the previous year a half-time positions at Westview was being paid out of the regular teacher line item and now will be paid from this line item due to the number of students at Westview increasing enough to pay the full salary out of Guidance.

Pg. 16 Line 116 WIAY includes salary for several part-time hourly teachers.

Pg.25 Line 310 (Contracts with Other Government Agencies) is for the \$25,000 that is paid to Carroll Academy. Weakley County is allowed to have thirteen students enrolled.

Pg. 29 Line 513 (Workers Comp) in the amount of \$154,254 is an exact figure. This covers all of the schools.

Pg. 36 Line 729 (Transportation Equipment) in the amount of \$380,000 is for the purchase of five buses. One bus did not get purchased in 06-07FY due to the company not following through with their bid.

Pg. 41 Line 707 (Building Improvements) in the amount of \$700,000 is for roofs at Martin Middle, Greenfield, and the Central Office, 2 chiller units and cooling towers, painting and any other miscellaneous items.

Mr. Medling asked about getting light bulbs or a new system for the Greenfield School gym stage and Mr. Barber stated that it is not a priority item at this time. He also asked if it was common for students to share health books. Mr. Barber stated that health books are not bought for every student and that no school in the county has a health book that is issued directly to the students.

Questions were asked about the County's share for the septic line project from Evergreen Street to the Dresden High School. The County's share will be approximately \$34,000 but it will be paid out of the School Capital Projects Fund. The sewer line will be one-way; no one can tap into the line. A CDBG grant was obtained for this project. The split is 89% state and 11% local match.

Page 41 Line 316 (Contributions-Debt & Asbestos) in the amount of \$482,514. Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to move revenue line item 46851 (TVA Payments) to the general fund and adjust the tax levy accordingly to offset the revenue. The motion died for a lack of a second.

The four additional pages of the budget are for the three preschools (Gleason, Greenfield and Sharon) and a coordinated health service grant. All of these are fully funded by the grants and require no county match. Mr. Barber stated that if there is no money there will be no program. There is also a possibility of receiving a TAG grant in the amount of \$267,139 and it will be used like the Reading First grant at the Greenfield School. Commissioner Phebus of the HEED Committee made the motion to add all of the above listed grants to the budget and to tentatively approve the General Purpose

School budget and with a second by Commissioner Medling the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright of the FWM Committee made the motion to tentatively approve the General Purpose School budget as amended by the HEED Committee and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westbrook made a motion to move revenue line item 46851 (TVA Payments) to the general fund and adjust the tax levy accordingly to offset the revenue and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to increase line 316 (Contributions-Debt & Asbestos) on page 41 by \$49,000 and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to tentatively approve the General Purpose School budget as amended by the FWM Committee and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Owen made the motion to adjourn the HEED committee at 5:20 p.m. and with a second by Commissioner Phebus the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stewart made the motion to adjourn the FWM committee at 5:20 p.m. and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Francisco, Recording Secretary
Health, Ed., & Eco Development Committee

Approved:

Richard Phebus, Chairman
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee
Date: _____

James H. Westbrook, Jr., Chairman
Health, Education, & Economic Development Committee
Date: _____