

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE

January 13, 2004; 5:00 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.

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Tuesday, January 13, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. in the Weakley County Board of Education/Department of Finance conference room. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Pat Scarbrough-County Clerk, Ron Gifford-County Mayor, Richard Barber-Director of Schools, Donna Winstead-Register of Deeds, Pam Belew-Circuit Court Clerk, and Rita Jeter-Health

Chairman Dick Phebus called the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the November 10, 2003 minutes and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the November 17, 2003 minutes and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

County Clerk Transfer

Transfer \$500 from line item #52500.349(Printing) to line item #.332(Legal Notices) in the amount of \$450 and \$50 to line item #.320(Dues and Memberships) due to the publishing cost of Resolution 2003-27 and an increase in the County Clerk's Association dues. Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

Register of Deeds Transfer

Transfer \$500 from line item #51600.711(Furniture) and \$299 from line item #.719(Office Equipment) to line items #.317(Data Processing) in the amount of \$20, \$8 to line item #.320(Dues and Memberships), \$271 to line item #.411(Data Processing Supply), and \$500 to line item #.351(Rentals) for the leasing of a copy machine. Commissioner Stewart made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed with 5 approving and Commissioner Owen opposing.

Health Department Transfer

Transfer \$330 from line item #.359(Disposal Fee) to line items #.320(Dues and Memberships) in the amount of \$130 for X-Ray Licensure cost and \$200 to line item #.336(Maintenance/Repair) for calibrating medical equipment. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

General Purpose School Transfer

The School Board and the HEW committee have previously approved this transfer. Transfer \$2,500 to line item #71600.429ABE(Instructional Supplies) from line items #.524ABE(Staff Development) in the amount of \$761, \$239 from line item #.599ABE(Other Charges), and \$1,500 from line item #.722ABE(Instructional Equipment) due to increase enrollment. Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2004-17

The School Board and the HEW committee have previously approved this resolution. The Special Education department has been issued funds in the amount of \$12,995 the following accounts will be increased due to two students being placed in a state school during the 02-03 school year: \$7,000 to #.429(Instructional Supplies/Materials), \$595 to #499(Other Supplies & Materials), \$1,000 to #.711(Furniture and Fixtures), \$400 to #.307(Communication), \$3,000 to #.524(Staff Development), and \$1,000 to #.707(Building Improvements). Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve the resolution and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2004-18

The Tennessee Code authorizes counties to levy an additional litigation tax up to six dollars in general sessions court to help fund increase in compensation for general sessions judges required by 1988 Public Chapter 698 and Tennessee code provides that the local litigation tax may be raised to an amount more than six dollars if necessary to fund the mandated pay increase. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to insert in section 1 by \$4.00 and change the be it further resolved section to 2/3 vote majority. And with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Stewart made the motion to approve the resolution as amended pending the approval of the Public Safety Committee and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

AGR Property Taxes

Alpha Gamma Rho is requesting a refund of an estimated \$35,000 in taxes paid due to the chancery judge ruling in their favor. Taxes are from the year 1998 to current at the commercial property tax rate. A resolution will not be presented at the upcoming County Commission meeting. Weakley County's attorney has monitored the case from its beginning.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Marci Floyd, Secretary
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Approved:

Richard Phebus, Chairman
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Date: _____