

**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
PUBLIC SAFETY & WORKS COMMITTEE  
November 13, 2014; 8:00 A.M.**

**Public Safety & Works Members Present:** Commissioners Tommy Jones, Earl Wright, David Hawks, James H. Westbrook, Jr., Scott Fortner, Eric Owen, and Jack Vincent.

**Public Safety & Works Members Absent:** Commissioner James Roy Pope and James Bynum.

The Public Safety & Works Committee met on Wednesday, November 13, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the Weakley County Detention Center in the training room. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Jake Bynum – County Mayor via teleconference, Sheriff Mike Wilson, Charles Ross-Road Supervisor, Jeff Cosby-Assistant Road Supervisor, Gary Mansfield-Road Board, Wanda Fuzzell-Northwest TN Development District, Mike Galey & Mike Stooksberry –CTAS.

Chairman Westbrook called the meeting.

Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve the October 20, 2014 Public Safety & Works Committee minutes and with a second by Commissioner Hawks the motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Road Supervisor Charles Ross introduced the assistant Road Supervisor Jeff Cosby to the committee.

**Update of Meth House Clean-Up**

Chairman Westbrook asked Sheriff Wilson to update the committee on the clean-up status. Sheriff Wilson stated no official business has occurred yet. Discussion on how to pay for the clean-up work followed. Commissioner Owen made the motion to amend the general fund budget adding \$7000 to sale of property revenue and \$7000 to expenditures for contracted clean-up services. Commissioner Hawks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Waste Tires**

Mike Galey and Mike Stooksberry addressed the committee regarding the state's waste tire procedures for vendors and the collection and disposal for county governments. Sample invoices were distributed to the committee members which showed the state tire disposal fee is \$1.35 per tire for the sale of new tires. Supervisor Ross explained to the committees that county residents are allowed to bring a limited number of tires to the county disposal site each fiscal year for free disposal. Discussion followed on limiting the number of free disposal per household. Commissioner Owen made a motion to allow only 4 tires per household address free disposal at the county disposal site. Commissioner Fortner seconded the motion and it passed with Commission Vincent opposing. Supervisor Ross continued explaining the county has five trailers located throughout Weakley County that are used by the tire vendors to dispose of used tires, when the trailers are full, the County pays for the proper hauling and disposing of the tires. Discussion continued. CTAS recommended performing a cost-benefit analysis to determine how much is appropriate to charge county resident for tire disposal. Commissioner

Hawks made the motion to accept CTAS's offer to perform the cost-benefit analysis and report back to the committee its recommendations and with a second by Commissioner Vincent the motion passed unanimously.

**Solid Waste Collection Contract**

The committee was provided a copy of the current solid waste collection contract which expires in November 2015. Chairman Westbrook asked the committee members to become familiar with the contract as it will be reviewed in the near future.

**Solid Waste Board**

Mayor Bynum addressed the committee regarding his recommendations to the Solid Waste board. The proposed recommendation includes Kerry Cooper, Jeff Cosby, Greg Usery, Dennis Costa, Jason Plunk, James Bynum, and David Hawks. Commissioner Jones made the motion to recommend these recommendations to the full commission and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

**Road Signs**

Chairman Westbrook stated that he had received word from many committee members that they wish to keep the current road name sign system and not move to numerical sign system. Supervisor Ross stated that he recently learned the road sign regulations will be changing in 2017 and that we should gather more research before changing our sign procedures. Sheriff Wilson stated the absence of road signs hinders the deputies. Commissioner Vincent suggested stricter enforcement on the individuals found stealing or in possession of county owned road signs. Commissioner Hawks suggested some type of education method might be beneficial to the county students on the importance of road signs in emergency situations.

**Bridge Construction**

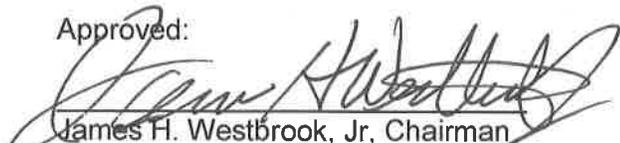
Supervisor Ross stated the Powell Levee bridge bid is scheduled to open today at 10:00 am. and this would be built with the 98% / 2% funding method. Last fiscal year, four BRZ federal bridges were applied for and one was recently awarded. Supervisor Ross stated he wanted to do more research on the cost of this BRZ bridge and will not be accepting the award at this time.

Having no further business, Commissioner Owen made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Vincent the meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Shawn Francisco, Recording Secretary  
Public Safety & Works Committee

Approved:

  
James H. Westbrook, Jr, Chairman  
Public Safety & Works Committee  
Date: 12/8/14