

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE

June 26, 2012; 4:30P.M.

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

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: None.

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 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, Jamison Peevyhouse – Director of Emergency Managements, Kermit Hopper – Supervisor of the Highway Department, Landa Harris – Secretary of the Highway Department, County Commissioners – Larry Taylor, Joe Farmer, Sam Sinclair and Bob Bell, Road Board Commissioners – Bobby Robinson and Garry Mansfield, David Fisher – Dresden Enterprise and Mary Jean Hall – Weakley County Press.

Chairman Roger Stewart called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the FWM minutes of 6/18/2012 and 6/20/2012 and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2012-44

This resolution which previously passed the Public Works committee authorizes budget amendment to the Highway Fund to realign estimated expenditures.

Commissioner Owen questioned the increase in line 61000-161 (Secretary). Mr. Hopper noted that FY11-12 had 27 pay periods instead of the 26 pay periods budgeted. Commissioner Owen questioned why the other payroll lines weren't affected. Mr. Hopper noted that he had 2 men retired during the year and due to the extra pay period he used unpaid salary to cover the extra pay period. Commissioner Stewart made the motion to approve and recommend Resolution 2012-44 to the full county commission and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Stewart recognized Mr. Peevyhouse. Mr. Peevyhouse told the FWM committee that the 911 Board met and voted to increase the impact payment by \$15,000 to offset the cost of an additional dispatcher. Mr. Peevyhouse explained that payment would be pre-paid.

Highway Fund Budget Fund No. 131

Chairman Stewart noted that any decisions made on the Highway Fund 12-13 FY budget would be tentative. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to place the budget on the floor and was seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Chairman Stewart asked if the budget presented had passed the Public Works committee. Mr. Hopper stated no.

Page 3, Account no. 61000 (Administration): Chairman Stewart questioned line 340 (Alcohol/Drug Test). Mrs. Francisco answered that this was for pre-employment, post-accident, random and suspicion tests required for a Drug-Free Workplace.

Page 4, Account no. 62000 (Highway & Bridge Maintenance): Chairman Stewart questioned why there was money left in line 143 (Equipment Operators). Mr. Hopper answered that an employee had been out on a Work Comp leave. The excess salary was moved to other lines to help cover the extra payroll in 11-12FY.
Chairman Stewart questioned the increases to lines 405 (Asphalt-Liquid) and 409 (Crushed Stone). Mr. Hopper noted that those were the cost of material used for patching and resurfacing. The items were bid items.

Page 5, Account no. 63100 (Operation & Maintenance Equipment): Mr. Hopper noted that he had made an error. Line 329 (Laundry Service) needs to be increased to \$12,000 to cover the full year and line 353 (Towing Services) needs to be decreased to \$700. With the purchase of the new low-boy trailer, they will be to retrieve any disabled equipment.

Page 6, Account no. 64000 (Litter & Trash Collection): Chairman Stewart recognized Commissioner Sinclair. Commissioner Sinclair noted that the Public Works committee had set line 161 (Program Administrator) for the 11-12FY and that the salary had been budgeted for 12-13FY at the 10-11FY rate. Commissioner Sinclair requested that the salary line and associated benefit lines be returned to the 11-12FY rate for 12-13FY.
Commissioner Owen made the motion to correct line 161 and associated benefit lines to the same rate 11-12FY for 12-13FY and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed.

Page 7, Account no. 65000 (Other Charges): Chairman Stewart questioned the increase in line 335 (Maintenance / Repair – Building). Mr. Hopper answered that a new generator had been purchased to provide emergency power to the shop and offices. The generator was purchased through a grant procured by Emergency Management. The increase will be the cost to set up the new generator.
Chairman Stewart noted that the cost of natural gas is going down and suggested reducing line 434 (Natural Gas) by \$3,000.

Page 8, Account no. 66000 (Employee Benefits): Chairman Stewart questioned the increase to line 210 (Unemployment Compensation). Mr. Hopper answered that he is laying off an employee due to non-performance of duties. Mr. Hopper also answered that the employee will be replaced.
Chairman Stewart recognized Commissioner Taylor. Commissioner Taylor stated that he thought that either the expenses for lines 705 (Bridge Construction) and 726 (State Aid Projects) were overstated or the revenues were understated. After some discussion, Chairman Stewart recommended that a revised budget be completed by July 3rd.
Chairman Stewart questioned what equipment was purchased from line 714 (Highway Equipment) for 11-12FY. Mr. Hopper answered two trucks and one mower.
Mr. Hopper noted that inflation was hurting the highway budget. He has a lot of old equipment that is costly to repair and needs to be replaced. He has a list of equipment and the cost and would like a "line of credit" to begin replacing the old equipment over a 5 – 8 year period.
Chairman Stewart informed Mr. Hopper is first balance the 11-12FY budget, second balance the 12-13FY budget and then the committee would look at the equipment list.

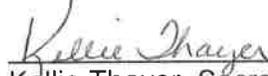
Capital Projects Budget Fund No. 176

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to defer Fund 176 budget until the next FWM meeting on July 5 and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion unanimously passed.

Other Business:

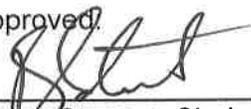
Having no other business Chairman Stewart recessed the meeting until 5:00pm June 28, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kellie Thayer, Secretary
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Approved:



Roger Stewart, Chairman
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Date: 7-9-12