

Weakley County, Tennessee
Health, Education, & Economic Development Committee
May 1, 2007 4:00 p.m.

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

The HEED Committee met on May 1, 2007, 4:00 p.m. at the Weakley County Department of Finance in the conference room. Others present included Houston Patrick-County Mayor, Diane Cashion, Election Commissioners, Gail Rogers & Susan Kroll-Dresden Senior Center, and Shirley Chappell-Sharon Senior Center.

Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve the March 27, 2007 minutes and with a second by Commissioner Vincent the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

New Business

Transfer 0607-22

The transfer is requested by the Election Administrator. Additional communication expenses were incurred due to the recent move of the offices. Commissioner Buckley made the motion to approve Transfer 0607-22 and with a second by Commissioner Medling the motion passed unanimously.

Election Commission Building

Commissioner Buckley made the motion to place the election commission building on the floor for discussion and with a second by Chairman Westbrook the motion passed unanimously. Secretary of the Election Commission Mitchell Parham addressed the committee regarding the recent re-location of the election commission. Mr. Parham stated that the election commissioners wished to work jointly with the committee and other commissioners in obtaining a new facility. He explained to the committee that the prior election building consisted of 2800 square feet on the first floor, which include the Tennessee State room. Mr. Parham presented the proposal of the new facility stating that it was 3800 square feet. Mrs. Cashion stated that currently the office is located at the old Dresden Elementary School in two classrooms totaling 1200 square feet and that additional space is needed. Commissioner Vincent suggested that a third classroom be obtained.

Commissioner Medling stated that 3900 square feet is too large in comparison with surrounding counties. Commissioner Medling questioned why space for storage and space for working on the voting machines could not be the same room. Mrs. Cashion replied by stating that the vendor does not supply the information to load onto the machines until early voting & during early voting the technicians update the other machines that will be used on election day. Discussion continued. Commissioner Owen made the motion to take the information under advisement. Motion died for lack of a second. County Mayor Patrick suggested that all should visit the new election commission offices. Commissioner Phebus made the motion for the committee to defer any action to a later time & date to allow time for the committee to reconvene at the election commission facility.

Offices on Aging

A spreadsheet detailing the revenue and expenditures for each of the three centers was provided to the commissioners. The Dresden Office has overspent \$8839.63, Sharon Office has overspent \$6622.41; Greenfield Office has \$291.59 positive. Chairman
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Westbrook brought the committee members up to date explaining that the Dresden, Sharon, & Greenfield Centers were to be self supportive; with the exception of the county paying \$5000 toward Dresden Center rent. Gail Rogers spoke to the committee stating that she had contacted surrounding counties to inquire of how aging centers are funded. Ms. Rogers stated that other counties did provide funding for the aging centers. Commissioner Medling questioned whether all available grants were being utilized. Chairman Westbrook stated that NWTDD was providing the maximum amount of funds to Weakley County. Discussion continued. Commissioner Phebus made the motion to provide sufficient funds to continue operations until the fiscal year end and that Finance, Ways, & Means Committee will review the budgets for the next fiscal year. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chairman Westbrook declared the meeting in recess at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Francisco,
Recording Secretary

Approved:

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

Date: _____