

**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE**  
**FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE**  
**June 16, 2014; 4:00 P.M.**

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

**Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent:** Commissioner Earl Wright.

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Monday, June 16, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the Weakley County Department of Finance Board Room. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Mike Wilson – Sheriff, Barbara Castleman – Election Commission, Donna Snyder – Register of Deeds, Houston Patrick – County Mayor, Marci Floyd – Trustee, Pam Belew – Circuit Court Clerk, Pat Scarbrough – County Clerk, Kim Hughey – Deputy County Clerk, Candy McAdams – County Librarian, Keith Jones – Juvenile Court Director, James Bradberry – Juvenile Court Judge, and Jake Bynum – Candidate for County Mayor.

Chairman Roger Stewart called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution No. 2014-35:** This resolution sets a tentative budget for the 2014-2015FY budget for the General Fund, Highway Fund, Debt Service Fund, Department of Education Fund and Solid Waste Fund. The resolution allows no more than 15% of any item be expended per calendar month by each department without the approval of the Weakley County Board of Commissioners Finance, Ways, and Means Committee until the final 2014-2015FY budget is adopted. Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve and recommend Resolution No. 2014-35 to the full county commission and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion unanimously passed.

**Resolution No. 2014-37:** This resolution realigns the estimated revenue and expenditures in the Weakley County Solid Waste Fund. Commissioner Salmon made the motion to approve and recommend Resolution No. 2014-37 to the full county commission and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion unanimously passed.

**Resolution No. 2014-38:** This resolution realigns the estimated revenue and expenditures in the Weakley County Drug Control Fund. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve and recommend Resolution No. 2014-38 to the full county commission and with a second by Commissioner Salmon the motion unanimously passed.

**2014-2015 FY Budget**

Chairman Stewart called for a motion to place the Fund 101 – General Fund budget on the floor for discussion. Commissioner Owen made the motion to place the Fund 101 – General Fund budget on the floor for discussion and was seconded by Commissioner Westbrook. Chairman Stewart stated that the committee would tentatively approve the budget pending closing of the books. The only employee raises in the budget were the state mandated raises for County Officials. Also, the surety bond rates were to double and the rates were for a four year period.

Chairman Stewart opened the floor for questions and comments from the committee and audience members.

**Page 19, Acct. No. 53500 – Juvenile Court:** Chairman Stewart recognized Judge Bradberry. Judge Bradberry requested a salary increase for the judge position in the Juvenile Court budget. Judge Bradberry noted that the surrounding counties allowed a larger salary for this position. Chairman Stewart acknowledged Judge Bradberry's request and thanked him for his service. Chairman Stewart presented facts concerning the Juvenile Court Judge in Weakley and surrounding counties prepared by CTAS. After more questions and comments Commissioner Owen made the motion to add \$4,500 to the salary for the 14-15FY effective September 1, 2014 and then add an additional \$4,500 to begin September 1, 2018 and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion unanimously passed.

**Page 25, Acct. No. 54210 – Jail:** Chairman Stewart asked Mr. Wilson if he had been in touch with a representative from the City of Dresden concerning the addition of a shredder to the sewer system servicing the Jail. Mr. Wilson stated that he had not been able to speak to anyone concerning this matter. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to add \$50,000 to the Jail budget for the purchase and installation of a shredder. The motion died due to lack of a second.

**Page 26, Acct. No. 54230 – Correctional Incentive Program Improvements:** Chairman Stewart questioned if this program was still in the County schools. Mr. Wilson answered yes. Chairman Stewart made the motion to reduce line 316 (Contributions – DARE) by \$900 and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion unanimously passed.

**Page 41, Acct. No. 58500 – Contributions to Other Agencies:** Chairman Stewart noted to the committee that requests for funding had been received from West Tennessee Hearing & Speech in the amount of \$2,000 and from JACO in the amount of \$1,200. No action was taken on these requests.

Mrs. Francisco noted that the Everett-Stewart Regional Airport had made a request for \$20,000 from Weakley County and Obion County. The Obion County Commission as of this date has not acted on this request. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to place the request in the 14-15FY budget contingent on the Obion County Commission doing the same and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion unanimously passed.

Mrs. Francisco noted that requests for contributions had also been made by Dolly Parton Reading Railroad in the amount of \$6,000 and by Big Cypress Tree in the amount of \$2,500. Commissioner Stewart made the motion to approve these requests for the 14-15FY budget and with a second by Commissioner Salmon the motion unanimously passed.

Commissioner Westbrook noted to the committee the Hope of Martin had been made a charitable organization by the State of Tennessee and that they have requested a refund of one half to the property taxes paid for the last three years paid to the County. The County had forgiven property taxes on specific properties in the City of Martin for the Hope of Martin organization with the understanding that these properties would be cleaned up and made into safe housing for the citizens of Weakley County. It was also understood that the Hope of Martin would begin to pay property tax on these properties hence forward. Commissioner Westbrook stated that his feelings on the matter were that after Hope of Martin received the refund that the County should be given the forgiven property taxes. No action was taken on this matter.

After continued discuss on this account, Chairman Stewart suggested revisiting it after the 13-14FY books were closed.

**Page 42, Acct. No. 58900 – Miscellaneous:** Commissioner Westbrook questioned line 508 (Surety Bond – Employees). Mrs. Francisco answered that this was a blanket bond for all County employees.

After continued discussion on various expenses in the Fund 101 – General Fund budget, Chairman Stewart reserved the right to revisit all of the 101 budgets after the 13-14FY books closed.

**Other Business:**

Chairman Stewart noted that the next meeting would be June 23, 2014 to review the School Budgets. Chairman Stewart cancelled the June 17, 2017 meeting.

Having no other business Commissioner Salmon made the motion to adjourn at 4:43 pm and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Kellie Thayer, Secretary  
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Approved:

  
Roger Stewart, Chairman  
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Date: 6-26-14