

Weakley County, Tennessee
Health, Education, & Economic Development Committee
May 30, 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 30, 2007, 4:00 p.m. at the Weakley County Department of Finance in the conference room. Others present included Houston Patrick-County Mayor, Diane Cashon-Administrator of Elections, Steve Vantrease & Gordon Morris-representing the School Board, Dr. Nick Dunagan-UTM Chancellor, Gail Roger-Dresden Senior Center, Shirley Chappell-Sharon Senior Center, Tim James & Rita Jeter-representing the Health Department.

Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve the May 8, 2007 minutes and with a second by Commissioner Phebus the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Chairman Westbrook made a correction from the previous meeting. Any building contract over \$25,000 must be built by a licensed TN contractor. Any building over 5,000 square feet requires an architect firm. Commissioner Owen stated that he is still working on gathering proposals for the election commission building.

New Business

Westview High School & UTM Proposal

A draft contract was provided to all committee members. Steve Vantrease, on behalf of the School Board, addressed the committee stating that the School Board has approved the draft contract as presented to allow Westview High School to be a 1/3 partner with UTM on the installation of a synthetic field turf on the Hardy-Graham Football Stadium. Mr. Vantrease stated the financial investment is \$250,000 payable in one lump sum or as preferred by the School Board over a 10-year period of \$25,000 per year in addition to \$2000 yearly maintenance fee. Mr. Vantrease stated the purpose of today's presentation is to formally request the commission's endorsement of the project. Mr. Vantrease stated that the School Board would like to add the \$25,000 to its 2007-08 FY budget by using new funds, not existing funds.

Chairman Westbrook questions, part A, #10 regarding the UTM staff to be present only 1 hour prior to start of game. Chairman Westbrook was concerning that the time would not be ample. Chancellor Dunagan stated that UTM would be happy to provide a staff member earlier than 1 hour if the WHS staff sees that to be necessary. Commissioner Medling asked in the Westview PTO organization was in agreement of this project. Mr. Vantrease stated No. The PTO would like for a new stadium to be built on the WHS property. Commissioner Vincent questioned if the School Board has research other options regarding a new stadium –vs. - the contract with UTM. Mr. Vantrease stated that the School Board has not looked at other options. Commissioner Vincent requested that the committee take no action today in order to allow the WHS coaching staff time to gather a quote of erecting a new stadium on the WHS grounds. Discussion continued. Commissioner Phebus stated that the county commission should take no action regarding this contract because the commission is not a party of the contract; the contract is between WHS & UTM. Chairman Westbrook stated that it would only be fair to both side to allow time for the price quote to be obtained on erecting a new stadium on the WHS grounds. The question arose if UTM would continue the renovation of the football stadium if the contract was not approved. Chancellor Dunagan responded affirmative; stating that funds have already been raised.

Election Commission 07-08FY Proposed Budget

Commissioner Buckley made the motion to place the budget on the floor for discussion and with a second by Commissioner Phebus the motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Cashon presented the budget to the committee. The budget includes one election, the presidential primary.

Line #192 Commissioners includes 22 meetings at \$100 per meeting for 5 election commissioners. Commissioner Owen made the motion to reduce the line item to \$8250 for 22 meetings at \$75 per meeting for 5 election commissioners.

Line #193 Election workers includes daily pay increase for the officer position from \$55 to \$100 and for the other workers from \$50 to \$75.

Line 336 Maintenance & Repair on Voting Equipment includes maintenance agreements for the new voting equipment and software.

Health Department 07-08 FY Proposed Budget

Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve the budget and send it to the Finance, Ways, & Means committee and with a second by Commissioner Buckley the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. James presented the budget to the committee. Line #348 Postage is increased due to the growth of the primary care facility.

Dresden/Greenfield Aging 07-08 FY Budget

Commissioner Owen made the motion to place the budgets on the floor for discussion and with a second by Commissioner Phebus the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Rogers presented the budgets to the committee along with a summary of the many services performed at the Dresden Center. Line #130 Social Workers has been decreased to the request of the director. Line #189 Other Salaries/Wages includes funds for the respite workers. There has been a decrease in the number of clients due to many clients passing away; many new clients have requested this service however the agency must place new clients on the list to be served in order of request. Chairman Westbrook requested that the County Mayor submit a summary of how surrounding counties are contributing to their aging offices.

Sharon Senior Center 07-08 FY Budget

Commissioner Vincent made the motion to place the budgets on the floor for discussion and with a second by Commissioner Buckley the motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Chappell presented the budgets to the committee. Line #105 Director includes the same salary for the Dresden Aging Director.

Library 07-08 FY Budget

Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve the budgets and with a second by Commissioner Phebus the motion passed unanimously. No one was present from the Library to present the budget.

Ag Extension 07-08 FY Budget

Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve the budgets and with a second by Commissioner Buckley the motion passed unanimously. No one was present from the Library to present the budget.

Veterans Service Office 07-08 FY Budget

Commissioner Buckley made the motion to approve the budgets and with a second by Commissioner Phebus the motion passed unanimously. No one was present from the Library to present the budget.

Economic Development Inter-local Agreement Changes

Chairman Westbrook presented the committee with the changes to the inter-local agreement. He stated that there are two main changes. One change being adding the UTM Chancellor as an ex-officio board member and the second change is lowering the size of the executive committee to

nine members. Commissioner Phebus made the motion to approve these changes and recommend them to the full county commission and with a second by Commissioner Buckley the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Chairman Westbrook stated there are three Industrial Board members whose term expires June 30, 2007. The members are Junior Moore, Jimmy Dilday, and Tom Gallien. Chairman Westbrook also stated there are three Economic Development board members whose term expires June 30, 2007. The members are John Bucy, Mike Forchione, and Nick Dunagan. The committee will make recommendations to appoint these vacancies at the next meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Francisco,
Recording Secretary

Approved:

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

Date: _____