

**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE**  
**FINANCE, WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, June 21, 2016; 9:00 a.m.**

**Finance, Ways and Means Members Present:** Commissioners Eric Owen, Dennis Doster, Roger Donaldson, James H. Westbrook, Jr., David Hawks, Earl Wright, Tommy Jones, Larry Taylor

**Finance, Ways and Means Members Absent:** Commissioner Greg Usery

The Finance, Ways, and Means Committee met on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Department of Finance. Others present included: Jake Bynum - Weakley County Mayor, Regina VanCleave - Clerk and Master, Jenny Killebrew - Circuit Court Clerk, Tommy Moore - General Sessions Judge, Mike Wilson - Sheriff, Marci Floyd - Trustee, Carmen Chandler - Weakley County Commissioner, Kellie Thayer - Deputy Director of Finance, and a Representative of the Media.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Chairperson Eric Owen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and called for a motion to approve the minutes from June 16, 2016. Commissioner Hawks made the motion to approve the minutes and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion unanimously passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2016-2017 FY Fund 101 – General Fund Budgets**

Commissioner Doster made the motion to place the following 2016-2017 FY Fund 101 – General Fund Budgets on the floor for discussion and tentative approval and was seconded by Commissioner Donaldson: Account No. 53100 (Circuit Court), 53300 (General Sessions Court), 53400 (Chancery Court), 53910 (Truancy Court), 53600 (District Attorney General), 54110 (Sheriff's Department), 54110 GHSO (Government Highway Safety Office), 54110 DCP (Drug Court Program), 54210 (Jail/Detention Center), 54230 (Correctional Incentive Program Improvements), 54410 (Emergency Management), 54130 (Dispatchers), 54310 (Fire Prevention/Control), 54420 (Rescue Squad), 54610 (County Coroner/Medical Examiner), 55130 (Ambulance Service), 55150 (Maternal/Child Health Services), 55180 (Crippled Children's Services), 55510 (General Welfare), and 54900 (Other Public Safety).

**Account No. 53100 (Circuit Court):**

Having no questions or comments, Chairperson Owen moved on to the next budget.

**Account No. 53300 (General Sessions Court):**

Having no questions or comments, Chairperson Owen moved on to the next budget.

**Account No. 53400 (Chancery Court):**

Commissioner Taylor questioned the increase in line 101 (County Official/Administrative), and Deputy Finance Director Thayer explained that the line included the state salary increase. Having no other questions or comments, Chairperson Owen moved on to the next budget.

**Account No. 53910 (Probation Services):**

Having no questions or comments, Chairperson Owen moved on to the next budget.

**Account No. 53600 (District Attorney's Office):**

Brief discussion was had about the increase in line 161 (Secretaries). Commissioner Westbrook and Deputy Director of Finance Thayer explained that the District Attorney's Office had set aside money from the Local Economic Crime Fund to fund a raise for the secretaries state-wide, and the county bills out for the reimbursement.

**Account No. 54110 (Sheriff's Department):**

Commissioner Taylor questioned the increase in line 106 (Deputies), and Sheriff Wilson said the increase is for step raises and longevity. Having no other questions or comments, Chairperson Owen moved on to the next budget.

**Account No. 54210: (Detention Center/Jail):**

The Sheriff addressed line 799 (Other Capital Outlay) by saying those funds are for a recording system compatible to the system currently in the office of the Circuit Court Clerk and some other general maintenance anticipated for 2016-17. Commissioner Hawks questioned the increase in line 160 (Guards) and Sheriff Wilson said the increase is for step raises and longevity, and no new guard positions are factored into that line.

**Account No. 54230 (Correctional Incentive Program Improvements):**

Discussion was had about the fact that this account funded the former D.A.R.E. Program, but now funds the Weakley County Prevention Coalition. Deputy Director of Finance Thayer stated that after contacting County Audit, the decision was made to move the funds to Account No. 58500 (Contributions to Other Agencies).

**Account No. 58500 (Contributions to Other Agencies):**

Mayor Bynum made the request that the account be deferred and approved at a later time. He cited the reason being that there were requests that were still being reviewed.

**Account No. 54410 (Emergency Management):**

Having no questions or comments, Chairperson Owen moved on to the next budget

**Account No. 54130 (Dispatchers):**

Having no questions or comments, Chairperson Owen moved on to the next budget

**Account No. 54310 (Fire Prevention and Control):**

Commissioner Owen recommending the allocation of the funds in the budget for all of the Volunteer Fire Departments, but not to dispense the funds until a statement had been received from the requester.

**Account No. 54420 (Rescue Squad):**

Having no questions or comments, Chairperson Owen moved on to the next budget.

**Account No. 54610 (Coroner/Medical Examiner):**

Commissioner Westbrook asked about the cost of transporting a cadaver compared to the cost of a regular ambulance ride. Mayor Bynum made a note to get the figures.

**Account No. 55130 (Ambulance Service):**

Commissioner Westbrook noted that on the statement, the Ambulance Service had neglected to include a beginning and end balance, and remarked that he would like to see the balance sheets.

**Account No. 55150 (Maternal Child Health Services):**

Having no questions or comments, Chairperson Owen moved on to the next budget.

**Account No. 55180 (Crippled Children):**

Chairperson Owen stated that since no request was received, the budget appropriation should be moved to zero.

**Account No. 55510 (General Welfare Assistance):**

Chairperson Owen asked whether there had been a pauper's funeral for the fiscal year 2015-2016. Discussion was had regarding whether there had, and from what fund the burial(s) had been expensed.

**Account No. 54900 (Other Public Safety):**

Deputy Finance Director Thayer explained that the employee drug testing is funded from the account and is required to receive a discount on Workman's Compensation Insurance. She went on to say that County Audit deems this account the best place for appropriating the funds for the employee drug testing.

**2016-2017 FY Fund 151 - Debt Service Budget**

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to place Fund 151 – Debt Service Budget on the floor for discussion and was seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Chairperson Owen opened the discussion by explaining the documents. He asked how many years were left to pay off the jail, and Commissioner Westbrook stated that it would be paid off in May 2019.

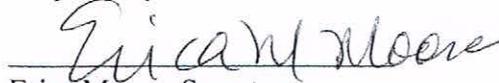
Discussion continued regarding Account No. 82230-613 (Interest on Other Loans). Chairperson Owen explained that last FY 2015-2016, 3 percent in interest was used for only half of the year, but for the FY 2016-2017, the county would be paying 3% in interest for the full year. He went on to say that the expenditures were over-project while the revenues were under-projected. He asked the body whether the projected \$250,000 for the interest payment for FY 2016-17 would be enough. Discussion went on concerning the principal and how much was paid in FY 2015-16, as well as interest earnings.

Chairperson Owen clarified that on page 4 of the Debt Service Revenue Estimate and Appropriations Request Report, columns 6 and 7 were carrying over the fund balance without adding in any other revenues that would be accumulated (TVA Payment, WCMES Payment, and collected taxes). More discussion was had between County Trustee Marci Floyd and Commissioner Westbrook regarding interest, statements, and when interest is posted.

Conversation was had regarding future meeting schedules and when discussion on pay raises should take place.

Having no other business Chairperson Owen recessed the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary

Finance, Ways & Means Committee

Date: 6-27-16

Approved: .



Eric Owen, Chairperson

Finance, Ways & Means Committee

Date: 6-27-16